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Gov. Manchin visits campus, talks business



BREANNA JONES
THE PARTHENON

History was made Wednesday as Gov. Joe Manchin spoke to a crowd at the new Erickson Alumni Center and was the first sitting governor to speak for the Lewis College of Business at Marshall University.

Gov. Manchin spoke to students on a variety of subjects. He talked about investing in the state of West Virginia, moving out of the recession and gave advice to students about their future and about being a leader.

"A leader is a dealer in hope," he said about his position as governor.

Manchin said the recession for states will gradually end and funding will become stable after 2012.

"It's easy to make money when money is flowing," Manchin said.

A true test is when money is not steadily flowing, he said.

The governor spoke about state funding for schools. He said the four greatest years for education was from 2005 to 2009, however in 2010 there was a slump.

Manchin said small things such as a better attitude will help move West Virginia out of the recession and make it stronger.

"We are trying to move in a progressive manner," Manchin said.

Three important things Manchin discussed for students to remember were product, value

and serviceability.

Manchin said the sweetness of a good deal is forgotten, but the bitterness of poor service remains.

He said higher education is an incubator for business and he encouraged students to stay in West Virginia after graduating and make a difference in people's lives.

The governor's speech created positive attitudes in some students who attended the event.

"I thought it was great that he wants to bring more business to the state," said Josh McAdoo, junior economics major from Beckley, W.Va. "Investing in the state is a good thing, especially if it creates jobs."

The governor sparked the interest of more than just West Virginia natives but also out-of-state students who attend Marshall.

"I thought Gov. Manchin showed how much he really cares about the people in West Virginia and at Marshall," said Andrea Jackson, senior accounting major from Sumter, S.C. "Me not being from here, I have a different perspective and I feel optimistic after leaving about his plans for their future, although I might not stay here, I can say I'm interested in it."

At the conclusion of the speech, Gov. Manchin was presented with a plaque honoring his visit.

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Gov. Joe Manchin speaks to a crowd at the new Erickson Alumni Center on Wednesday. Manchin spoke about the recession, investing in West Virginia and gave advice for students about their futures.

RICK HAYE

A new era decided as SGA elects new president

THE PARTHENON

After two days of student voting, all the votes are tallied and the official election results are in.

Patrick Murphy was elected student body president with his vice presidential running mate Samantha Turley.

Murphy and Turley won by a total of 568 votes.

About 1,164 students voted during the duration of the election.

The SGA election polls closed at 8 p.m. Wednesday. At 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jonathan Murray, SGA election commissioner, announced the official results. Murray said he was pleased with the conduct of the candidates during the campaign and the way things went at the polling stations.

"I would like to state that the sportsmanship of the candidates has been above par this year," Murray said. "Many universities have issues during the election process, but any problems experienced here at Marshall have been extremely minimal."

Student Body President-elect Patrick Murphy

thanked his running mate, Samantha Turley and his supporters for their assistance during the campaign.

"I can't express in words right now how I feel," Murphy said. "I am overwhelmed about how much support we got. I can't thank the team or the voters enough and I really can't wait to get started on the job."

Other winners include Edward Pride for Board of Governors representative.

Kelly Kutzavitch and Matthew Needle were elected for the Lewis College of Business senate seats.

Alisha Woodall was elected for the College of Fine Arts senate.

The Graduate School Senate seats went to Johnathan James, Shane Miller and Alisha Baker.

College of Science Audrey Dean and Addison Micheal were elected.

College of Education and Human Services Kara Hornbuckle was elected.

A. Fridley, A. Strider, J. Stefanov, K. Kelly, C. Tucker, A. Quaranta, A. Brown and R. Harrell won the College of Liberal Arts senate seats.

Both amendments to the constitution were passed overwhelmingly.



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SGA members count votes to announce the winners of the SGA elections. Students voted Tuesday and Wednesday. Voting ended at 8 p.m., Wednesday.



