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THE PARTHENON

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Jobs, health care are issues in midterm elections

BY ERIN SHAVER
THE PARTHENON

Voters are considering the state of the economy and its effects on jobs and health care reform as the major issues of state and national campaigns when casting their ballots in the midterm elections.

The U.S. Congress seems to be unable to agree on most issues, so West Virginia voters will consider what can aid the state's economy, said Doug McKinney, chairman of the West Virginia Republican Party.

"I think West Virginians are beginning to understand the way to create jobs is to lower taxes on businesses and regulations on businesses, and that's what stimulates job creation in the private sector," McKinney said. "If you create more jobs, that will create a bigger tax base and that improves the economy for everybody."

With the unemployment rate in West Virginia reaching 11 percent, jobs in the state's industries

are vital to the future of the state, said Nick Casey, chairman of the West Virginia Democratic Party.

"Jobs, especially coal-related jobs, is the issue," Casey said. "The entire country is not supportive of coal."

Casey said Congressman Nick Joe Rahall, who is up for re-election in West Virginia's 3rd Congressional District, has been the state's voice for coal in Washington, D.C.

"Congressman Rahall chairs the Natural Resource Committee," Casey said. "He brings a public voice for the coal industry and a private one in committee sessions to give the coal industry its proper status."

McKinney said the national leadership in the Democratic Party is, with few exceptions, not supportive of the coal industry and Rahall's voting record demonstrates likelihood to vote along party lines.

Some public opinion polls have shown dissatisfaction with Congress, so questions of the security

of Rahall's seat arise from all parties, but if one looks deeper into public opinion, this argument loses validity, said Marybeth Beller, associate professor of political science at Marshall University.

"While a lot of public opinion surveys over the years suggest most Americans are rarely satisfied with Congress regardless of which party is in control, these same polls also suggest Americans also approve individually of their own representative," Beller said.

Beller said the reason an incumbent is likely to win an election is because Americans are able to divorce their own representative from the entire legislature on national and state levels.

Being an incumbent is advantageous, especially on the state level, said George Davis, assistant professor of political science at Marshall.

"People don't pay that much attention to midterm elections, especially local elections," Davis said. "We're usually going to vote based on recognition rather than issues because local issues aren't

as well known."

McKinney said a specific state issue is the need for an economic boost, and the Democratic leadership the state has had for the past 70 years does not support that economic growth.

