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Men fall to UTEP

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Losing power, gaining students

Bill could affect tuition rates, autonomy of Board of Governors

BY ALYSSA SALYERS
THE PARTHENON

Student Body President Sean Hornbuckle, is seeking the help of the student body in combating a bill that is making its way through the West Virginia Legislature.

Hornbuckle said Senate Bill 480 contains a provision for funding the salary schedule for classified staff and in his opinion, that is a good thing, but other language in the bill should be a big concern for Marshall students.

Senate Bill 480 will take away some of the governing power of our own Board of Governors, Hornbuckle said. The ability of Marshall to make decisions about our university should be a major concern for students. Senate Bill 480 will attempt to fully fund-classified staff which is a good thing, but without attaching a specific way to fund the increases, students could end up with a tuition hike of approximately 4 percent.

According to Senate Bill 480, the purpose of the Legislature is to require the commission and council jointly to implement, control, supervise and manage a complete, uniform system

of personnel classification and compensation in accordance with the provisions of this article for classified employees at higher education organizations.

The bill requires each higher education organization to achieve full funding of the salary schedule and encourages the schools to use future tuition increases to do so.

"The ability of

Marshall's Board of Governors to make decisions about our university should be a major concern for students."

Sean Hornbuckle, SGA President

of the Legislature to encourage strongly that each organization dedicate a portion of future tuition increases to fund the

classified salary schedule and, after full funding of the salary schedule is achieved, to move toward meeting salary goals for faculty, classified and nonclassified employees, according to Senate Bill 480.

Hornbuckle is asking students to call or e-mail their senators to ask for a compromise and for the language in the bill to be changed.

The sponsors of Senate Bill 480 are Sen. Bob Plymale, D-Wayne, Senator President Earl Ray Tomblin and Sen. Evan H. Jenkins, D-Cabell.

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Marshall sees increase in students

BY LAURA HATFIELD
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Marshall University has calculated the difference in enrollment for the previous year.

The Office of Institutional Research took the amount of enrollment from Feb. 15, 2009, and the amount of enrollment from Feb. 15, 2010, to calculate increases and decreases in enrollment at Marshall.

According to the calculations, Marshall has 460 more undergraduate students than in 2009. Marshall lost 84 graduate students. The freshmen class made the most significant change, increasing by 215 students.

Although the overall enrollment of the university increased, some of the individual colleges' enrollment decreased. The Lewis College of Business has experienced the largest decrease in enrollment, losing 81 students, according to the calculations.

Chong Kim, dean of the Lewis College of Business, said enrollment has decreased significantly since 2002, when they had between 500 and 600 more undergraduate students than they have now. The college has lost 136 students since 2008.

Kim said they have been visiting different high schools, putting up billboards, sending out information cards and other activities as a recruitment effort to increase the amount of undergraduate students.

The goal is to try to return to what we used to

have in 2002 within five years, Kim said. Kim has much concern for our graduate students; they have been stable. Our college's decline was in undergraduate students and that's a concern to us.

We are looking at any teaching we have to change, Kim said. Our curriculum has changed quite a bit. We dropped calculus because we heard students hated it. It is no longer required, effective this spring. We are also looking at how we send out information to potential students. We do a lot of different things we did not use to do. We cannot pin point why we have declined, but enrollment is a very high priority for me.

Frances Hensley, associate vice president of Academic Affairs, said Marshall called every freshman that did not register for spring 2010 after the registration ended in the fall. These efforts were to find out why the students hadn't registered and what Marshall could do to help those students. Hensley said recruitment is trying to make their efforts more personal for students.

The number of new students this year is a reflection of the more aggressive recruitment that Marshall is doing, Hensley said. The office of recruitment is doing a more methodical, more strategic plan for recruiting new students.

The enrollment calculations are subject to change and will not be final until the end of the semester.

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Rachel Wyant, left, and Tyler Stewart, both music majors, learn about the Baskets for Branches program fundraiser that is part of the Giving Voice: Social Justice and the Arts symposium. Nikki Gilliam, sophomore visual arts major, Lindsay DiFatta, sophomore music major and Alli Forlines, sophomore art major, collected household products and other essential items for victims of domestic violence. The baskets will be donated to Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, which serves Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Mason and Putnam counties in West Virginia.

Local domestic violence shelter collects baskets for victims

BY JOHN YEINGST
THE PARTHENON

Three Marshall students have developed and managed a fundraising effort that will take place this month in order to collect items for victims of domestic violence.

The fundraiser, "Baskets for Branches," is part of the 2010 Marshall University Birke Fine Arts Symposium, Giving Voice: Social Justice and the Arts.

The students involved with the fundraiser and leading the group are Lindsay DiFatta, sophomore music major, Alli Forlines, sophomore art major from Bluefield, W.Va. and Nikki Gilliam, sophomore art major from Ashland, Ky.

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter is a non-profit organization operating in Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Mason and Putnam counties. The organization provides a safe, temporary shelter to those victims who need to escape an abusive situation.

Since victims of domestic violence commonly have minimal time to gather necessary items for survival, those who come to the shelter are given a laundry basket with essential items.

According to the Domestic Violence Resource Center's Web site, one in four women have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime. Not only are women exposed to this happening, but men and children are victims as well.

"As part of the Birke Fine Arts Symposium, our student committee wanted to create a fundraiser that would engage the university community as well as the entire Huntington community," said Jaye Ike, special projects coordinator for the College of Fine Arts.

Ike said one of her favorite parts of her job is witnessing events like these, when COFA students show that they're more than great musicians, artists.

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Student radio station goes to 24 hours, seven days

BY KELSEY THOMAS
THE PARTHENON

WMUL, Marshall University's student-operated radio station, is now broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

As of Monday, the station officially became 24/7, said Adam Cavalier, station manager of WMUL. Stephen J. Kopp, president of Marshall, Corley Dennison, dean of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications and Sean Hornbuckle, student body president, gathered on the air Monday to commemorate the event.

