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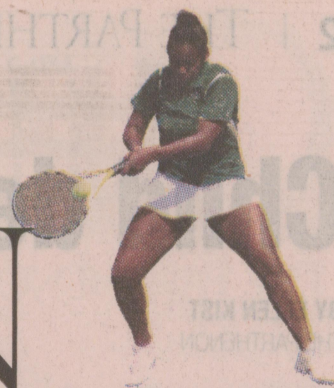


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## MCTC to close on building after purchase approved

BY ELIZABETH ADAMS  
THE PARTHENON

The West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approved the purchase agreement Thursday for MCTC's new campus location at 2205 Fifth St., near Interstate 64.

"The next step would essentially be to close on the property," said Keith Cotroneo, MCTC president. "At this point, we're anticipating the closing date of April 30."

Included in the purchase is a 115,000 square-foot building, known as the Ashland Coal Building and the surrounding 28 acres of land, according to the MCTC campus purchase fact sheet.

MCTC received \$13.5 million in bond proceeds from the state in 2009 that will go toward the purchase and renovation of the property, according to the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education meeting agenda for Feb. 18. The remaining balance of \$4,253,559, allocated from the 2004 Lottery Revenue Bonds, will also be used for the project.

"There is a review requirement," Cotroneo said. "The whole transition is subject to review, but not approval by the Legislative Oversight Committee for Education and Accountability, which is a legislative body that oversees and reviews education transactions such as this. It is their option to review it."

The purchase is also subject to a lease amendment agreement that requires an orderly transition for Direct TV, which is currently located in the Ashland Coal Building, according to the fact sheet.

"It is a complicated arrangement because the building is currently leased to a major employer who is interested and willing to vacate, but has to move into stable facilities to continue operation of their business," Cotroneo said.

Direct TV would have to renovate another property before moving out, Cotroneo said.

"The plan is for them to move into another property at the old Ames building at the bottom of the hill," Cotroneo said.

"The target date for them to move into the new location is November. Then renovations for the new community college building would take place."

Renovations of the new campus will be an eight month process, Cotroneo said.

"There is a lot to do," he said. "Our tentative plan is that we would have access to the building to start the renovation in November and hopefully have classrooms completed on several of the floors by fall 2011."

"At this point, we've already begun working with the architect on the design," Cotroneo said. "There will be a number of meetings between the architect and various staff members of the college to examine their needs, building layout and structure of the architectural design in a fashion that meets the needs of our faculty, staff and students."

"I certainly feel that it will strengthen the institution, make us much more visible and increase our accessibility to students," Cotroneo said. "Parking is huge. I'm hopeful that access to the interstate, combined with the availability of ample parking will make it easier for students to participate in our program."

Sue Richardson, chairwoman of MCTC's Board of Governors, said she is happy the college can now purchase the building and move forward.

"It's a very positive move," she said. "We've been kind of scattered around all over town. We're most anxious to get nearly everything under one roof. There are some programs that by their nature will remain off campus and that's fine, but it will help with the identity of the college, and overall it will be a nice location for our faculty, staff and students to come to every day."

Richardson said many people have helped in the process by making sure the current tenants can stay in Huntington.

"The intention is to have the building available for hosting classes and offices in the fall of 2011," Cotroneo said.

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The Ashland Coal Building, located on Fifth Street near Interstate 64, will be the new home of MCTC. The West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approved the purchase of the building Thursday. MCTC President Keith Cotroneo said he hopes to begin offering classes in the building by fall 2011.

## Delinquent fee list in the public

BY TESS MOORE  
THE PARTHENON

The city of Huntington has released all the names of the people who haven't paid their refuse fees in the last fiscal year. Accounts \$500 or above are subject to a lien filing after March 1.

Since the list was released at the beginning of February the city has been working with those who owe money to make payment arrangements. The city does not have a current figure on how much has been collected yet.

"Our collection agency turns over information to us on a monthly basis, so at the end of February I should have an idea," said Deron Runyon, director of finance. "I can tell you when the first notice came out that the list was going to be released, we had several dozen or so that came in and made sure that they made payments."

It also gives people a chance, while it is out in the public, to let the city know if they have sold the property or somehow do not own the property anymore, Runyon said.

"It's our expectation that everyone on the list is an occupant," he said. "We know that may not be the case, but unless someone tells us the house is unoccupied, we continue to bill them for a refuse service."

It was an administrative decision to release the names to the media, Runyon said. It is the first time the current administration has released the names, but a list was released under the previous administration, he said.

The list is comprised of people with outstanding accounts ranging from \$500 to \$7,175, equaling approximately \$4 million in fees and penalties.

The top 12 people who owe \$7,175 haven't made a payment since the refuse billing started in 1995, Runyon said.

"These are people who are still getting bills for their current services and not making payments on current or past

due accounts," he said.

The refuse fee is \$15 a month per dwelling trash-removal fee if paid on a quarterly basis of \$45, Runyon said.

The people who owe the \$7,175 would have had a fee of around \$2,000 if they had paid fees on time, Runyon said.

"The other \$5,000 is a penalty, that built up over time," Runyon said. "The penalty structure for refuse is pretty tough. It's 5 percent of the outstanding balance per quarter. So there's some penalties on penalty."

If someone owes \$7,000, the next quarter it will cost \$45 plus \$350 in penalty charges, Runyon said.

Big Green Properties, which aims to provide off-campus housing to Marshall students, has 15 properties on the list of fees ranging from \$852 to \$2,695. Chris Porter, owner of Big Green Properties, declined to comment.

For sanitation purposes, the city is still required to pick up the trash for the entire city, including those who do not make their refuse payments, Runyon said.

"The city has a responsibility for the health and welfare of its citizens," he said. "That means that weekly trash removal has to be done, even at the expense that some are not paying for it. At the same time, you don't have a right not to pay it."

Erin Brown, pharmacy technician at St. Mary's Hospital, has been a homeowner in Huntington for three years. Brown said she thinks it was a good idea to release the list to the media.

"It puts their names out there," Brown said. "Some people don't care as long as other people don't know."

Brown said she thinks the city's billing system for the refuse fees makes it more difficult to pay them.

"Those little postcards get lost very easily," she said. "I think some sort of statement per month would be better."

Brown said she was not aware that those who are on the

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## Interim Chief of Staff announced

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Marshall University President Stephen Kopp announced during Thursday's Board of Governors meeting that Jan I. Fox, the current senior vice president of Information Technology for Marshall University, will serve as the interim university Chief of Staff.