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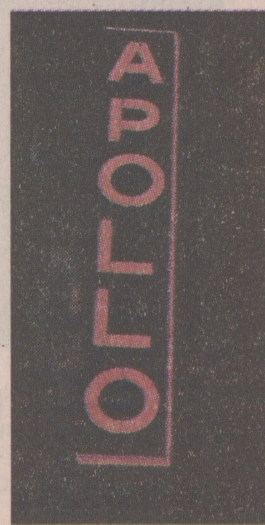
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TODAY'S CALENDAR

Students take part in Talent Night

Sports

Men's Baseball
3 p.m. Friday vs. LeMoine | Kennedy Center

Women's Tennis
Saturday-Monday vs. William and Mary and Auburn | Huntington Tennis Club

Entertainment

Russian Rhapsody
8 p.m. Saturday | Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center

Community

Little Shop of Horrors
7 p.m. and 3 p.m. March 26-28 | Fairland High School auditorium

Demolition Derby
Saturday | Big Sandy Superstore Arena

On campus

The Apollo
7:30 p.m. today | Memorial Student Center

WVFREE discussion

7 p.m. today | Memorial Student Center

New movies

Friday
The Bounty Hunter
Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Repo Men

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Public Safety

Marshall University Police Blotter

BY ELLEN KIST
THE PARTHENON

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

Green in the jeans

While driving down the 1900 block of Huntington Avenue, officers observed a suspect throwing an open can of beer to the ground. The suspect was identified as Michael S. Niday, 23, of Huntington. Niday had red glassy eyes, slurred speech and the odor of alcohol on his breath. After police searched Niday, he admitted to having a small bag of marijuana on the inside of his pants near his crotch. The bag contained fewer than 15 grams of green leafy substance that later tested to be marijuana. Niday was discovered to have a Capias warrant, which is issued for a person who owes money based on a court judgment or fails to appear for a civil hearing, outside of Cabell County. He was transported and lodged in the Western Regional Jail.

Lock the doors

Police responded to a complainant who said he parked his vehicle in the student parking lot across from Towers East from 12 a.m. to 9 a.m. Feb. 22. On returning to his vehicle, the complainant noticed several items were missing, an Asics tote bag worth \$300, Marlboro cigarettes worth \$4 and a jacket worth \$160. The left passenger door had been left unlocked, the complainant said. Police have no suspects.

Stolen Books

Police responded to a report of a theft at the Marshall University bookstore Feb. 18. Two textbooks were stolen from the inventory Feb. 16 during store hours, the complainants said. The books were then sold back to Stadium Bookstore on Fifth Avenue. Video camera footage showed two potential suspects in the store that day. The case is open.

X marks the spot

Police responded to a report of vandalism Feb. 18 at the Marshall University Jomie Jazz Center. There were various graffiti tags in the restroom. The graffiti said "AGENT." Police have no suspects.

Hot potato

Police responded to a reported shoplifting incident at the Memorial Student Center on Feb. 18. The complainant stated a male left the store without paying for a bottle of soda. When confronted, he returned the soda. An officer conducted a search of the area. Police have no suspects.

Red meet blue

Police responded to a damaged vehicle report Feb. 19 in the stadium parking lot. A blue Subaru had damage to the right front bumper and headlight. A witness gave a description of the suspect vehicle and license plate number. Officers then contacted the suspect, John D. Boykin, 18, of Boyd, Ky. The damage to Boykin's car, a Red 2006 Range Rover, was observed. Boykin was then issued a citation for striking an unattended vehicle and no proof of insurance.

What the?

Officers responded to a call from an A-1 security officer at Twin Towers East. A window had been broken in the Southeast corner of the lobby. Four residents and two guests were in the lobby at the time, none of whom saw what happened. Police have no suspects.

It's goooooood!

Police responded to a complainant who stated someone had broken into the stadium Feb. 25 to Feb. 26. Someone had taken two computer monitors, one computer mouse and 662 feet of microphone cable. The door leading into the facility was also vandalized with graffiti. A Dewalt cordless drill was also taken from a state vehicle that was parked behind a locked gate near the facility office. Police have no suspects.

Ka-boom

Officers responded Feb. 23 to a complainant who stated he was backing out of a parking spot south of Old Main when his vehicle hit another vehicle. Both parties exchanged information.

Got paper?

An unknown person took a cover to a toilet paper holder Feb. 15 in the first floor men's restroom of Corby Hall. Police have no suspects.
Ellen Kist can be contacted at kist@marshall.edu.