Tuesday was WMUL's first day of broadcasting a full 24 hours, Cavalier said.

Gary Dickerson, WMUL "Self-Help Radio" host, volunteered to cover the first overnight shift from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. This was the first all-nighter in the history of WMUL.

In the past, WMUL would sign on the air at 6 a.m. and sign off at 3 a.m. every day, Cavalier said. The station was able to convert to 24/7 broadcasting due to the acquisition of new software.

The new WideOrbit software was a \$60,000

investment for the university, said Charles Bailey, WMUL faculty manager and professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications. He said the station has been interested in the software for at least a decade.

Cavalier said the new software not only allows the station to continue playing when students are not present but also helps assist students who are broadcasting live.

"The DJs really seem to enjoy using it as a tool to make their shifts sound better," Cavalier said. "That's something that we thought might happen, but they've taken to it like ducks to water. The lack of technical problems and everybody's willingness to use it has been very refreshing."

Although the station is now capable of running without a human operator, it will continue to broadcast live almost all the time, Bailey said.

"I don't want people to get the wrong idea that we're going to flip a switch up here and just let it play on its own," Bailey said.

Bailey said the station will only become automated during breaks, holidays and early morning hours when there aren't students available to

broadcast live.

"I think there's always a fear, a threat, a concern, whatever you want to call it, when you think a machine can do your work for you and you don't have to," Bailey said. "Our policy will be that if there is a student around, then we will be on live."

"If we have DJs who want to be on the air from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m., then we'll put them on the air, but it will help fill those holes when we aren't capable of having someone in the studio," Cavalier said.

Bailey said the new software will help the station become more dependable for its listeners, rather than having to sign off the air during breaks from school and in the middle of the night when students aren't available to announce.

"As a listener, it's a very frustrating experience to want to hear something and expect to hear something and then turn it on, and it's just not available," Bailey said.

He also said broadcasting 24 hours a day will help WMUL protect its license.

When stations don't use all of the airtime they are given, the Federal Communications Commission can allow another station to come in and take part of their

time, Bailey said.

Bailey said WMUL would be devastated if they had to participate in one.

"For me, this thing strengthens our hold on our license, which has no price tag," Bailey said. "It's extraordinarily valuable. It's been around since 1961. You wouldn't want to give away part of it when you've owned it all."

Cavalier said in order for the station to be protected from a time-share, it must be on 12 hours a day.

"During the school year, that's not a problem," Cavalier said. "We have over 100 volunteers in the building, but when it comes to summer, spring break, Thanksgiving break, Christmas break, when we have maybe 10 people here, it's really difficult to keep the station on for that amount of time. It makes life so much easier not to have to worry about not being on the air."

Cavalier said the new software is better than a lot of commercial stations and helps WMUL live up to its namesake of "The Cutting Edge."

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Students form dance company, will compete in April



BY ELLEN KIST
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Marshall University students can now find a creative outlet through a recently formed university dance company.

AMUSED is an acronym for A Marshall Student Ensemble of Dance. The organization is a dance company that allows students to join and learn about dance.

Laci Browning, junior political science major from Pineville, W. Va., founded the organization this semester.

"It is the first one of its kind, and it brings attention to dance as an art form," Browning said.

The company has five dancers who will compete at the West Virginia Dance Festival on April 23, Browning said. The festival occurs annually, and it consists of professional dancers and instructors who come to teach dancers from across the state.

Tabitha Dolen, senior education major from Charleston, W. Va., is one of the members who will perform at the festival.

"Anyone in West Virginia can come to the festival and dance," Dolen said. "Dancers from the entire state come together and take classes together. It really brings the dance community together and allows everyone to celebrate dance."

AMUSED offers classes for students who would like to learn more about dance. The classes meet every other Saturday at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, Room 224. The cost is \$3. Each week a new form of dance is taught such as ballet, modern, jazz, hip-hop, contemporary as well as yoga.

"Each member of AMUSED takes a turn and teaches a class for anyone who is interested," Browning said. "Everyone is invited, even people without experience. We just want people who are excited about dance to come."

Jennifer Marinacci, junior Web development major from Huntington, said AMUSED is for anyone who loves to dance.

"What led me to join the company was that I wanted to be more involved with Marshall," Marinacci said. "Dance has been a passion of mine for my whole life, but I did not want to join the band in order to dance. It is also a great organization for the campus."

"We really hope that this organization will raise awareness of arts, not just on campus but throughout Huntington," Dolen said.

The next meeting of AMUSED will take place at 11 a.m. March 6 at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

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Suzy
SexTalk

Abstinence: Is it for you?

What if I told you there was a fully, 100 percent effective way to prevent pregnancy and STDs? It takes a lot of patience, and not everyone can handle it. What is this miraculous

sexual health in public schools or to only promote abstinence-only education. While parents feel children's exposure to anything regarding sex would promote sex and promiscuity in high school, research from the Cochrane Collaboration and Mathematica Policy Research have found that abstinence-only education had no lasting, enduring effect on teenage sexuality. In my opinion, having sex is like being a Boy Scout: be prepared. Boy Scouts are taught wilderness training and other skills before they camp in the forest, so why not be trained in how to use condoms and birth control pills before you have to use them?

To all my abstinent brethren reading this article, I applaud you! You have willpower and patience that many of your peers do not. To those who are sexually active, do not be ashamed, but let me take an opportunity to remind you to use protection. If you are sexually active but think the idea of abstinence sounds pretty nice, keep in mind a few things to help reinforce your decision:

- Make a list: Clarify your reasons for becoming abstinent. Make a written list if you want. Knowing your reasons and keeping a visualization of those reasons will reduce your readiness to give in to your sexual urges.

- Form a support group: Have friends and family in your life to support your decision and give you guidance when you get weak.