Bill Bissett, current Chief of Staff, said he believes Fox is right for the position.

"Given her excellent work in IT, Jan has tremendous institutional knowledge of Marshall University," Bissett said. "She will do a great job as interim Chief of Staff."

Fox's employment history includes serving as chairwoman of the department of Medical Informatics and Information Technology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, biomedical research

specialist for the Huntington Veterans Administration, graduate assistant in Environmental Engineering at Virginia Tech and environmental modeling technician for the US Army Corps of Engineers. She also served as Special Assistant to the

Gov. for Information Technology for a six-month period during 2001, according to the Marshall University Web site.

"We are actively searching for a new Chief of Staff," Kopp said during the meeting.

Bissett will leave Marshall to become president of the Kentucky Coal Association on Feb. 19.

"While I am not a part of the search process, I would expect an announcement of my personal replacement will be soon," Bissett said. "And my replacement will probably be much better looking."



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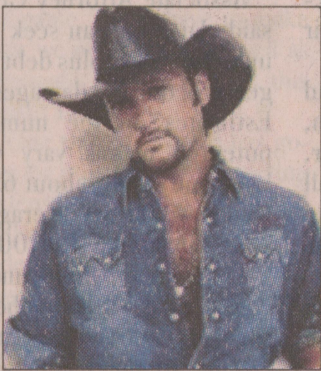
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## Country star comes to Huntington



### Sports

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### Entertainment

Le Grande Cirque  
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### On campus

Diversity Breakfast  
7:30 a.m. Fri. | Memorial Student Center

Diversity Roundtable  
10:30 a.m.-noon Fri. | Memorial Student Center

Zumbathon  
6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Fri. | Studio B, Marshall Recreation Center

### New movies

Fri. Feb. 12  
Valentine's Day  
Percy Jackson & the Olympians  
The Wolfman

Fri. Feb. 19  
Shutter Island



# Child development center fights for student fees

BY ELLEN KIST  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Child Development Academy may receive major and unwanted changes within the next year.

The Child Development Academy provides an early childhood education program for children of Marshall students.

Members of the President's Advisory Committee on Student Activity Allocations informed the Child Development Academy last spring that members of the committee felt the academy did not use student fees appropriately.

Members said the student fees allowed alumni, faculty and members of the community to utilize the academy, according to an e-mail sent to Academy Director Susan Miller. Members of the committee believed that because student fees help fund the academy that it should only be open to students currently enrolled in the university.

"Last year this was a big topic," said Sean Hornbuckle, student body president. "The committee did not feel the academy adequately met the needs of the students."

The academy receives \$156,000 in student fees yearly in order to maintain the quality of education and care given to the children who attend, Miller said. The academy is also funded by

alumni, community members and faculty who utilize the academy.

In the same e-mail sent to Miller last spring, the committee also said members do not believe the academy is an appropriate use of student fees because the students must pay a fee to be put on the waiting list.

"The students pay 50 percent of what anyone else pays for wait list fees and other fees incurred when signing up to attend the academy," Miller said. "They also pay a substantially less weekly fee while their child is attended over non-students."

The academy offers child care services for children six weeks to 5 years old. Currently the academy has 96 children in attendance.

It also serves as an asset to students who do not have children.

"The academy does not offer just child care to students," Miller said. "We have Marshall University students who come to the academy to participate in work studies, to be graduate assistants and to work on their capstone projects. Every resident going through pediatrics in the School of

Medicine comes to the academy sometime during their studies."

Children with parents who are students make up 65 percent of attendance, Miller said. This number fluctuates due to graduation and other factors.

"Whenever a spot opens up at the academy,

I make sure to call every Marshall student on the waiting list that has a child in the age group that has opened up," Miller said. "Legally, I can only call the students with a child in that age group because we can only have a certain number of children each age at

the academy. After calling all of the students and unsuccessfully finding a replacement, I will then begin to call community members."

Most of the non-students using the academy are faculty, staff and alumni, Miller said.

Chief of Staff Bill Bissett said it would be difficult to exclude members of the university family because they are not students.

"Several concerns come to mind," Bissett said. "I would not want exclusivity to prevent a single parent from entering the work force. While serving our student body should always

be our primary concern, we must also be sensitive to the other constituencies."

The academy might not be able to function without student fees, or it would no longer be the quality it is today, Miller said. Even with student fees, private pay from the community constitutes three times as much as student fees on a monthly basis. It would be extremely difficult to only have one or the other.

Matt James, chief of staff for the Student Government Association, said he supports the academy and the work it accomplishes.

"I definitely think the Child Development Academy is something that benefits the Marshall community," James said. "These recommendations came to a close vote in the committee last spring. It was very hard to come to those decisions. I personally defend the academy. Their purpose is very important to the university."

The academy must submit a statement as to why it should receive student fees along with other organizations on campus by Feb. 19.

The committee is scheduled to meet Feb. 26 in a closed meeting. Members will then present this conclusion to President Stephen Kopp who will decide if the academy's funding will be frozen.

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## MU Advance partners with academic affairs to produce newsletter

BY LAURA HATFIELD  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University started its new academic affairs newsletter this semester.

Marcia Harrison, professor in biological sciences, said the Academic Affairs Newsletter 2010 is co-sponsored by MU Advance as part of its mission.

The weekly newsletter was something created by MU Advance that moved on to become an update through academic affairs, Harrison said. The newsletter is an effort to inform all faculty members about updates on program events, projects and faculty achievements.

MU advance was started in 2002 by a group of female faculty at Marshall who acquired a grant to start the program, Harrison said. MU Advance is a program sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

"Our interests have been in recruitment and faculty development as well as policy," Harrison said. "Each one of the faculty members are involved in our initiatives and partnered with an administrator at Marshall."

The mission of the program is to increase recruitment and retention of female STEM faculty, or female faculty members in the science, technology, engineering and math departments at Marshall, according to the program's Web site. By increasing the number of female faculty at Marshall, it will increase the number of professionals in the area and the female

professional status in West Virginia.

The focus of the program is to look at the underrepresentation of women faculty in the science, technology, engineering and math fields, Harrison said.

Heidi Williams, program coordinator for MU Advance, said about 40 to 42 faculty members primarily participate in the program.