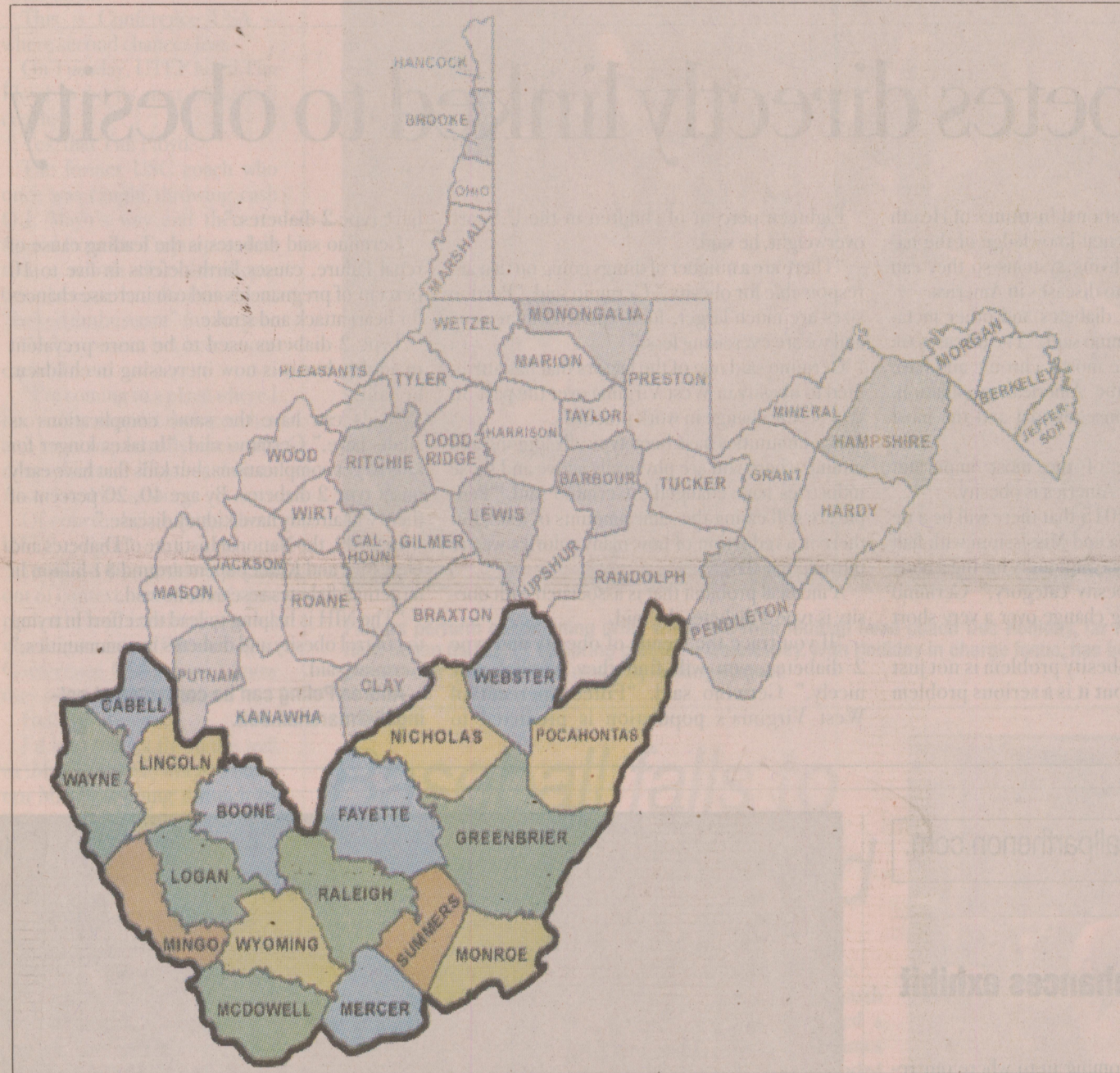
Blaming a single party for the myriad of issues a state has is an unfortunate, common generalization, Beller said.

"The Republican Party has a big presence and an important presence in the state, so wholesale blame on Democratic leadership is not entirely accurate," Beller said.

In the same way, dissatisfaction with the U.S. Congress has led fringe groups such as the growing Tea Party to suggest all incumbents are the problem with the lack of new legislation, Beller said.

"Wholesale blame, frankly, doesn't address any issues," Beller said. "Nevertheless, we have to admit there is an anti-incumbent environment that persists."

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West Virginia's 3rd Congressional District, above, includes Cabell and Wayne counties. Primary elections will happen throughout the state May 11.

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Editor's Note >> The Parthenon begins a series that profiles issues and candidates for state races for the West Virginia primary election May 11. Marshall University lies within the 15th District House of Delegates, 5th District state Senate and 3rd Congressional district whose candidates will be profiled.

Clerk encourages students to exercise voting rights

BY KELSEY THOMAS
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students are encouraged to vote in the primary elections May 11 even if they are not residents of Cabell County.

Residents will have an opportunity to vote on national, state and local issues in the election, said Karen Cole, Cabell County clerk. The primary election selects nominees to run in the general election, which is Nov. 2.

Cole said many students don't exercise their voting rights.

"We have a lot of young people registered, but that's as far as it gets in a lot of cases," Cole said. "That's just the first step. Being registered is not going to do anything unless you exercise the power behind it."

Marshall students who are not residents of Cabell County but want to vote here have two options for voting, Cole said. They can either register to vote in the county where they live and vote absentee or they can register to vote in Cabell County.

Citizens who are 18 years old or will be 18 years old by Nov. 2 may register to vote in the primary election, Cole said. Those registering to vote must be a resident of the county in which they are registering.

Residents can register to vote multiple ways, Cole said. One way is to visit the voter registration office in Suite 104 of the Cabell County Courthouse. Citizens may also register by mail by calling the voter

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Nonprofit organization comes to campus



Sports

Baseball vs. EKU
3 p.m. | Richmond, Ky.