MUPD's tips for staying safe during spring break

THE PARTHENON

Lieutenant James Parker of the Marshall University Police Department offers some tips to be safe and keep possessions safe this Spring Break.

- Leave vehicle in a well-lighted area.
- Have someone check vehicle when gone.
- Do not leave valuables in a vehicle.
- Ask a friend or landlord to check apartment if going out of town.
- Take valuables along on a trip because a lot of break-ins occur over Spring Break.
- Leave a light, television or radio on a timer to give the appearance of activity.
- Stop mail or ask a friend to pick it up if going out of town.
- Be aware of surroundings while traveling.
- Be smart. Watch out for bad or uncomfortable situations.

These are all common sense tips, but many people get in a hurry and forget. Slow down and prepare for Spring Break.

FBI: No evidence supporting Mexico hit men targeted Americans

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Confused hit men may have gone to the wrong party, the FBI said Tuesday as it cast doubt on fears that the slaying of three people with ties to the U.S. consulate shows that Mexican drug cartels have launched an offensive against U.S. government employees.

Gunmen chased two white SUVs from the birthday party of a consulate employee's child on Saturday and opened fire as horrified relatives screamed. The two near-simultaneous attacks left three adults dead and at least two children wounded.

The working theory, described by FBI spokeswoman Andrea Simmons, drives home just how dangerous Ciudad Juarez has become — and just how vulnerable those who live and work there can be, despite the Mexican government's claims that most victims are drug smugglers.

According to the line of investigation, the assailants — believed to be aligned with the Juarez drug cartel — may have been ordered to attack a white SUV leaving a party and mistakenly went to the "Barquito de Papel," which puts on children's parties and whose name means "Paper Boat."

"We don't have any information that these folks were directly targeted because of their employment

by the U.S. government or their U.S. citizenship," Simmons said by phone from El Paso, just across the Rio Grande from Ciudad Juarez.

Experts as well cast doubt on the idea that drug cartels would be interested in turning their guns on U.S. government employees.

"A systematic, nationwide shift to the use of such tactics would work against drug traffickers' interests," said Allyson Benton, an analyst with the Eurasia Group. "It would dramatically raise the level of both Mexican and U.S. governmental involvement in the fight against organized crime."

The wife of one of the victims, a 13-year employee of the consulate named Hilda, described to a friend how she watched in horror as hit men pumped bullets into her SUV with her husband and children inside. She had been trailing her family in a second car when the attack occurred.

She leapt screaming from her car, begging the men to stop and telling them her children — ages 2, 4 and 7 — were inside, the friend said. But they continued until her husband, Jorge Alberto Salcido, was covered in blood, slumped dead behind the steering wheel.

MCTC chef hosts cooking show to benefit local charity

BY ELIZABETH ADAMS
THE PARTHENON

MCTC Cooking and Culinary Institute's Executive Chef Bill Dodson performed a live cooking show Tuesday in Portsmouth, Ohio at an event benefiting youth drug prevention.

He entertained the crowd of about 300 people in support of The Counseling Center Inc. Outreach and Prevention Program and then invited audience members to go through a buffet and try the items he created on stage.

"This is the 21st year for our youth outreach program," said Clarence Parker, prevention program director from Portsmouth, Ohio. "It's one of the longest standing prevention programs in the state of Ohio. The whole focus is giving them alternatives to being on the street getting in trouble."

The organization had to start doing fundraisers the previous two years because of the lack of available funding, Parker said. The agency receives some funding from the state of Ohio and the federal government, but primarily from a nonprofit private business that operates on its own.

"Statewide and nationally a lot of the money is going toward interdiction and drug treatment, so a lot of times the funding source for prevention is starting to dry up and go away," Parker said. "We're trying as an agency to sustain ourselves and not have to depend on grants and other

funding sources to keep the programs going."

Last summer about 140 children enrolled in the nine-week program, Parker said. The camp is open to all Scioto County children ages five through twelve and day-campers participate free of charge.

Camp activities include education, motivation and recreation, Parker said. Through the activities, the children are taught respect for themselves, respect for others and other people's property, respect for authority and giving back to the community instead of taking away from it.