They have sponsored many events specifically for female faculty but there have also been others that were of general interest and open to everyone, Harrison said. The newsletter is extended beyond the STEM disciplines so all staff and faculty receive it.

"The intent of the program is to be supportive of faculty across disciplines and while its focus is on female faculty," Harrison said. "We want to start to establish some programs to help everyone else. That is a main goal of this."

Williams said the funding from the grant runs out in less than two years, and the program will be gone.

"We would like to see that what we've started will be implemented across campus," Williams said. "I think that is our overall goal."

Williams said other than the newsletter, MU Advance is looking into partnering with other offices across campus this semester.

The program also co-sponsored the Campus Conversation earlier this week.

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## W.Va. looks to protect land from developers

BY KRISTEN HAINKEL  
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An organization is currently working to protect West Virginia's land from land developers.

West Virginia Land Trust, which has been in operation since 1995, is a non-profit organization that aims to protect land by establishing land trusts.

"A land trust is a non-profit organization that works to converse and preserve land importantly," said James Farmer, assistant professor of recreation and park resources. "They do this in conjunction with private property owners who want to protect their land."

Farmer said the land trusts work by permanent deed restrictions on parcels of land that keep it from being developed.

A deed of conservation easement works like a legally binding contract, said Calah Young, executive director of the West Virginia Land Trust.

"It's like a contract that a land owner and the land trust get into," she said. "It defines what is allowable and not allowable on that piece of property."

Easements are also transferable, so if the property is sold to another landowner, the deed goes with it, Young said.

The organization has 17,000 acres of land protected by land trusts, according to West Virginia

Land Trust Web site.

Farmer said land trusts are strictly voluntary; landowners are not forced into these trusts.

The organization is looking for younger members, Young said. Memberships start at \$20 with higher levels of donations.

"A lot of our members are aging, and we need younger members to breathe life into our vision," Young said.

Farmer became involved with the group because he considered land conservation a key issue.

"I decided to get involved because I just moved here from Indiana and worked with a land trust there," he said.

Young and Farmer believe there are benefits of being a member of the West Virginia Land Trust.

"It's a good way to support land conservation in West Virginia," Young said. "We're keeping

certain features of the state available for future generations to enjoy. People like to visit the gorgeous regions of West Virginia, and we hope to keep that available."

"Students are excellent members that have important contributions to make," Farmer said. "They would benefit to join because they would learn about land conservation, ecosystem services and native flora and fauna."

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## Council gives freshmen a voice in Student Government Association

BY ALYSSA SALYERS  
THE PARTHENON

The Freshman Council is a student organization dedicated to supporting, educating and representing the freshman class at Marshall University.

The council is a branch of the Student Government Association that deals with the freshman experience, said Adam Fridley, Freshman Council secretary.

"We voice the concerns of the freshman class, represent their wants, actively participate in charity events, do community service projects and hold activities to help members of the freshman class become more involved on campus,"

Fridley said.

The SGA is comprised of upperclassmen, so the existence of the Freshman Council guarantees that first-year students have a voice in student government.

"The SGA wanted to allow freshmen to voice their opinions, so they created the Freshman Council and gave us a budget to work with to host community service activities and events for first-year students," said John Gibb, Freshman Council vice president.

This year, the council hosted movie nights, a holiday party, recruitment drives and a community service trip to the Huntington City Mission, Gibb said. A community service trip to the Ronald

McDonald House is in the planning stages.

Kara Hornbuckle, Freshman Council publicity chairwoman, said council meetings take place at 9:15 p.m. every Monday in First Year Residence Hall North.

"This is definitely a good group to join for those who want to make a difference," Hornbuckle said. "I strongly encourage members of the freshman class to attend our meetings."

In addition to attending regular Freshman Council meetings, an officer of the council attends SGA meetings to report on the actions of the council and to represent the freshman class.

The officers of the Freshman Council agree that their time in the council has been a good

experience as well as a learning experience for those who plan to continue in student government.

"I would certainly recommend Freshman Council to the upcoming freshman class," Fridley said. "It's truly a great experience that I feel many would find very beneficial, especially if you desire to run for an SGA officer. In that respect, it really serves as a training period."

Freshman Council officers planning to run for SGA office in the upcoming elections.

"I do plan to run for office in upcoming SGA elections," Hornbuckle said. "Freshman Council is simply a stepping stone for the future."

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## U.S. Department of Agriculture reaches new settlement with black farmers

BY BEN EVANS  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration on Thursday announced a \$1.25 billion deal with black farmers that could end a years-long stalemate over alleged racial discrimination by the agriculture department.

If approved by Congress, it would be the second round of damages stemming from a class-action lawsuit the government originally settled in 1999. The new money is intended for people who were denied earlier payments because they missed deadlines for filing. The amount of money each would get depends on how many claims are successfully filed.

President Barack Obama initially called for the \$1.25 billion in his budget last year, but the request stalled in Congress as disagreements persisted over the amount of funding and the structure of the settlement. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said Thursday's agreement should pave the way for congressional approval and get money flowing soon.

In a statement, Obama said the deal would bring "these long-ignored claims of African-American farmers to a rightful conclusion."

"I look forward to a swift resolution to this issue,

so that the families affected can move on with their lives," Obama said.

Vilsack said the deal should close a "sordid chapter" in USDA history in which blacks often lost land or went deeply into debt after being denied loans and other aid that routinely went to their white counterparts.

John Boyd, a key plaintiff organizer and head of the National Black Farmers Association, initially balked at the \$1.25 billion last year, saying it would take more money to satisfy all the claims. But he said Thursday that he and others agreed to the total because the case has dragged on for so long.

"Many of the farmers have already died waiting for justice so I thought this was the right thing to do," he said.

The original lawsuit is known as Pigford, named after Timothy Pigford, a black farmer from North Carolina who was among the original plaintiffs. Under the 1999 settlement, the government paid out more than \$1 billion to about 16,000 farmers, mostly from the South.

Most claimants opted for expedited \$50,000 payments that required a relatively low burden of proof. Boyd and others have pushed for another round of damages because thousands of people said they didn't know about the settlement and

missed deadlines for filing.

The new agreement calls for a similar process in which claimants can win damages without going to court.

Associate Attorney General Thomas Perrelli said claimants can seek fast-track payments of up to \$50,000 plus debt relief, or choose a longer process for damages of up to \$250,000. Estimates on the number of potential claims vary widely, but some expect about 65,000, which would set average payments at roughly \$20,000.