Women's tennis
2 p.m. Friday | Huntington Tennis Club

Entertainment

Hank Williams Jr.
7 p.m. Friday | Charleston Civic Center

Community

World Famous Lipizzaner Stallions
7:30 p.m. | Big Sandy Superstore Arena

On campus

Join the Nuru Story
7 p.m. | Memorial Student Center

Vagina Monologues
8 p.m. | Marcos, Memorial Student Center

New movies

Friday, April 2
Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too
Clash of the Titans

Friday, April 9
Date Night

TODAY ON TV



Vampire Diaries
8 p.m.
CW



Survivor
8 p.m.
CBS



The Office
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9 p.m.
NBC



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Health trends can affect students, be aware

Bulimia a problem among young adults

BY KELSEY THOMAS
THE PARTHENON

Many young Americans are affected by a disorder that could cause irreversible damage if not treated early.

Bulimia is a dangerous eating disorder characterized by repeated episodes of binge eating and purging, said Alicia Baker, graduate assistant for student health at Marshall University.

There are two types of bulimia, she said. The first type is characterized by vomiting, in which an individual vomits the food they ingest to avoid absorbing the calories. The second type is characterized by the use of laxatives or diuretics to cleanse the body of the food ingested.

"They usually are trying to get rid of all the food they eat, because they don't want to absorb calories and therefore they want to avoid gaining weight," said Dr. Hyla Harvey, M.D., of Harvey

Family Medicine in Hurricane, W.Va.

Harvey said unlike anorexics, bulimics can be normal weight or slightly overweight because of a constant fluctuation in food intake.

There are many negative health consequences to bulimia, Harvey said. A person's general health suffers because the body isn't receiving enough calories or nutrients. The body is prone to develop more infections that are harder to fight off.

Individuals with bulimia may also develop dental problems, because stomach acid erodes the enamel on their teeth, Harvey said. The skin on their knuckles can also become very irritated and calloused from exposure to stomach acid during induced vomiting.

Repeated vomiting can also cause permanent damage to the esophagus, Baker said.

She said bulimia can cause brittle hair, nails and bones because of a lack of vitamins and nutrients.

This lack of vitamins and nutrients can eventually cause death.

There are some obvious signs that someone may have bulimia, Baker said. The individual may be rarely seen eating in public, or they may go to the restroom immediately after eating to purge the food. Bulimics are likely to show very anxious or nervous tendencies, especially around food. The tendencies heighten when the individual is forced to postpone purging.

Treatment is most effective if pursued early in the disorder, Baker said. The longer the individual is engaged in the disorder, the harder it will be to treat. If the disorder occurs for too long, it can cause irreversible damage.

Bulimia treatment occurs in two steps, Baker said. The first step is seeing a doctor to make sure the person has enough nutrients in his or her system. The second step is seeing a psychologist to overcome the fear

of gaining weight and restructure the individual's thoughts of his or her body.

Harvey said defeating any eating disorder is a difficult struggle that could take years to completely overcome.

Baker said bulimia could be a potentially big problem on Marshall University's campus.

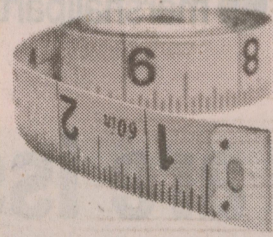
She said the all-you-can-eat dining halls make students more prone to binge eat and purge.

"I'm not saying anything against the all-you-can-eat cafeteria," Baker said. "I think it's a great option, but it's possible, it can happen here."

Harvey said she would like to urge people to become comfortable with their own body types.

"It is important to have good eating habits and good exercise but not to expect that everyone has to look like a supermodel in order to be attractive," he said.

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Understanding Eating Disorders

EDITOR'S NOTE

Eating disorders are a problem among college students, but it is rarely discussed. The Parthenon thinks it is important students take good care of their bodies, so we will publish a four-part series addressing eating disorders in hopes of educating Marshall students about the dangers associated with them.

Speaker says diabetes directly linked to obesity

BY ANDREA POLING
THE PARTHENON

An official from the National Institutes of Health took part in the 22nd annual research day Wednesday at the Marshall Medical Center.

Dr. Gregory Germino, deputy director of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, addressed the issue of diabetes or the growing problems with diabetes and obesity in the U.S.

The school invited Germino to research day to talk about the epidemics of obesity and diabetes, said Richard Niles, professor and chairman of biochemistry and microbiology and senior associate dean of graduate education for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

"He tells us what we can do to prevent and treat the epidemic in our community and the nations," Niles said.

Germino said the National Institutes of Health tries to get a fundamental knowledge of the nature and behavior of living systems so they can apply that knowledge to diseases in America.