"Cooking is a passion to me so I would tie it in to just about anything else that I share passion and love for," Dodson said.

MCTC Cooking and Culinary students who volunteered at the event received internship credit for their work and a resume and portfolio building opportunity toward their graduation, Dodson said.

"I like having the chance to get out and help the school do something good for the community, otherwise I wouldn't really have the chance to get involved in something like this right now," said Michael Baumgardner, cooking and culinary student who helped at the event.

"It's important for them to see the good things that come from this, how to properly support your community and how to interact with the crowd," Dodson said. "They build communication and

See CHEF 15



MCTC Executive Chef Bill Dodson used his culinary skills to help raise money for The Counseling Center Inc. Outreach and Prevention Program. The audience was able to sample the food Dodson had prepared on stage.

Writing Buffet helps students learn to prepare term papers

BY KASHA SHULL
THE PARTHENON

The Writing Center is having a Research and Writing Buffet this week for students to get one-on-one help with a paper from a tutor or a librarian.

"We wanted to offer a kind of drop-in or one stop for students working on research papers," said Kelli Johnson, library associate. "Especially right before spring break and students are scrambling around to get stuff done before they get to go have fun. Usually for really in-depth, one-on-one help,

students need to make appointments, and it might take awhile to get an appointment. This is a drop-in when students have time."

Johnson said they want students to use this time to come in and talk one-on-one with a librarian. She said librarians could help with research for the paper and tutor students while they write their paper.

"This is something new we're trying, so we're there when people need us," Johnson said.

"It is helpful because English is not my first language, so I love to have someone of the native language to help me write my essay," said Lu Li, a sophomore.

The Writing Center hands out booklets with information on how to quote a source, how to write using AP Style and how to write using the MLA format.

When students leave the buffet they are handed a sheet with information about the Writing Center and tips to writing a paper.

"I liked the fact that I got help," Li said. "Because people help me check my grammar and they are like readers for your essay, they read your essay. So it's good to listen and to take some advice from your reader."

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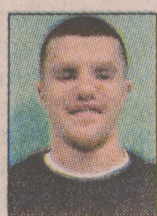


by Marshall baseball's Victor Gomez. The junior leads the team in the category and has helped push the Herd to a 7-6 record.

As I see it

Jordan ready for new chance

When the Hornets buzzed out of town to New Orleans before the 2002-2003 season, it deprived the city of Charlotte of a professional basketball team.



Jonas Swecker
COLUMNIST

Charlotte was granted an expansion team before the 2004-2005 season, the Bobcats, which have had minimal success since their NBA existence.

That could be about to change. Upon its re-entry to the NBA, Charlotte acquired players such as young forward Gerald Wallace, an All-Star this season, from the Kings and drafted center Emeka Okafor out of the University of Connecticut. Okafor was an instant success and won the NBA Rookie of the Year Award in 2005 but ironically was traded to New Orleans for Tyson Chandler earlier this season.

The Bobcats struggled immensely in their first year as a team, however, finishing the season with an overall record of just 18-64. Definitely nothing to get excited about if you had once been a die-hard Hornets fan and were used to watching Baron Davis lead your favorite team to the playoffs while dropping 18 points and adding 8.5 assists per game.

Now, after a long period of struggling, things are looking up.

Last season the team finished with a 35-47 record. This year, with 16 games left in the regular season, Charlotte is only one game away from matching that total. Also, the Bobcats are in sixth place in the Eastern Conference and are eyeing their first playoff berth.

Also, the NBA's Board of Governors approved NBA Hall of Famer Michael Jordan's \$257 million bid to buy the Bobcats, which definitely couldn't hurt.

Jordan, who was a star at the University of North Carolina, grew up in Wilmington, N.C., which is just 197 miles from Charlotte.

Jordan tried his hand at owning a professional basketball team but was fired from his management role at the Washington Wizards after returning as a player. Washington seemed to be an experimental process for Jordan, who hopefully has it right this time around. The Associated Press reported that Jordan will assume about \$150 million in debt and that the 6-year-old team is on pace to lose about \$30 million this season because of slow sponsorship and ticket sales.