Thursday's announcement comes as Boyd and others had become increasingly critical of Obama, arguing that he was paying lip service to the issue and not living up to a campaign promise to fund it. It also represents a shift from the Bush administration, which resisted paying new claims.

Roy Merrick, who tried unsuccessfully in the early 1980s to start a catfish farm on his property in Natchez, Miss., said Thursday he was glad to hear he might get some compensation. He said he

could never get USDA officials to pay him much attention when he tried to get a loan — even though many of his white neighbors got federal help to build successful catfish ponds.

"Had I been able to secure money back in those times I might have been able to do more for my family," said Merrick, 67, who instead went into home painting and repairs.

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## Third and a Mile Why expand the Joan?

The recent news that Marshall hopes to expand Joan C. Edwards Stadium got me thinking. Why in the world would the university want to spend millions of dollars to put more seats in a stadium that has been sold out exactly once?

Certainly Doc Holliday's arrival and his raiding of the recruiting cupboard will help improve on last season's pitiful attendance numbers, but will the turnaround be enough to sell 50,000 tickets to every home game? It would be nice to see as a lifelong fan, but I just don't think it's going to happen.

The Charleston Gazette reported earlier this week that the Joan will be receiving a minor face lift for next season, getting a long awaited sound system upgrade and new LED video boards in both end zones. These are the types of upgrades the school should worry about with its athletic facilities. If they want to build new things, start with a baseball stadium and an indoor practice facility, period. No team has done more with less (a favorite saying of a certain former athletic director) at Marshall than the baseball program and an IPF can be used to benefit every athletic team on campus (not to mention it was promised prior to the Kansas State game — five years ago).

Instead, it would appear Marshall might be getting its ducks in a row for the probably not going to happen, but just in case scenario where major college football goes through another period of realignment.

There has been talk of the Big 10 raiding teams from the Big East or Big 12 (maybe even both), which would open spots for teams from Conference USA to possibly take the step up and grab the brass ring all football programs strive for these days — automatic qualifier status for the Bowl Championship Series.

Think about it, if there is a spot (or spots) open in the Big East and they have to decide which school to invite, Marshall certainly would not be hurting its chances by having a newly renovated, 50,000 seat stadium sitting in the middle of its campus. In that scenario, the Herd would be doing battle with other C-USA schools (East Carolina, Memphis and UCF come to mind) to win that battle, not to mention hell would probably need to freeze over for WVU to ever consider allowing Marshall to join its conference.

My point is, if realignment does happen and C-USA gets shaken up by teams jumping ship (again), Marshall probably isn't the school that is going to make the leap to the BCS Promised Land. So why not, instead of adding seats on the Joan with the slim chance of moving up, add to the atmosphere in other ways. For all its faults (chief among them, being a dump), Southern Miss did a fantastic job renovating its end zone seats and building a huge, gorgeous new scoreboard in the opposite end of "The Rock."

Build luxury boxes even, at least that way the school (and the state legislature) will see some return on its investment. That would have to be better than adding a second tier to the east stands, only to watch those seats sit empty 90 percent of the time.

All of this thinking on my part could be wasted though. There is no guarantee the legislature will grant Marshall's wish and hand the school this large amount of money. My biggest fear is the powers that be in Charleston will feel the same way I do about