- Find alternatives: Take up hobbies and find events around town to keep you busy. You never know...you might meet someone that is also on the abstinence road.

Please keep in mind that there is a difference between waiting to have sex until you are ready and not having sex because you are scared. Many teenagers are scared into abstinence by parents and teachers and fear their lives and reputations will be ruined. Sex is something you should not be afraid of, and it should be experienced when you are mature and emotionally ready to share yourself with another person. In the words of George Michael, "Sex is natural; sex is good." If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions email suzysextalk@gmail.com.

Judicial affairs looking for student justices

BY ALYSSA SALYERS
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Office of Judicial Affairs is an office most students try to avoid visiting, but its function can provide essential life lessons to students.

The Office of Judicial Affairs is the division of Student Affairs responsible for enforcing Marshall's Student Code of Conduct.

The office employs volunteer student justices and student advocates. Student justices sit on Marshall's judiciary hearing panel and recommend sanctions for students found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Two student advocates are appointed for each case. One represents the accused student or student organization, while the other represents the complainant's side.

"Students have a right to a fair and impartial hearing in which a judicial panel comprised of two students and one faculty member hears the case and deems whether the sanction should be lessened, kept the same or if additional sanctions should be added," said Matt James, student justice.

The office has applications available now for these volunteer student positions. Applicants must be a full-time student with a good conduct record and a GPA of at least 2.5. Applications must be submitted by April 2.

James said working with the Office of Judicial Affairs has been a positive learning experience.

"I have definitely enjoyed working with judicial affairs," James said. "I have learned a lot about the rules and regulations our students are expected to abide by. I have also learned how the judicial process at Marshall can help to mature and rehabilitate many of our students who happen to make a mistake."

James said students are not simply punished for their behaviors, but the Office of Judicial Affairs

strives to help students learn from their mistakes so the problem behavior will not be repeated.

Martin said changing a student's improper behavior while in college can keep them out of serious trouble later in life.

The Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities and the student judicial system are founded on the principles of fairness and due process, according to the Department of Student Affairs Web site.

Lisa Martin, director of Judicial Affairs, reviews student violations and suggests appropriate sanctions for the accused. Martin said they receive reports of student violations from various sources, and they investigate all reports received.

"If we get a report from the Marshall University Police Department, Residence Services, the Huntington Police Department, members of the faculty, staff, students or even other universities that a student might visit, then we must look to see if, in fact, that student has violated a section of the code," Martin said.

Martin said the next step in the process is to send a letter detailing the report received and the section of the code believed to have been violated. They set up a meeting and the accused student is questioned.

She then makes a decision as to the veracity of the report and, if the report is deemed to be true, what sanctions she will recommend, Martin said.

Martin said the most common offenses are alcohol-related, theft, fighting with roommates, disorderly conduct at sporting events, some marijuana usage and the improper use of the Web.

Sanctions imposed for such violations can include restitution, community service or attendance at a university-sponsored class about the use of alcohol or marijuana, Martin said.

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Ramsbacher's Rumblings

Marshall has a Character issue

Donnie Jones calmly strolled to the postgame news conference, took a deep breath and uttered the most telling line of the night.

"OK," Jones said as he looked around at the familiar faces that crammed into the Marshall media room. "I guess we've had this meeting before."

We certainly have.

Like what happens to Billy Murray in "Groundhog Day," the scene plays out all over again in Jones' head.

His Thundering Herd team fighting like crazy against a nationally respected opponent, feeding off the energy of an electric Cam Henderson Center crowd, making shots, forcing turnovers.

It's all there in Jones' mind. He sees it against Memphis. He sees it against UAB.

But then he sees the scene switch.

It suddenly goes dark with the memories of a missed free throw, a dagger 3-pointer from the opposition or, in Tuesday's case, a failure to make a defensive stand when it mattered most.

"If we make a couple plays down the stretch, we're right there," Jones said. "But you have to make plays and get stops when you want to win those games."

"That's what happens when you play against a very good basketball team. There's not a whole lot of room for error."

That room ran about 12 feet wide and stretched 19 feet long.

When crunch time hit Tuesday night, Marshall lost the battle in the paint.

With 5:39 remaining in the contest, Miners coach Tony Barbee called a timeout after Hassan Whiteside had the Cam rocking with a nifty jumper that finally fell through the hoop after smooching off the rim three times. The bucket capped off an 11-0 Herd run that had it up one, 65-64.

During the break, the Miners called on their silencer to hush the 7,894 in attendance.

And Derrick Caracter delivered.

With a backside that would make Charles Barkley jealous, the 6-foot-9, 275-pound beast unleashed fury on Whiteside on the low block, scoring 10 of UTEP's last 16 points.

Caracter simply won a battle of bums.

"When you have a butt as wide as Derrick's and one as narrow as Hassan's, it was an advantage for Derrick," Barbee said.

There was no answer for Caracter when the game was on the line. Only a question from the Herd's other big man who tried to bang with him.

"Honestly, I don't why we didn't throw a double team at him," said Tyler Wilkerson. "That should have been one of the things we should have tried — throw a double team at him."

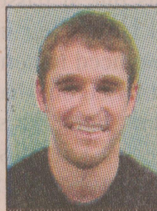
"But we never did."

Marshall did tag team Caracter once.

With the Herd clinging to a 74-72 lead with less than three to play, Wilkerson forced Caracter into a tough floating shot in the lane that Whiteside easily came over and swatted.

But two possessions later, the Miners stuck with their game plan and fed it into big No. 4 again.

And again, he bullied his way in for two. This time, grabbing



Andrew Ramsbacher
COLUMNIST

UNDERMINED

No. 21 UTEP too much for Herd after big second half

BY KYLE HOBSTETTER
THE PARTHENON

On senior night for the Marshall men's basketball team, it was a couple of UTEP juniors who stole the spotlight.