Here's why I think this works. First of all, the team is young and skillful.

Former UNC point guard and Marion, S.C., native, Raymond Felton is just 25 years old and runs the point effectively with 11.7 points and 5.4 assists per game. I believe he is underrated and too often overlooked. Other players such as Wallace, Chandler, Boris Diaw and Tyrus Thomas are also under 30.

Secondly, who wouldn't want an NBA icon running their team, especially one who has proven successful one?

Over the years, Jordan has established himself as one of the most successful professional athletes to remain successful after their playing career. Heard of brand Jordan? Yeah. Plus, who better for the young players to look up to than a six-time NBA champion? You can bet every one of these guys will be playing their butts off to impress His Airness.

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Finding the right ones



When Marshall football coaches go out and recruit, they usually mention the people of Marshall University. They also mention the atmosphere such as the one shown of fans celebrating during a football game.

FILE PHOTO

Football recruiting looks for passion to match the Herd

BY TROY HEMINGWAY
THE PARTHENON

Recruiting high school football players to play for a college football team is important to the success of any college program.

Marshall University football coaches are making sure they recruit players based on more than talent.

Tight ends coach Phil Ratliff is one of the coaches involved in the recruiting process, and he said that it is important to recruit young men first and players second.

"It is very important to recruit good people," Ratliff said. "We try to see the character of the young men first and find out if they are people who we want to represent this program."

Although the character of the young men is first with the coaches, it doesn't mean athletic ability and talent isn't considered just as important.

"We recruit for our program athletically," Ratliff said. "They need to be well-rounded with good athletic skills, good character and also good students."

With all the recruiting violations and investigations going on at major programs such as USC and the University of Michigan, the recruiting process has become a task that has many rules which need to be followed to the letter.

Recruiting coordinator JaJuan Seider has the responsibility of making sure his coaches are recruiting the right way.

"I tell the coaches to go out there and work," Seider said. "There are a lot of rules to follow, but if we are doing things the way they are supposed to be done then our work will pay off."

Marshall's last recruiting class was one of the most highly publicized in program's history. Marshall received 25 commitments, and some of them were from players who were being offered scholarships to bigger schools and programs.

Seider said when recruiting against bigger schools, it is important to focus on establishing relationships and being honest with the players and their families.

"I tell my guys not to back out if the players have offers from bigger programs," Seider said. "Build a relationship and get the kids to trust you."

Even though the football season hasn't started, the coaches have already started working on the recruiting class for the 2011 season. They are looking at different players around the country while trying to assess what they already have and the holes they have to fill.

"We are in the process of evaluating our positions," Seider said. "We are looking at the defensive and offensive lines, as well as the secondary. We are going to fill positions with winners."

When asked what they tell players and their families about

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Some will step up to NCAA stardom

BY JOHN MARSHALL
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

It happens nearly every year: an unheralded player, maybe from a school few people know about, goes on a scoring tear or single-handedly carries his team through a couple of rounds of the NCAA tournament.

Two years ago, little Stephen Curry from Davidson dashed his way through the bracket, shooting the Wildcats past Gonzaga, Georgetown and Wisconsin on the way to the regional finals.

There was Wally Szczerbiak taking Miami (Ohio) to the 1999 Sweet Sixteen, Bo Kimble carrying Loyola Marymount into the 1990 regional finals after the death of Hank Gathers, Fennis Dembo hoisting Wyoming to the regional semis in 1987.

Perhaps the greatest one-man show was Larry Bird in 1979, leading Indiana State to the title game against Magic Johnson and Michigan State.

So who could be this year's Curry, Kimble or Bird? The guys who aren't Evan Turner, Sherron Collins, John Wall or Scottie Reynolds?

Here are a few to keep an eye on:

Derrick Caracter, UTEP, — Randy Culppepper was the Conference USA player of the year, but Caracter made the Miners an inside-out team after transferring from Louisville. He's a lane-clogger who can be a game-changer.

Dominique Sutton, Kansas St. — It's not always the scorers who make a difference. Sutton doesn't have much range outside 12 feet, but can change a game with defense

and rebounding. He's a shutdown cornerback in a hoops jersey.