**Tom Bragg**  
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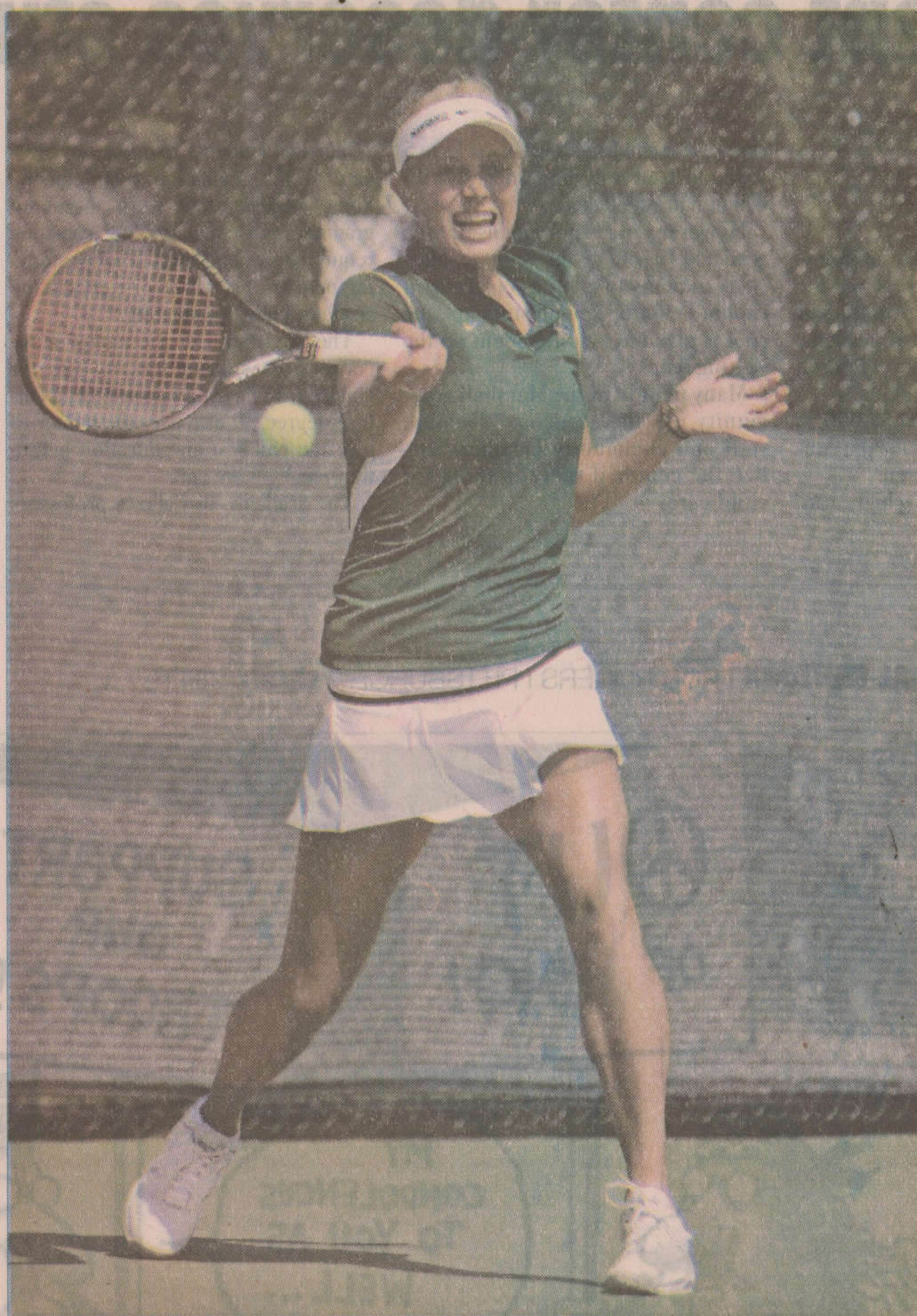


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**Junior Michaela Kissell, shown in a match earlier in the season, is undefeated on the year at 7-0. Kissell is not the only undefeated Marshall tennis player. Deanna Bailey and Catherine Kellner are also undefeated as Marshall is at No. 45 in the country.**

## Undefeated singles players help lead Marshall tennis

BY PATRICK MILLER  
THE PARTHENON

Seven matches into No. 45 ranked Marshall women's tennis' season, there have been six total points scored against it, five home wins, four shut-out wins and three undefeated singles players.

Overshadowed by the larger sports, Marshall women's tennis is the most dominating team on campus, outscoring opponents 51-5 thus far. This accomplishment comes despite the small, but loyal fan base they possess and a lack of funding that forces home games to the Huntington Tennis Club, which is located off campus.

A trio of transfers that has been undefeated in singles action so far leads this undefeated team.

"They have a lot of experience as players and understand what you have to bring every match in order to be successful," head coach John Mercer said. "It's something that you cannot teach and is only gained through experience."

First year player Michaela Kissell, a junior from Hobsetter, Pa. and University of Miami transfer, who plays in first singles, leads the trio. Kissell came to Marshall already ranked No. 36 in the country and has dominated the competition this season en route to a 7-0 record. Kissell has not lost a single set this season against any opposing No. 1 player.

Kissell said her experience in

her first year was positive.

"Really being a part of this team has been awesome," Kissell said. "I think we can be anywhere and still be having fun and working towards our goal."

Senior Deanna Bailey, a native of McDonough, Ga. and Elon transfer, is in her second season with the Herd. She is primed to improve greatly on her spring record from last season. Bailey went 9-10 in singles competition last season, but has started this season hot with a record of 7-0 competing mostly in No. 5 singles. Bailey praised the atmosphere at Marshall, saying she felt at home there.

"Marshall is my home away from home," Bailey said. "I love it here, there is a family atmosphere and I feel like I can talk to anyone."

Junior Catherine Kellner, a native of Smithtown, N.Y. and transfer from Fordham University, is also in her second season with the Herd. She had the second most wins in singles competition for the team last year, compiling an 18-6 record. This season she has a record of 8-0, earning victories in the No. 2, 3, and 4 spots.

Each of the three standouts started playing tennis at a young age, each picking up the bracket before they were out of elementary school.

"They are a great threesome, they come out every match and give you a great effort whether they are playing a top 50 team

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## Marshall ready for brawl on Bourbon Street with Tulane

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THE PARTHENON

With two straight wins over two Conference USA top tier teams, it would seem the upcoming road trip to bottom dwellers Tulane and Rice would ease head coach Donnie Jones' mind.

But he knows that in conference, every game on the road will be a challenge.

"To win on the road is very difficult," Jones said. "We've had a very good mental approach for the most part. We've made strides of taking that next step because to win in your league, you have to win on the road."

What may look like an easy game against Tulane (7-18, 2-10), could possibly turn into a trap for the Thundering Herd.

In the teams' previous meeting Jan. 16, Tulane kept it close, but Marshall ended up with the 89-79 victory.

After the last meeting, Jones said you couldn't count out the feisty team from New Orleans.

"They played very well up here," Jones said. "They play hard, they're going to press us, they're going to trap us, they're going to play aggressive, it's going to be a really tough game."

What might add to the Green Wave arsenal this go around is the return of starting point guard Kevin Sims, who missed eight games with a broken arm.

Sims missed the first game between the teams, but has played the past two games and seems not to have missed a beat.

"He's one of the best point guards in the league," Jones said of the Tulane senior. "He can score for them and he's capable. He's played extremely well every time we played against him. He's scored 20 points. He makes it happen because he can distribute, and he makes it easy for them."

While the Green Wave have Sims returning, Tulane might have lost another offensive weapon when its leading scorer, junior Kris Richard, went down to a sprained ankle.

The 6-foot-5 junior is averaging 12.7 points per game, but has missed the past three games.

As Tulane comes into the game beat up, the Herd are coming off a physical win against Tulsa, a game that was heavily contested in the paint.

"We got a lot of guys, starters, playing a lot of minutes," Jones said. "It was a very physical game, so we have to make sure we're mentally, as well as physically fresh going on this trip to Tulane."

One thing the Herd has going for it mentally is staggering defense. The Herd harassed Tulsa players on the defensive side of the ball, forcing errant passes and traveling violations.

Jones said that while those plays don't show up in the stat sheet, it makes the key difference in the game.

"It was a good team effort and we really helped each other out," Jones said. "Put the stat line up there of Tirrell Baines and Shaquille Johnson. If you look at the stat sheet you would say those guys didn't play well. But if you watch the film, both those guys were phenomenal defensively. The thing is they changed the game with the way they defended, that doesn't show up."

Jones knows his team might look ahead, but he knows these games are just as important as the previous 26.

"This road trip, these next two games are as big as any we played," Jones said. "You made great strides in beating the top tier teams. You have got to go in and make sure you continue to take care of how you're playing."

**Other Notes:** The series between the two teams is tied at 5-5. The last game between the two in New Orleans saw a 57-51 Tulane Win ...With a win against Tulane, Marshall would have 20 wins on the season. The last time the men's basketball team had 20 wins on the season was the 1999-00.

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**Dago Pena drives against a Tulane defender from the first game of the season Jan. 16. The Herd head to New Orleans for the rematch Saturday.**

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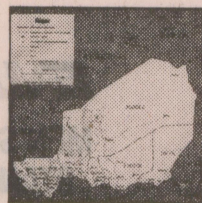
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THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

## Child development center deserves student fees

Without the students' support, the academy's capabilities would never be met

The Marshall University Child Development Academy may be in danger of losing funding from student fees.