"The NIH looks at diabetes and other metabolic disorders," Germino said. "The diseases we are responsible for are mostly chronic and have common effects on the American population. They are the most consequential and the most costly diseases."

Germino said one of the most important emerging problems in America is obesity.

"It is projected by 2015 that there will be a tie between West Virginia and Mississippi with half of the individuals in the community having a body mass index in the obesity category," Germino said. "It is an alarming change over a very short period of time."

Germino said the obesity problem is not just a problem in adults, but it is a serious problem in children.

Eighteen percent of children in the U.S. are overweight, he said.

"There are a number of things going on that are responsible for obesity," Germino said. "Portion sizes are much larger, food intake is increasing and we are exercising less."

Germino said one of the factors that has attributed to obesity in West Virginia over the past 30 years is the change in work practices.

"Communities have been typically logging and mining where you are physically active and those industries have changed," Germino said. "People are still eating the same amounts of food, but there is a reduction of how many calories we are burning in a day."

A medical problem that is associated with obesity is type 2 diabetes, he said.

"If you trace the trends of obesity and type 2 diabetes, you will find they parallel very nicely," Germino said. "Fifteen percent of West Virginia's population is predicted to

have type 2 diabetes."

Germino said diabetes is the leading cause of renal failure, causes birth defects in five to 10 percent of pregnancies and can increase chances for heart attack and stroke.

Type 2 diabetes used to be more prevalent in adults, but it is now increasing in children, he said.

"Kids can have the same complications as adults have," Germino said. "It takes longer for kids to get complications, but kids that have early onset type 2 diabetes. By age 40, 20 percent of them will already have kidney disease."

In 2009, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney spent around \$1 billion in targeting diabetes research, he said.

"The NIH is helping to lead the effort in trying to control obesity and diabetes in communities," Germino said.

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Museum acquires multimedia technology, enhances exhibit

BY JOHN YEINGST
THE PARTHENON

The department of art and design and the department of integrated science and technology recently finished the production of a touch screen, static system for the new West Virginia State Museum in the Culture Center.

The addition to the museum allows people to explore multimedia about recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor from West Virginia.

Brent Patterson, art and design professor at Marshall University, has been working on the project for over a year with Marshall graduate student, Jetwihan Chaowadee. Patterson and Chaowadee specialized in the system's programming and functionality.

Brian Morgan, associate professor in the integrated science and technology department worked with his students to make sure the system was installed properly in the exhibit and could run successfully.

"In a world that is being driven by technology, being able to add a few technology driven exhibits gives users a chance to immerse themselves in history," Morgan said. "With the Medal of Honors application, users can learn about the various military heroes from West Virginia as well as watch a quick aerial flyover of where each soldier served in battle as opposed to where West Virginia is located."

"We were able to do this by capturing movies

from Google Earth, zooming in to where our research showed the battles to have taken place."

Morgan has been a professor since 2000 and was Director of Instruction Technology at Marshall from 1997 to 2000.

Morgan said by working on this project and allowing students to participate in the building and testing of the applications, it has given both him and his students a sense of accomplishment in being able to work on a real-world application that will be used by thousands of people.

The touch screen systems are part of a larger project overseen by professor Mike Little of integrated science and technology to design, build and install the sophisticated multimedia screens for the state museum.

"The systems will provide an engaging interactive environment in which visitors can explore and learn about the rich and complex history of West Virginia's people, culture and place in the world," Patterson said.

Patterson said he is considering future projects of this nature because of the successful collaboration between the two departments.

"I hope to continue this line of work, or to even spin off a business as there is evidently a need for the service and products we provided," Patterson said.

The systems went live March 16 as a permanent part of the State Cultural Museum. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

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Theda Perdue, professor of Southern Culture at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, speaks about the history of Native American women. Her presentation was called, "Sagawaea and Her Sisters: writing the history of Native American women."

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West Virginia governor rethinks \$5 million senior care veto

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Gov. Joe Manchin is reconsidering his recent line-item veto of \$5.5 million budgeted for senior in-home care.

Manchin agreed Wednesday to propose a supplemental measure to restore that funding during an upcoming special legislative session on education.

Lawmakers and Manchin have repeatedly sparred over this program. It offers eligible seniors

and the disabled an alternative to nursing homes.

The governor had increased its funding in the recently passed budget by \$8 million. Lawmakers added another \$7.5 million, to avoid the waiting lists that have plagued the Medicaid waiver program.