Randy Culpepper scored 32 points and Derrick Caracter added 18 to help push the Miners over the Herd 80-76 in front of 7,894 fans at the Cam Henderson Center.

But what's heartbreaking for the Herd is that most of those points came in the second half.

"We came out flat," said senior forward Tyler Wilkerson. "They came out making shots. Coach said they make runs and they make them quick. They then made a 12-0 run in two minutes."

Head coach Donnie Jones saw not only the Miners making runs against his team, but they also were efficient with their offense.

"We're not starting very good in the second half," Jones said. "We were up three or four in the end there, but we couldn't get stops. They shot 57 percent in the second half and that's the difference in the game. And when they do that on your home floor, it's going to be hard to win."

With the Herd up 36-26 with one second left in the first half, Culpepper heaved a 30-footer that went in to give the Herd only a seven-point lead going into the half.

Momentum was all UTEP's in the second half as the miners went on a 14-2 run to start the

half, with Culpepper accounting for 10 of those points.

The Herd knew Culpepper had a shooting stroke, but the lack of defense on the 6-foot junior also didn't help.

"He can shoot the ball, that's what he is, a shooter," Wilkerson said. "We were trailing him, chasing him and everything. He was just making shots. You can't do anything when somebody gets hot like that."

UTEP kept a lead through a majority of the half with it reaching as high as 11 when the miners went up 62-51 with 9:31 to go.

But the Herd kept close, leaning on senior Tyler Wilkerson who had his 18th career double-double with 22 points and 16 rebounds.

Finally the Herd found a run that would pull it ahead with 5:39 left as it took the lead 65-64 on a Hassan Whiteside hook shot.

Whiteside was also a key contributor to the Herd staying in the game, adding 20 points and 14 rebounds.

"It's scary where his ceiling could be," said UTEP head coach Tony Barbee. "He has a back-to-the-basket game and can hit the face-up jumper. If you see him gain strength over the years in the weight room, it could be scary."

But what Culpepper started for UTEP, Caracter finished. With 16 points in the second half, the junior transfer from Louisville bullied his way past

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UTEP forward Derrick Caracter blocks Marshall freshman Hassan Whiteside's dunk attempt. The two centers battled the entire game, but it was Caracter's Miners who pulled out the 80-76 win.

Herd women ready for senior night against Memphis

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The Thundering Herd women's basketball team will wrap up the 2009-10 season Wednesday evening, playing host to East Carolina at 7 p.m. at the Cam Henderson Center.

Marshall enters the regular season finale with a 14-14 mark and a 6-9 record in Conference USA. The Herd has struggled as of late, losing six out of its last seven, including the last three games.

Last time out, Marshall lost a heartbreaker at UAB,



CHANTELLE HANDY

62-53 decision at Memphis.

Kendra King averaged 11 points per game on the trip to lead the way for Marshall. King has scored in double figures in five

falling 45-44. Amber Jones of the Blazers connected on a shot as time expired to give UAB the win. Earlier in the road trip, Marshall found itself on the losing end of a

straight games and eight of the last ten. Over the last ten games, King is the Herd's leading scorer, averaging 13.2 points per game, including a 36-point effort in the home win over UAB.

Another senior, Chantelle Handy, has also been on a roll. Handy is just 29 points shy of reaching 1,000 for her career. She has reached double digits in eight consecutive games, scoring an even 100 points over that span.

King and Handy, along with fellow senior Angelica Harris, will be honored prior to Wednesday's

for Senior Day.

East Carolina enters Wednesday's contest with a chance to finish the season tied for third place in Conference USA. They have struggled as of late, going 2-5 in their last seven games after opening conference play with a 6-2 mark.

Last time out, the Pirates came away from Memphis with a 77-76 overtime win. Ashley Clarke leads ECU with 11.8 Points per game. She is the C-USA leader in assists with 156, an average of 5.6 per game.

Allison Spivey averages 10.9 points per game.

The series between Marshall and East Carolina is tied at six games each. In the first meeting this year, ECU took a 78-54 win in Greenville. Since both teams have been in Conference USA, the home team has won every matchup, going a perfect 9-0.

A few promotions will take place on Wednesday, beginning with "Shoot For Tuition". All season participants will compete at halftime to win \$3,000 towards their tuition.

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THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

Senate bill could take power from schools

West Virginia legislature considers a bill that would take power from school board of governors

Just when students were starting to feel confident about a possible tuition freeze proposed by Gov. Joe Manchin in January's State of the State Address, the West Virginia Legislature is proposing a bill to increase it.

One of the points of Senate Bill 480 is to fix the problem of Marshall University's classified employees' salaries by

shifting that cost to tuition. The state of those employees' salaries is pretty bad considering the cost of living has gone up, and their pay has remained the same for 10 years.

One may ask what employee salaries have to do with students, but according to the bill, schools are encouraged to get students to pay for the employees' salaries

to be raised to the current year's standards. Once that is accomplished, students will pay for the increase of the rest of the faculty and non-classified staff.

According to Marshall's 2008 figures, with an undergraduate population of 13,584 students and 21 to 1 student/faculty ratio, that makes for about 648 faculty members. Those numbers have increased since then and don't include the number of nonclassified staff. By these numbers, it seems students will have a tuition increase pretty regularly

and an approximate 4 percent hike for the first year.

Another affect the bill will have on Marshall as well as West Virginia University is limiting some of the powers of each school's Board of Governors. For five years, these two schools have had governing freedoms that other public higher education schools in West Virginia don't have, according to WVNS-59. These powers include the ability to establish new courses and programs and to make tuition and administrative changes on their own.

Senate Bill 480 would make it so Marshall and WVU would have to seek the approval of the Higher Education Policy Commission in Charleston for some decisions.

This bill, if passed or not changed, could have a big impact on students, and we need to consider it and choose to act based on what we think about it. Student Body President Sean Hornbuckle is asking all students to call their state senators to express their concerns about the bill.