The academy is a child care center primarily for Marshall students who have children. It also serves as an early childhood education program.

The debate is between the members of the President's Advisory Committee on Student Activity Allocations

and the members of the academy. The advisory committee believes the academy should not receive student fees as funding because the academy is being used to care for children whose parents are not students.

The academy receives \$156,000 in student fees yearly to care for the education and care of the children.

The academy offers child care

services for children from six weeks to 5 years old. Currently the academy has 96 children in attendance.

However, if a spot opens in the academy, it offers the spot to Marshall students first. If a replacement cannot be found among students, the spot is given to a non-student on the waiting list.

Many people in the Marshall community use the academy. Faculty, staff and community members utilize the center if there is room for child care.

Marshall students also use the academy to fill graduation requirements. Some students that work there are graduate assistants fulfilling capstone requirements, and every student studying pediatrics observes or works at the academy before graduating.

The academy uses the money it receives from student fees to care for children, so their parents can get a college degree. It also uses the money to give the children an education before they reach school-age.

The academy also allows professors

and students to leave their children somewhere close to where they will be.

The academy will not be able to function without the help of student fees. If the academy served only Marshall students' children, some of the facility would go unused. Its potential capabilities would be never met.

The President's Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet Feb. 26 in a closed meeting to decide whether the academy will continue receiving student fees.

MORGAN UNGER  
INSPIRATION

### God has confidence in His followers

Most of you have probably heard the Biblical story of Job in passing at some point. To be honest, it's not a particularly cheery one, and until Wednesday night, I wasn't fond of it myself.

If you are unfamiliar with Job, which is pronounced with a long 'O' sound, here's a quick recap.

Basically, Job was the bomb. He was rich. He had a great family. He loved God, and he lived a righteous life. The Bible says, "He was the greatest man among all the people of the East."

Satan is convinced that Job only loves God because he has a successful life. In other words, Satan thinks that Job loves his stuff more than God, and Satan wants to test his theory. So God allows him to do so with the condition that Satan is not allowed to kill Job.

All kinds of awful things happen to Job at Satan's hand. He loses his wealth, his property and his loved ones, but "Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing," as Job 1:22 says.

There is a very important distinction to make here: Satan is the one wreaking havoc in Job's life, God is not.

Three of Job's friends come to comfort him. They tell Job that everything was God's fault, a product of God's unpredictable and unfair wrath. Those closest to Job implore him to curse God, but he refuses. Through the worst suffering, Job maintains his faith in God.

Eventually Satan gives up, and God restores Job. "The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first," the Bible says. He was married again, had children, acquired even more wealth than before and lived long enough to see his grandchildren to the fourth generation.

What really strikes me is the first chapter of Job. God says to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

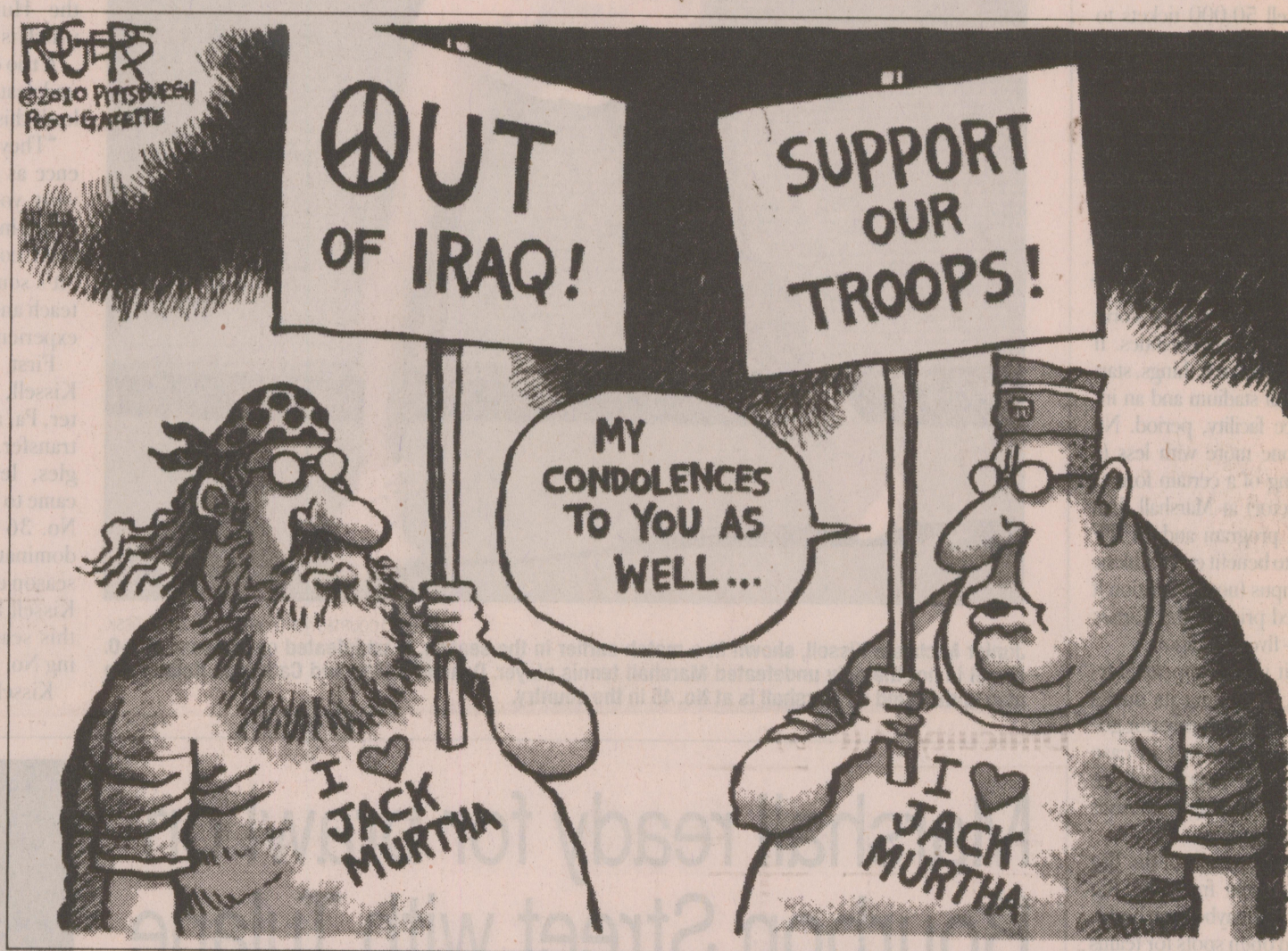
God knew of Job. God in all of his greatness took the time to brag about one human. But what's even more impressive is God's confidence in Job. God knew Job was capable of surviving the suffering. God took notice of Job's fortuitous faithfulness. He allowed Satan to do his very best, but even Satan's best was far from good enough.