Armon Bassett, Ohio, — Explosive scorer who led the Bobcats to a surprise win in the Mid-American Conference tournament, scoring a record 119 points in four games.

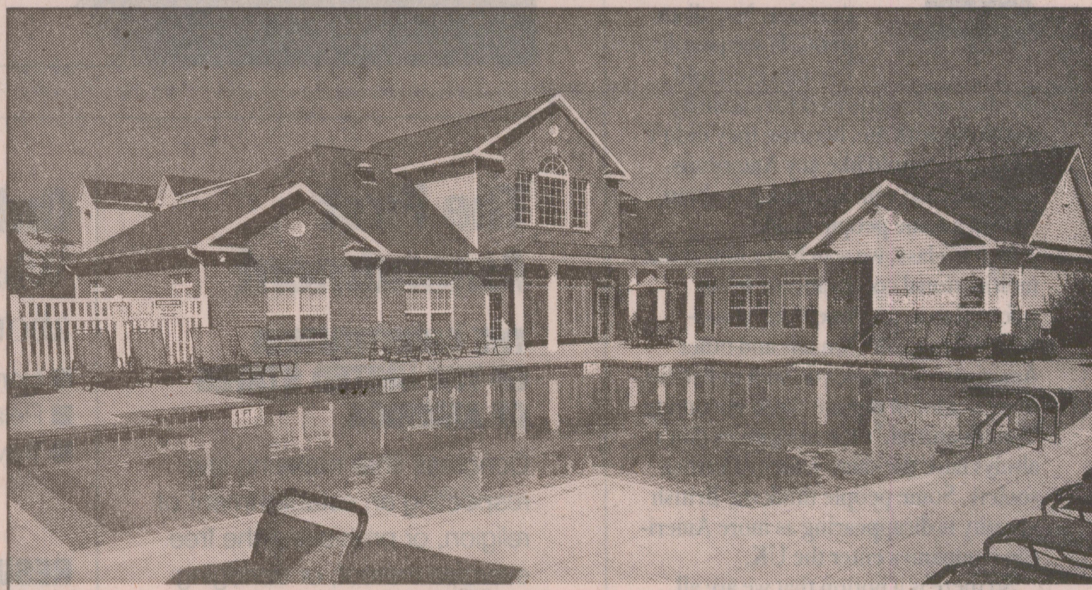
Aubrey Coleman, Houston, Sr. — Might be the most likely player to go on a Curry-like run. The nation's leading scorer (25.6 points) will be ready to fire after going 4-for-20 in the Conference USA title game.

Kevin Anderson, Richmond, — The Atlantic-10 player of the year has given opponents a case of arachnophobia, averaging 17.8 points a game this season to help the seventh-seeded Spiders win 12 of their last 13.

LaceDarius Dunn, Baylor, — Dunn honed his skills by tying his left hand behind his back at the urging of a middle-school PE teacher. It worked. He's the leading 3-point shooter in the tournament at 42.5 percent and has a sneeze-quick release.

Ryan Wittman, Cornell, — The Ivy League player of the year, Wittman is the key to the Big Red's attack, averaging 17.5 points. He's hit 100 3-pointers this season and 368 in his college career. An NBA career could await him.

Kevin Thompson, Morgan State, — The sophomore was the MEAC's defensive player of the year, ranks fourth in the nation with 11.9 rebounds per game and leads the team with 50 blocks this season.



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"Authorities wanted to ensure that

the children were given back to the right parents."

Jeanne Bernard-Pierre, general director for Haiti's Institute on Social Welfare, about reuniting about 33 Haitian children with their families after American missionaries tried to take them out of the country

THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

Don't forget the important things on spring break

Take care of your valuables and other safety precautions so you can enjoy your break

This week, the next and probably the week after, we'll have spring break on the mind. Who can think of anything else when it gets this warm and we know we haven't had a holiday in forever?

We sit in class thinking about catching up on sleep and the

temporary relief from the worry of class assignments. For some of us, we're dreaming about the places we'll go and the loved ones we'll get to spend some quality time with again.

With all these good thoughts taking up our brains, it's easy to forget some of the important things.

Marshall University's Police Department reminds us there are plenty of things that we need to be thinking about. As always, in a time of some change and excitement, stuff can go wrong and people can take advantage of the frenzied spring break atmosphere.