KRYSALEA BURNS
MEN, MASCARA AND
MOOD SWINGS

The dirt on long distance relationships

Phone calls that take up all of your minutes, hurried moments on skype, old tattered pictures, gas mileage, FedEx packages and Facebook chats are the little moments that add up to one long distance relationship. I have heard many of my friends discussing the pros and cons of choosing a long-distance relationship and have seen many of my friends experience the heartbreak and longing of wanting to be with someone that miles and time just won't let them have.

At one point in our lives we will all face the huge decision in our lives, and for many of us that is choosing whether or not to start a long-distance relationship. So as girls do, one of the best ways to make this decision is to create a pro/con list to see how your future relationship stacks up.

One of the main pros in having a long-distance relationship is that frankly, it is still a relationship with a person you care deeply for. Also while spending time away from that person may feel awful, the time apart allows both of you the ability to grow separately as individuals while still finding time for each other. This gives a unique flair to the relationship because you both are able to keep following your dreams and living your lives while still getting to know this person who could be your future spouse.

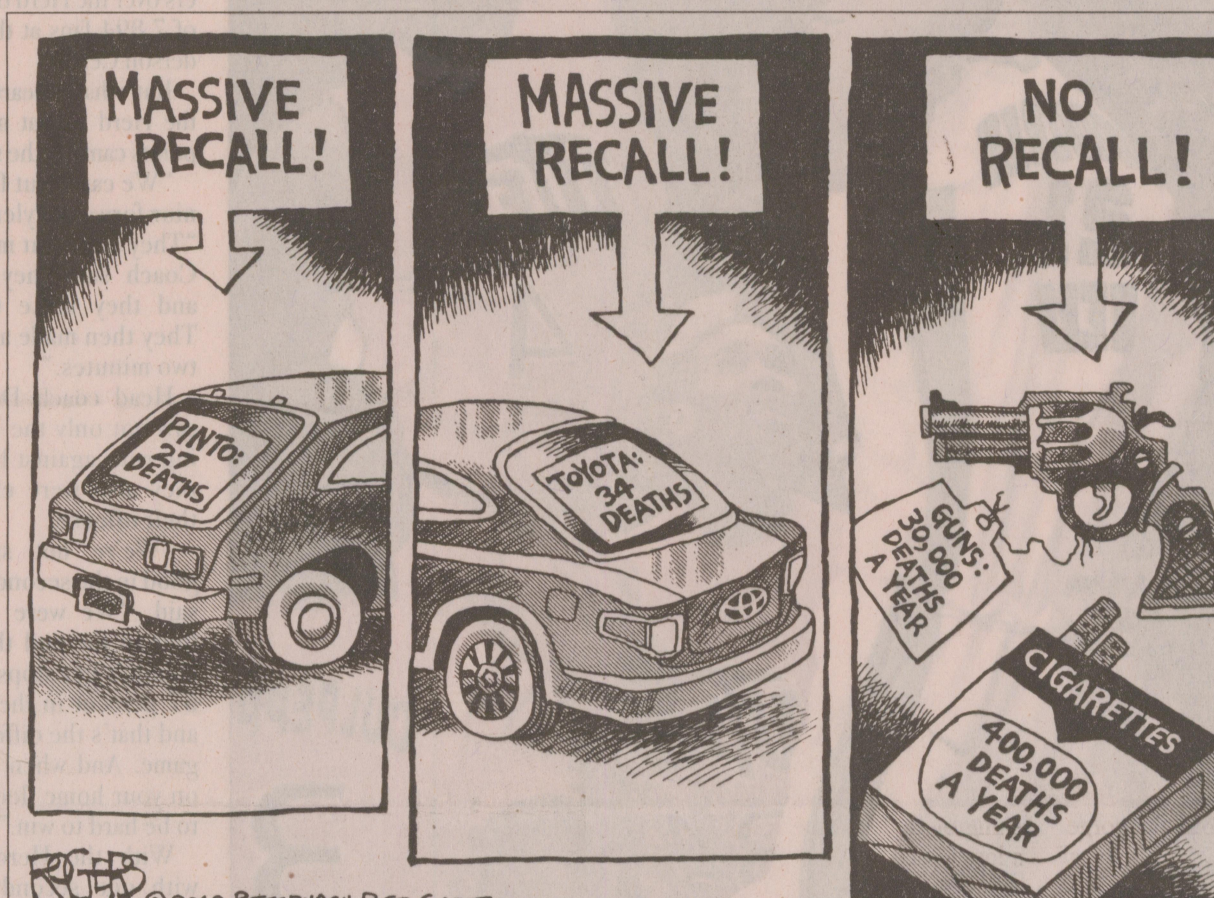
Longdistance relationships seem to have more problems than other relationships. The physical touch is gone, and you can't just walk over to their apartment or let them be part of your group of friends.

Last year, I tried to have a long distance relationship. He was sweet, and we had liked each other in high school. On my spring break back home in Cincinnati, things finally seemed right. We had prayed about dating and now it seemed that we could be together. The week together was perfect, but as soon as I got back to school our texts kept getting less and less frequent and our busy lives just kept us from each other. It was hard to end it, but our long-distance relationship just wasn't worth it.

I have found the key to long-distance relationships is trust, trust in someone who is not always going to be visible, someone you may not always be able to hear clearly and someone whose touch you can't always feel. I have found this is like my relationship with Jesus. I haven't been able to visibly see Him, or feel His arms around me, but I know with everything in my being that He loves me. Although sometimes it is hard not able to have the visible affirmation, I know that He is always with me, that He will never leave me.

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Online poll

What is the first thing you want to do when the weather gets warm?

- Play some frisbee
- Wear shorts
- Walk to Pullman Square instead of driving

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RESULTS

What do you think about Tiger Woods' apology?