It all just kind of blows me away. I yearn with everything in me to be like Job. Of course I don't want to endure the suffering that he did. No one does. But I want God to have that much confidence in me, in my faith. I want to be so strong that God wants to brag about me.

I would encourage you to read the book of Job, or at least a synopsis. Read it carefully and with an open mind. As I have recently discovered, there is a lot below the surface. It might surprise you.

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# Marshall Catholic Newman Center begins fundraiser

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The Marshall Catholic Newman Center is hosting a fish fry beginning at 5 p.m. today.

"We did it for the first time last year and it ended up being a really successful fundraiser for us," said Natalie Rohan, director of Campus Ministry.

Rohan said the fish fry is during the first four Fridays of Lent. Rohan and the Newman Center raised about \$800 last year, and are hoping to at least double that amount this year.

"We are definitely advertising a lot more this year," Rohan said. "We're putting up fliers all over campus."

Rohan said the money made from the fish fry all goes toward paying for events at the Marshall Catholic Newman Center.

"We use it to pay for things such as retreats and mission trips and keep everything running around here," Rohan said.

The Newman Center serves fried or baked fish, french fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, desserts and drinks, Rohan said.

"In the future, I think we'll probably look into getting donations for the food, but

right now we just buy it," she said.

The prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children under 10 and \$5 for Marshall students.

Rohan said the whole event is run by her and a few students. Together they make and serve the food.

"We have a pretty strong core group of students that are on the Student Leadership Team here, and they tend to be the ones who volunteer to help out."

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Natalie Rohan, director of Campus Ministry

tend to be the ones who volunteer to help out."

"I like helping out because I greatly appreciate the spirituality services and activities

that the Newman Center provides," said Jessica Beres, senior geography major from Morgantown, W. Va.

Beres said fliers have been placed at local churches, around campus and an event has been put on the Marshall Catholic Newman Center's Facebook page with more information.

Beres said the students who do the events help to bring in community members, students and faculty.

The Marshall Catholic Newman Center will be having the fish fry for the next four Fridays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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## Fraternity raises money through service auction

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Two fraternities auctioned their members Wednesday to raise about \$300 in the Memorial Student Center for a young boy with cancer.

Alpha Sigma Phi and Pi Kappa Alpha organized the auction as an extension of the month-long fundraiser for Drew Powers, which Pi Kappa Alpha originally organized, said Josh Sime, president of Alpha Sigma Phi.

"Pi Kappa Alpha is already raising money for Drew Powers, who has cancer," Sime said. "They decided to help with the medical bills, and my fraternity decided to help however we can."

Sime said the fraternities auctioned their members to perform services for the bidders.

"We can help with studying, do any heavy lifting, or even cooking and cleaning if they need," Sime said.

He said the laid-back nature of the event should not overshadow the importance of it.

"It's just a way for us to gain more support from the community and to help out a good cause," Sime said.

The Pi Kappa Alpha fundraiser for Drew Powers will last every day from noon to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center through the end of February.

## W.Va. to receive \$130M for Internet access

**WHEELING, W.Va. (AP)** — West Virginia is getting more than \$130 million from the federal government to improve broadband Internet access.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke and Sen. Jay Rockefeller announced the project Thursday.

The money will pay for high-speed Internet service to an estimated 471 schools. It's also expected to pay for better Internet access at

more than 170 public libraries, jails, county courthouses and other sites.

Officials say the money also should make broadband more affordable for some 700,000 households and 110,000 businesses.

The money is part of \$4.7 billion included in 2009 economic stimulus legislation. Rockefeller's Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee oversaw development of the program.

## Military copter crashes in W.Va., several injured

**CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP)** — A Navy helicopter crashed Thursday during a training exercise in a remote, mountainous area of West Virginia, injuring several of the 17 aboard, the military said.

West Virginia National Guard Lt. Col. Mike Cadle said the mountainous terrain made it difficult for rescue teams to reach the crash site, but military crews circling overhead were in touch with the aircraft.

Trees at the crash site were too thick to land a helicopter, but medical crews were lowered to the site.

A West Virginia Guard officer earlier said four were injured in the crash, but a Navy news release issued later would only say there were "several"

injuries. There were no deaths, and the extent of the injuries was still being determined.

The helicopter took off from Fort Pickett in Virginia as part of a training exercise involving the Navy and National Guard. There were 14 Navy and three National Guard members on the helicopter, which was headed to Camp Dawson near Kingwood, W. Va.

Rescue crews reached the crash site more than four hours after the Navy MH-60S helicopter went down in Pocahontas County, about 100 miles south of Kingwood. The helicopter is based at the Naval Station in Norfolk, Va.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

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### TENNIS

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or not," head coach John Mercer said. "They have had a wonderful start and I hope they can keep it up."

The conference has certainly taken notice of their performances. Kissel has been named C-USA player of the week two straight weeks and Bailey captured the honor earlier in the season.

The close-knit team often plays a game to pass time when on the road, known as, what would John say, referencing the coach. The game involves thinking up hypothetical situations and how John Mercer would react to them, ranging from the benign but most often ridiculous.

"It can be over anything, like not looking both ways when you cross the street and asking yourself what John would say?" Bailey said. "I love cheese, what if I ate an entire pound of cheese in front of him, what would he say?"

While they may enjoy joking on down time, they often are serious on the court. How serious? Three straight wins over ranked teams, two games this weekend, and one team no one in the conference wants to face.

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### FEE

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list are still getting trash service, like those who pay.

"I just figured if people were getting their trash picked up, they were paying for it," Brown said.

If they have to still pick up the trash, they should get tickets or jail time, she said.

The city is planning to update their billing system within the next six months to make payments easier, Runyon said.