Break-ins occur more often during this time, according to the police department. When you're away from home, your valuables become an easier target to be stolen. Also, when

traveling, some of us may be going to places that are fun, but maybe we don't know much about. It's important to be aware of your surroundings and learn about the more dangerous places of the place you're going.

We are adults and as such we have more freedom to travel to farther places and have experiences we've never had before. The opportunities are endless at our age and to take full advantage of them, we must act responsibly in all areas of having a great time.

We're smart and the things that need to be taken care of to maintain safety are simple matters that won't take up too much time or thought. So just remember to make sure everything is in order and then you won't have to worry about anything while you're on break. You can just sit back in your chair on the beach sipping a fruity drink or talk into the late hours of the night with family and friends without a care in the world.

SHEA ANDERSON
BRITAIN BANTER

Negative images and stereotypes

Being from another country is always a good topic of conversation when I meet new people in England. People want to know if we have the same restaurants, businesses and products. Have I eaten a crumpet?



Shea Anderson
COLUMNIST

Do we have a Tesco grocery store, too? How many people really drive Hummers? And while it's fun to compare cultures, many Brits enter the conversation already having strong opinions about America. Not all are good. Some people I've met even told

me they were surprised they actually got along with me, because they didn't think they would like any Americans.

It made me wonder what it is about America some people dislike.

In one class, we watched a film about multinational corporations. It was referred to as an 'American' sensation. Though McDonalds and other American companies do well in Britain, there is a lot of unease about becoming 'Americanized.' Our companies don't always have the same values of British society. Some people think the British identity is disappearing as more American companies enter the UK.

So there is a notion that we are all greedy, pushy and full of ourselves because of the negative associations that accompany our businesses.

The war is another current area of tension between America and some British citizens. Some people think it was a poor decision to enter into the war, and they resent that we caused a conflict that has cost so many lives.

But this is a view many American citizens hold as well. Not everyone is happy with the war. Not everyone approves of the decisions our corporations make, either. But our political decisions and businesses in other countries are what people see about us. They might not know any Americans, but their opinions can be influenced by what they do see about us.

To be fair, it seems every country brings along stereotypes. But for every joke I've heard about the "whiny" French, I've met several French people who never complain. For every time someone's laughed about the "vulgar" Germans, I've met several the exact opposite. I hope when someone makes a crack about "cocky" Americans, they don't think of me.

I can try to represent our country as best I can, but there are always going to be negative images of America. One thing we can do to change that is participate actively in politics and ensure our decisions as a country reflect well on us. Also, we can put pressure on American companies to make better decisions.

But when someone makes a joke about a country, we also need to remember that these stereotypes, no matter what causes them, do not reflect the whole of a population. Individuals are not sculpted only by where they come from.

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The First Amendment

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Online poll

What are you looking forward to most about spring break?

- Home-cooked food
- Relaxation
- Travel

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RESULTS

What is your favorite spring sport?

- Baseball/Softball.....52%
- Tennis.....24%
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REAL TALK

Learning system could be adjusted

For the last couple of weeks Marshall students have been cramming and stressing about midterm exams. We've spent hours in the library, pulled all nighters and ordered countless pizzas in preparation for tests.



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COLUMNIST

Midterm exams make or break your grade in a lot of classes and they set the tone for the rest of the semester. We read over our books and notes trying to guess what our professors are going to put on the tests. Memorization takes precedence over learning.

In her memoir, Barbara Walters talked about how she didn't know what kind of student she had been because her alma mater, Sarah Lawrence College did not have traditional grades and examinations. Barbara Walters spent her entire undergraduate career engrossed in subjects that she was interested in and didn't have to stress about memorizing the "right" answers. She was able to learn in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could just learn for the sake of learning and not be evaluated? Our traditional educational system of cramming information and regurgitating it to an exam may be doing more harm than good. It's not teaching people to think critically and ask questions because they're just worried about coming up with the "right" answers. I know tests are designed to let teachers see what you have learned and retained, but in my view, learning is a very personal experience. It's like DNA or a fingerprint. No two people learn the same way or retain the same things.