- I don't care63%
- He's right, he needs his privacy..... 23%
- He deserves nothing..... 14%

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Eating right doesn't have to be a challenge

As college students, we don't have a lot of time to be conscious of all the "bad" foods we eat on the go. It's easy for us to drive through McDonalds and get a burger and fries or get a candy bar and chips from the vending machines. Many times, I simply walk by the snack machines, and it's as though a Snicker's bar is calling my name.

It doesn't have to be like that. Celery sticks and carrots may not appeal to you, but there are a lot of other foods available that are easy to pack and snack on when we're hungry. The first step however, is overcoming our cravings. It's easy to solve a caffeine or sugar craving with a Mountain Dew or a couple of Skittles. But have you ever thought of grabbing a green tea and some home-made, healthful trail mix? Both are easy and good for you. Green tea helps fight against disease and promotes good cardiovascular health. Because green tea does have caffeine in it, your caffeine craving will be satisfied but not over fulfilled. Trail mix made with toasted oat cereal, chopped walnuts and dried cranberries will give you a sweet, but healthful, snack on the go.

Still craving for some fries to please your growling stomach? Try some rice patties and peanut butter. Peanut butter will give you some protein and energy, as well as keep your belly from growling in the middle of class.

The best type of snack is fruit. It's easy to carry around with you and can give you many of the nutrients you need every day. Blueberries, bananas and apples are all healthful and affordable snacks that are easy to carry. Pair them with some yogurt and you have a lot of the vitamins and probiotics you need for the day.

Many times, I carry a chocolate-chip granola bar around with me so that when I get that Snicker bar temptation, I can suppress my craving with a little bit of chocolate with my granola. Please a salt craving with some almonds or a pickle.

Snacking smart doesn't have to be hard. You just have to be inventive and stronger than your cravings.

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Legislature looks at finance reform

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP)— Past attempts to expand campaign finance rules have twice fallen short, but West Virginia lawmakers are trying again and this time they hope to bring shareholders along with them.

The House of Delegates passed a pair of measures this week that would change how money is spent on political campaigns, and how much information the spenders have to reveal publicly about themselves.

Senate leaders said they will push for passage of at least one of the bills. National advocacy groups say both measures reflect good practices in the wake of January's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that opens the door to greater campaign spending by corporations and unions.

While he has yet to review the

details in each bill, Gov. Joe Manchin generally supports efforts to improve transparency for voters and shareholders, said spokesman Matt Turner.

"He thinks that's the responsible way to look at that," Turner said.

But the mostly party-line votes that advanced the bills Monday came after House Republicans argued that both violate political speech rights. The bill that seeks to enlist shareholder rights in the bid for greater disclosure, meanwhile, is uncharted territory not only for West Virginia but nationally.

That bill would require corporations based in West Virginia to disclose to shareholders what they spend on campaigns. It would also require a majority of shareholders voting to accept such spending.

Obama signs disaster declaration

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP)—

The federal government has officially declared the mid-December snow storm that knocked out power to thousands of West Virginians for weeks and crippled traffic along the turnpike a disaster.

The declaration President Barack Obama signed Tuesday enables federal funding and personnel to be allocated to the snow-damaged areas to assist

cleanup efforts and assess damage in the affected counties.

Those counties include Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Kanawha, McDowell, Mingo, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Ritchie, Roane and Wyoming.

Regis Leo Phelan was appointed to serve as the federal coordinating officer for recovery operations in the affected area.

RAMSPACHER

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his own offensive board and kissing it off the glass.

Some thirty seconds later, he put the nail in Marshall's coffin with a soft jump hook over the outstretched hands of Wilkerson.

"He's got good legs on him.

It's hard to stop him," Wilkerson said. "He got deep post-ups and you really couldn't do anything with him when he's that low."

Low enough to bring Marshall down in another gut-wrencher.

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BASKETS

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or performers, they show they're caring citizens.

"I've spent time working with the staff at Branches to hear that genuine gratitude from them, it's really moving," Ike said. "I couldn't be prouder of the students organizing this drive, but also of all the people rallying to participate. These young ladies have spent many hours, volunteering on this committee to organize Baskets for Branches."

The committee's overall focus is to collect baskets filled with essentials, but some professors such as Clay McNearney are providing a basket and asking students to fill them by bringing items.

People are also making announcements to their churches in order to help the cause.

"Members of St. John's Episcopal Church learned about this effort at the Lenten Supper Series. Several families have made commitments to provide baskets, as well as to seek the help of co-workers. The youth

group is interested in helping with the program as well. We will be sharing the opportunity to support Baskets for Branches with our entire congregation on Sunday," said Melanie Griffis, director of development for the College of Fine Arts.

Some of the essential items for a basket include a pillow, hairbrush, toothbrush, toothpaste and laundry detergent. Other items such as socks, disposable razors, towels, diapers, toys, books and blankets will be accepted.

"I'm really quite proud of how the students shaped the initiative from its formative stages, taking on roles that are outside of their normal concerns as student artists, musicians and actors," said Vicki Strocher, music professor and chairwoman of the Birke Fine Arts Symposium Committee. "These students are truly the future of the arts in America."

Baskets will be collected in the Memorial Student Center on Wednesday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Marshall defenders.

And with 36 seconds left in the half, and the game tied 76-76, Caracer threw in a shot the Herd defense couldn't stop all game, a baby hook, to take the final lead.

"He's strong, real strong," Wilkerson said. "It's hard to bump him off his position. Once a big man has good legs on him, he's hard to stop. He got deep post-ups and you couldn't do anything with him when we was that low."

Wilkerson shot a 20-foot jump shot that glanced off the rim, and the Herd lost another close one at home.

This is the third time this season that Marshall came close to beating an upper echelon Conference USA team. They lost to UAB on Jan. 23, 61-59. They then lost to Memphis, 75-72, on Jan. 27.