Manchin reduced their increase to \$2 million last week when he approved the new budget.

House and Senate leaders joined the governor in Wednesday's announcement.

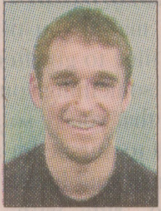


left for the Marshall University football team. All practices are open for the public to attend.

Ramsbacher's Rumblings

C-USA: A league of second chances

Are you a battered and beaten, sometimes cheating, former men's basketball coach of a big name university?



Andrew Ramsbacher
COLUMNIST

Do you want a job, but you're scared some big, bad athletic director will frown upon your tarnished reputation?

Well, have I got a place for you!

Step right up, leave those frayed resumés at the door and come on in.

This is Conference USA — where second chances live.

On Tuesday, UTEP hired Tim Floyd to be its next basketball coach.

Yes, that Tim Floyd.

The former-USC coach who once was caught throwing cash O.J. Mayo's way and then resigned from his Trojan post less than a month after the allegations because he, all of a sudden, "lacked enthusiasm" for the job.

Well, you can bet he's re-energized now.

"I'm coming to a place where I know they support their coaches and more importantly, their student athletes," Floyd said in an Associated Press story.

Of course, he's talking about UTEP ... right?

I may be taking this a tad bit out of context here, but let's just pretend Floyd is referring to his new league as in, "I'm coming to Conference USA where I know they support their coaches."

Hell yes, they do.

I'd love to be a fly on the wall in March 2004 when Southern Miss was going through its interview process with college coed-loving, Natty Light-drinking, got caught picture-taking loverboy Larry Eustachy.

So, Miss administrator: Larry, you really have a great resumé. It seems you really made waves at Iowa State. Taking a little known basketball program like that to the Elite Eight in 2000 is an incredible achievement! How, again, did you get fired?

Eustachy (with head down in a muffled tone): Uhh... I kind of went out one night in Missouri, got drunk, took pictures with sorority girls and made a complete fool of myself and the university.

So, Miss administrator: Pssh, that's not so bad. I used to do that all the time in college. What do you say to a second chance with us here at Southern Miss?

Eustachy (in his best Flounder impression): Would I? I'd love to! Oh boy, this is great!

As funny and ridiculous as it sounds, this is the caliber of coach C-USA has grown accustomed to adopting as its own.

This is now a conference where you have the opportunity to dust yourself off and rejuvenate your career.

Sure, Mike Davis took an Indiana team to the brink of a national championship in 2002. But soon it became evident that he couldn't fill Bobby Knight's shoes so he resigned four years later.

Within a month, Davis was shaking hands with the good people of Birmingham, Ala., as UAB's new head man.

And five seasons after Matt Doherty guided high and mighty North Carolina to an unthinkable 8-20 record, he was given the keys to the SMU basketball program.

So, in the wake of the Donnie Jones to UCF fallout, may I suggest a few names for Mike

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Springing into the season



Players perform conditioning drills while Marshall football head coach Doc Holliday, far right, watches on. The Herd began its first of 15 spring practices Wednesday. With Holliday in charge focus, has been on conditioning of players and adjusting to a new play-calling system.

New coach has new system for Herd practice

BY KYLE HOBSTETTER
THE PARTHENON

With warm weather and a bright sun shining down on Joan C. Edwards Stadium, many Marshall football fans hoped that Wednesday marked the beginning of a bright future.

Marshall football began spring practice; the first practices under new head coach Doc Holliday.

With players in practice jerseys and shorts, it may be hard to take a good look into the future, but for Holliday it was just about getting started.

"You can't tell a whole lot about them in shorts," Holliday said. "But the one thing we were trying to accomplish today was trying to get the offense and defense installed and work on some phases of the kicking game."

As Holliday was working on installing a new system, it seemed like he was also working on teaching the team a new tempo. Players were told to sprint through every drill and every play ran during the practice and some players were going through extra conditioning drills.

Senior linebacker Mario Harvey said that while practice was hard, the team has to get ready to play.

"It was kind of rough at times," Harvey said. "But we pulled through it and we have to come back out here and re-meet the requirements that they want us to work at. We just got to keep working hard, and make it do what it do."

While Holliday wanted his players to work hard and go at a faster tempo, it was understandable if things went a little slow.

Holliday and his staff are bringing a new offensive and defensive scheme that differs from the previous staff's play-calling.