A more interactive approach could be the answer. I remember reading The Diary of Anne Frank in the eighth grade and the book resonated with me a lot more after seeing the play at Actors Theatre of Louisville. Anne's story hit home even more later on in high school when I took a trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C.

I often wonder if the Diary of Anne Frank would be one of my favorite books today if I had been forced to stress out about being tested on it.

Like the rest of you I am looking forward to spring break next week, not only because we get a break from classes, but also it will give me a chance to do some reading. Not reading in preparation for an exam, but reading just because.

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WVFREE documents West Virginia reproductive rights movement

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A reproductive justice organization, WVFREE, will be speaking on behalf of Marshall University's Women's Center and Women's History Month. WVFREE will feature a documentary of the women's rights movement in West Virginia.

Margaret Chapman Pomponio, executive director of WVFREE, will be attending the event.

"We will be highlighting a documentary that's a snapshot of the reproductive justice movement," Pomponio said. "We believe at WVFREE that reproductive justice is for the women's right movement."

"The documentary will highlight the struggles of West Virginia and illustrate the rights we do have."

WVFREE is a reproductive justice organization that works for West Virginia families to improve education on reproductive options, increase access to affordable birth control and protect personal decision-making, including decisions about whether or when to have a child, according to the WVFREE Web site.

"It's important for women to make decisions about having children," Pomponio said.

Pomponio said she started a women's action coalition

in college and has taught women's studies.

"The theme of this year's women's history month is 'writing women back into history' and when people think of that, they don't necessarily think of reproductive rights and its importance," said Claire Snyder, graduate assistant of the Women's Center.

"I hope this brings awareness to students and shows them the meaning of reproductive rights and our society's cultural history," said Camilla Overup, graduate assistant of the Women's Center.

Reproductive rights is a hot-button issue in health care reform, which makes it important for student voters and citizens to be aware of the issue, Overup said.

"Inviting WVFREE and letting them show us their fight for women's rights in West Virginia is a way for us to write women's stories back into history," Snyder said.

"Younger generations forget or don't know that the fight for reproduction rights is so important," Pomponio said. "They need to know what they are and protect what they have."

The event will be at 7 p.m. in Room 2W16 of the Memorial Student Center.

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community, Marshall will be right there at the end with a chance to land the recruit.

"Everybody has nice facilities, but in the end it's the people that make the difference," Seider said. "As long as we build a relationship and have a chance in the end then that is all we can ask for."

"When kids see the passion of the fan base and the warmth of the community they feel like this is the place that they need to be."

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Marshall when they are recruiting, both coaches said it starts with the community and the people of Huntington.

"First of all it's the people," Ratliff said. "This community and Marshall go hand-in-hand. It all stems from the plane crash and how it has brought the people and the school together."

Seider agreed, saying that as long as the coaches are honest with players and tell them about the passion of the

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networking skills, and they see how important and impactful it can be to a community to support a cause like this."

"It's exciting to see our community get behind this and realize that our children are important," Parker said. "If we don't get the funds from the state or from federal government, the reality is we have to discontinue the program and that would be a tremendous loss to the community."

Event attendance and donations doubled from last year, Parker said.

"It's always a great thing to support something like this and it helps bring community support back to us," Dodson said. "It's kind of a give and take, sort of like building good karma."

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WRITING

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"I think this really has the potential to help students," Johnson said. "We're not just showing students this is how you would look for something, now go do it, but we're there with you and helping you find information you need and helping you work on that paper and having it come together."

The Writing Buffet will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., today in Drinko Library in Room 138.

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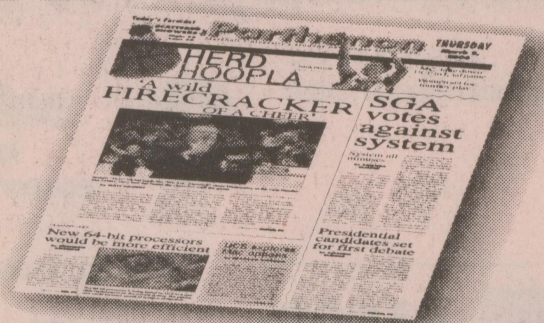
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