Jones knows with these types of games, it is all about coming out in the second half ready and about finishing games.

"Give UTEP credit; that's a very good basketball team we played today," Jones said. "We make a couple plays down the stretch we're right there. But you have to make plays and you have to get stops when you win those games. But that's what happens when you play a really good basketball team there is not room for error."

UTEP, who with a win tonight, clinched the C-USA regular season title out right.

The Miners are on a 13-game winning streak and are nationally ranked for the first time in 18 years.

But after Tuesday's game, UTEP knows it was lucky to leave with a win.

"Marshall has one of, if not the most talented teams in the league," Barbee said. "It's a tough place to play and tough place to win, but we have that type of team."

Barbee also mentioned that though his team is No. 1 in the conference, there is no easy road in

this conference.

"When you got teams like Marshall and UAB and Tulsa you can never be comfortable in this league," Barbee said. "Once you get to the conference tournament, as good as the league is and with as much parity as we have this could one of the most exciting conference tournaments that we've had in a long time."

But before Marshall can think about the C-USA tournament, there is one more game to go. Marshall travels to Dallas, Texas on Saturday to take on SMU.

Jones knows that after this close loss against a top team, a good showing against the Mustangs will build momentum going into the tournament.

"We're not tucking our heads by any means," Jones said. "Are we disappointed we lost? Absolutely. We expected to win tonight and we could have won."

"We'll put this one behind us and get ready for SMU. The tournament is still there. And hopefully we'll have an opportunity to play them again."

GAME NOTES: Along with Wilkerson, senior night honored Chris Lutz and Darryl Merthie as well. Lutz had only five points, while Merthie contributed six ... UTEP was the first ranked team other than Memphis to appear in the Henderson Center since Jan. 7, 2006 when then No. 20 George Washington defeated the Herd 79-73 ... Marshall has lost to all three of its ranked opponents (No. 10 North Carolina Dec. 22, 2009/No. 11 West Virginia Jan. 20, 2010/and UTEP) this season ... The last time Marshall beat a ranked team at home was Dec. 17, 1997 against No. 23 Wake Forest ... Whiteside has played 84 of a possible 95 minutes over the last two games for the Herd ... He raised his school and Conference USA blocked shots total to 165, the 11th most in a season by a Division I player ... Wilkerson is now 29 points away from scoring 1,000 in his career (971).

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Senior men's basketball players Chris Lutz, Darryl Merthie and Tyler Wilkerson take the court during Tuesday's Senior Night. The Herd lost to the UTEP Miners 80-76.

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Marshall alumni donates building to psychology department

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The Marshall University Psychology Department is thankful to two alumni who have donated a building for clinical psychology.

"When we bought this building we knew that we wanted to give back to the Marshall community, because we both graduated from there and felt that the students at Marshall weren't getting enough behavior disorders," said Amy Ingles, co-owner of Starlight Behavioral Health Services and alumni of Marshall University. "Also that the students needed better office space to work in rather than just a classroom."

Ingles and her husband, Jack, own the Starlight Behavioral Health Services.

The Starlight Behavioral Health Services

donated 3,000 square feet of office space at Starlight to the psychology department to be used by students as they practice clinical psychology.

"We talked to the psychology department around 2008 and started to change the wing of the building into offices and a workplace for the students," Amy Ingles said. "They have their own waiting area and a play area for children with disabilities."

In addition to donating the space for the new Marshall University Community Psychology Clinic, the Ingles are donating the services of a licensed clinical psychologist to help supervise the doctoral and master's level students who will be placed at the clinic.

"The building is already open, and

they have been quite busy in that part of the building working with the different types of people we encounter here," Amy Ingles said.

"Students have problems with working part-time jobs during college, so this way the students can work toward their degree and get paid for it," Jack Ingles said. "This also helps the students get a touch of the real workplace out there."

The building is located behind HIMC off Route 60 and just right off the interstate in Huntington.

"We feel pleased and proud to help the students get out of the classroom and get more involved with the community and the mental or behavior people out there," Amy Ingles said.

Early Education Center meets accreditation standards, designated model preschool

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Early Education Center has been designated a model preschool in Cabell County.

Being designated a model pre-school means meeting several different standards, said Janet Dozier, director of the Early Education Center.

"We had to meet all of the West Virginia education standards, the accreditation standards, and the National Education Standards for Young Children Standards or NESYC," Dozier said.

The center has received the designation for the previous two years.

Dozier said the designation means the

school is going beyond expectations.

"You're meeting the standards and accreditation standards and you are going beyond that," she said.

Certain aspects of the Early Childhood Center set it apart from other pre-schools, Dozier said.

"We meet the standards and have a project-based learning," she said. "We have a teacher with a masters degree and two graduate students working towards their masters in early childhood education."

During the review process, representatives from the Cabell County Board of Education and NESYC came to evaluate the center and if they are meeting the standards.

The center would like to achieve this

designation in the future.

"We may have to make some curriculum changes, but if we keep it the same, yes," Dozier said.

The center has to compete with the public schools to keep children.

"Public schools are free and (the Early Childhood Education Center) isn't," Dozier said. "We are losing children to the public schools."

A discrepancy in age enrollment has shown up recently.

"We have more 3-year-olds and fewer 4-year-olds," Dozier said.

The Early Childhood Center is located in Corby Hall 118.

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LOUISVILLE, ON DECK TO BE YOUR NEXT WEEKEND ADVENTURE!

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Known for baseball, horse racing and bourbon, Louisville, Ky., is also home to more than 120 parks, diverse museums, 2,500 restaurants, the world's largest baseball bat and Fourth Street Live! The blend of Louisville's rich heritage and modern attractions set the scene for a great weekend adventure.

Louisville's 120 public parks are distinguished by residents and frequented by tourists for the panoramic views, captivating landscapes and Victorian charm, said Gathan Borden, marketing manager for Louisville's Visitor Information Center. Each park offers its own unique amenities, such as sports venues, exercise trails, annual events, dog parks and playgrounds.