"There is no doubt, after working here a year, that our accounting system needs to be updated," Runyon said. "We're working on something that doesn't require us to change our software, where we could at least except the payment online."

All the payments received

from refuse fees go into an account called the Enterprise Fund, Runyon said.

"It pays salaries for employees in the sanitation and trash division, the cost to dump in the landfill, the cost of the trucks themselves and the depreciation of them," he said.

It hurts the service to the citizens with all the delinquent fees unpaid, because they don't have a lot of money to work with to buy new trucks and parts, Runyon said.

"The next step is, if payment arrangements haven't been made and under \$500 by March 1, we'll start doing the certified letters letting people know the lien will be placed on their property and that starts the 90 day clock," Runyon said.

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# Herd Baseball Looks to Thunder through Season

BY TROY HEMINGWAY  
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The Marshall University baseball team opens up the season this weekend against Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

Marshall begins a four-game series with the Bulldogs at 5 p.m. Friday and will follow that with a double-header Saturday starting at 2 p.m. The last game of the series will be played Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The Herd finished last season with a 22-32 record and head coach Jeff Waggoner said he feels the team can improve that mark this season.

"Obviously the goal is to win the conference championship and to be an NCAA Regional team," Waggoner said. "I am trying to get the guys to play each game like its their last, play together and play fundamentally."

If the team is going to improve its record this season, the players are going to have to limit mistakes and make simple plays.

"We lost a lot of one-run ball games last season," Waggoner said. "We really need to reduce the errors and play great defense if we are going to be successful."

Assistant coach Tim Donnelly said beyond focusing on weaknesses, it is important to focus on what the team does well.

"Right now we are just focusing on Samford," Donnelly said. "We are trying to work on what we do well, and if we play our game then we can come out ahead."

A challenge for the team has been finding some consistent

time to practice outside despite the recent winter weather in Huntington. The team has been practicing indoors, but it is not the same as actual outdoor field time.

"It has been about three weeks since our last consistent outdoor practices," Waggoner said. "It is always an issue but we have to be able to overcome that."

The team has been practicing in Cullickson Hall when the weather has been bad. The coaches said being indoors a lot could have a negative impact on the team.

"Being inside every day wears on the players," Donnelly said. "It is something we can deal with and everybody is having to deal with the same issue."

With the season opener taking place this weekend, it has been up to the coaching staff to keep the team fresh and prepared to play, despite the less than perfect practice schedule.

"I am looking for everybody to step up and have a big weekend," Waggoner said. "The starting lineup is not set yet, and the goal is to put the best team out there and be prepared for conference play with Tulane four weeks from now."

Donnelly said he expects Victor Gomez, Kurt Lipton and freshman Isaac Ballou to have good performances this weekend.

Ian Kadish is expected to be the starting pitcher for the Herd in its opening game Friday evening.

Going into the season, there are still negative feelings about not having an on-campus baseball stadium. It is a project that is in the works but still leaves the problem of having to travel to Charleston and

the YMCA Kennedy Center for each "home" game.

Both coaches said it would be great to have an on-campus facility but playing at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston also offers some benefits.

"It would be better to have the fan support," Donnelly said. "But playing on that field out there is very nice as well and offers some advantages too."

Waggoner said he would love to have an on-campus stadium and has faith it will get done when the money is raised.

"When athletic director Mike Hamrick came in he said that he was going to spearhead the project," Waggoner said. "He has a passion for baseball and has been working hard to raise the money for the project."

Even with home games not being played on campus, Waggoner said he would like to see more fans come out and support the team.

"I don't think that the city and the university realize how great this team and conference is," Waggoner said. "To be able to come and see this level of play on a consistent basis is unbelievable. There are going to be four or five ranked teams in the conference this year."

Waggoner said going to games in the spring makes a great weekend.

"Coming out to the ballpark in the spring is a lot of fun," Waggoner said. "What else are you going to do in the spring? Come out and watch a game."

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FILE PHOTO | THE PARTHENON  
Pitcher Shane Farrell is entering his junior year for the Thundering Herd. Last season, Farrell registered a 3.88 ERA despite a 1-7 record.

## Softball ready to shine at Florida tournament Herd looks to add to undefeated record

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The Marshall University softball team looks to continue its perfect start to the season this weekend in the Florida Lipton Invitational tournament in Gainesville, Fla.

Marshall is off to its best start since 1999 and has a tough weekend slate of games ahead. Matchups against East Carolina, Campbell, Florida and Kansas are scheduled for the Thundering Herd starting Friday morning.

Like many teams all over the country, Marshall (4-0) has had to deal with inclement weather disrupting its practice schedule. Assistant coach Amanda Williams believes that despite the weather, the team has been able to prepare itself for the season.

"With weather not being the best outside, we have been working inside the cages for live action," Williams said. "It has been preparing the pitchers and hitters for game situations and game action."

The team has not been able to take ground balls or any outdoor drills on the field consistently for a couple weeks due to winter weather. However, the team gets to practice on the field when it gets to the tournament locations. Alianna Telles, the team's starting shortstop, said it is important to get some field time.

"When we got to Florida we were able to practice outside which was key," Telles said. "It was important because we hadn't practiced outside in a while."

The Herd is lead on the mound by

senior Katie Murphree. The pitcher is off to a sizzling start, with a 3-0 record and 2.10 ERA.

"Katie is going to lead us this year," Williams said. "It is huge for her confidence and also the team's confidence for her to come out and pitch that well."

The team will be challenged in its matchups this weekend, especially by East Carolina and Florida. Williams is looking for Murphree and senior second baseman Marcena Bertoldo to continue their hot starts this weekend.

"Marcena had a huge weekend at the plate last weekend," Williams said. "She stepped up in the two-hole and really produced."

Freshman Jazmine Valle said she feels the team's defense has been very good and has come through in the clutch.

"The defense has come through in tough situations," Valle said. "We have had situations like runners on second and third with two outs, and we have been getting that important out."

The team has also been very successful in its four games on the bases.

"We have a lot of speed," Williams said. "We were 17 of 18 in stolen base attempts in the first four games, and we are going to try and keep that up."

"We have a lot of talent and a good team," Valle said. "It will be great to have fans come out because we need all of the fan support we can get."

Marshall plays its first set of home games March 5 against Kent State at noon.

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Herd senior second baseman Marcena Bertoldo hits a deep fly ball to center field during a game last season.

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