Central Park, Iroquois Park and Shawnee Park are among the most well-known and most visited attractions in Louisville, Borden said. All designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, nationally recognized landscape architect noted for designing Central Park in New York City, these parks harbor a unique aesthetic.

However, the city has more to offer visitors than just parks. The Speed Art Museum, the Kentucky Derby Museum and the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory are popular among tourists, Borden said.

The Speed Art Museum is the oldest and biggest art spectacle in Kentucky, said Shannin Thompson, Speed Art Museum employee.

"We have collections of 17th century paintings, 18th century art, Renaissance period pieces, contemporary American art and a

growing African and Native American exhibit," Thompson said.

The Kentucky Derby Museum pays homage to Churchill Downs, past races, derby traditions and the "greatest two minutes in sports," said Wendy Treinen, director of communications for the Kentucky Derby Museum.

"The Derby Hat exhibit is a favorite of patrons," Treinen said. "Each year's most beautiful and unique derby hats are judged, and the top 20 are displayed in the exhibit for a year."

The Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory has been in operation since 1884 and produces the official bat of Major League Baseball, said Marisol Collingsworth, Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory guide. Home to the world's largest baseball bat, the museum offers several exhibits, such as Linedrives and Lipstick, the untold story of women's baseball and an examination of the evolution of baseball, Collingsworth said.

Louisville also offers several unique and diverse restaurants.

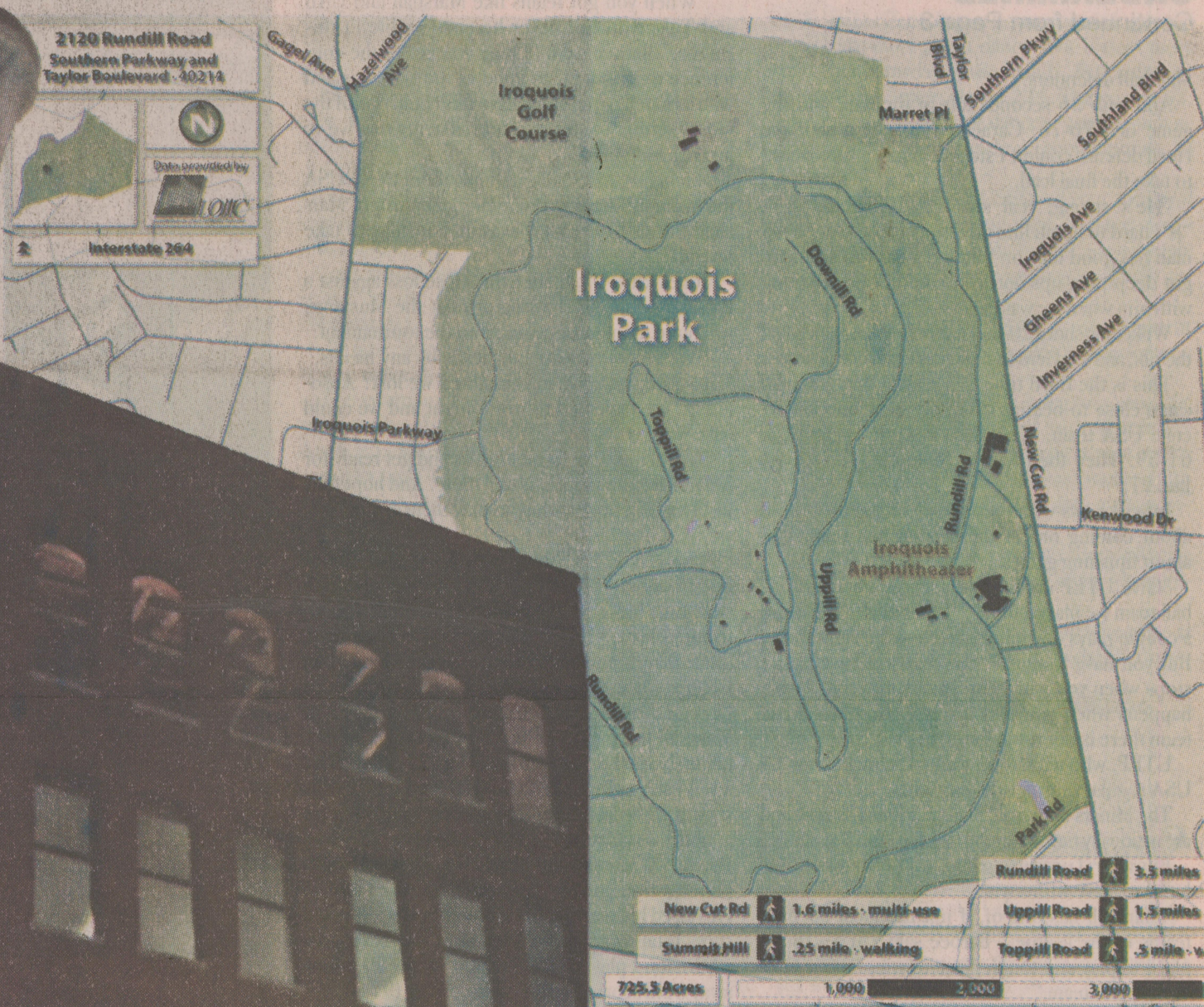
"The most difficult decision to make in Louisville is where to eat," Borden said.

Louisville is home to more than 2,500 restaurants, bistros, cafes, barbecues, grills, pubs, saloons, pizzerias, steakhouses, lounges, shacks, factories and fast food joints, he said.

After dinner, visitors can head to Fourth Street Live!, the city's entertainment district, for concerts, night clubs and shopping.

"Fourth Street Live! is in the heart of downtown Louisville," Borden said. "Shopping, dining and entertainment are Fourth Street Live's specialties."

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