The new head coach said as the players are learning; it's hard to go full force with so much information going on.

"It's hard to play the game when you are thinking and playing at the same time," Holliday said. "When you're putting in a new system, they're thinking and playing a little bit slower."

With the new system being one of the main

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Baseball falls to ECU on the road

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The Marshall University baseball team dropped a midweek non-conference tilt to Eastern Kentucky, 10-6 on Wednesday at Turkey Hughes Field.

Marshall (10-13) outit ECU (12-11) 12-11, but the Colonels scored two or more runs in four different innings to claim the victory.

The Thundering Herd scored the first run of the game in top of the second when Kurt Lipton crossed home on a RBI groundout by Nathan Gomez. ECU responded quickly, scoring twice in the second and three more times in the fourth to chase Herd starter Mike

Cavalli (1-2) from the game.

Down 7-1 entering the sixth inning, the Herd mounted a comeback, scoring three times in the inning. The Herd loaded the bases thanks to two walks and a hit by pitch with one down. James Lavinskas hit a sac fly, and later Kenny Socorro knocked a two-run single to center, putting the Herd within three, 7-4.

After the Colonels pushed across a run in the seventh, Marshall tallied two more runs thanks to RBI singles from Thor Meeks and Kirby Pellant. Unfortunately, ECU scored two more times in the bottom of the inning and kept the Herd off the scoreboard in the ninth to preserve the 10-6 victory.



FILE PHOTO
Marshall catcher Thor Meeks, shown in a game last season, went 1-3 and had 1 RBIs against Eastern Kentucky, but the Herd fell to the Colonels 10-6 at Richmond. The Herd now has a 10-13 record on the season.

Cheerleading hosting open gym, tryouts

THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Cheerleaders will conduct their last open gym prior to tryouts Saturday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Cam Henderson Center.

Any interested student should attend and get some extra practice on learning the material for tryouts.

Tryouts for the team will be conducted April 16-18, starting at 5 p.m. on that Friday.

Tryouts will take place in the Gullickson Hall Gym.

Any student interested in portraying Marco for the 2010-2011 season should plan to attend an informational meeting 4 p.m. this Saturday.

The tryout process will be discussed and information will be distributed.

The students portraying Marco receive financial assistance just like the members of the cheer team.

Due to the Easter holiday weekend, if you are unable to attend the Marco meeting, please E-mail cheerleading coach Duane Nutt.

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THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

Americans need more time to laugh and have fun

Today is April Fool's Day; let it be the start of more light-heartedness in life

March Madness will be over Monday, but it seems the chaos of classes has all but started again after spring break has ended. We thought we were busy before break, but all those assignments we forgot about last week have found a way to sneak up and are due right around the corner. As our stomachs keep turning into tighter knots and we begin to be consumed by the stress, let's try to hold onto the more easygoing side of life.

Today is April Fool's Day, which gives people all over the U.S. an excuse to act a little careless, be a little silly and hopefully get a good laugh in the end. As Americans, we often don't get enough time to relax and just do things that make us happy. Compared to other countries, the U.S. is low on the scale of average number of paid vacation days per year given to employees. While the U.S., on average, has only 13 days, Italy

has 42, France 37 and Germany 35.

For Americans, ages 25 to 54 with children, most of the time is spent on the job or sleeping to regain energy for more work. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, eight hours is reserved for work, 7.6 hours is used for rest and only 2.6 hours is reserved for leisure and sports.

No wonder more than one in 20 Americans 12 years and older were found to have current depression, according to data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey for 2005-2006 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

We are literally worked to death so we can spend money on homes that we don't live in and buy items that we don't want. Our consumer-driven country that bombards us with advertisements makes us think life is all about work so we can have all the stuff that we end up not being able to use anyway. It ends up being a very frustrating and depressing situation.

We need to rethink how the world has told us we need to be. The way it is going right now, people aren't getting anything out of life. We need to make it a priority to find and do the things that we most enjoy. Maybe that can be finding a job you really like, but that most likely

it will be found somewhere else.

An example is getting a hobby or interest that is great at whatever it is. Maybe it's drawing cartoon characters or going hiking or taking pictures. Find that something that makes you tick and give yourself the time to go after it. You might even find something you love doing so much and that you're so good at, is what you want to pursue for a career and it could change your life around for the better.

So, ride with the flow of April Fool's Day's lighthearted nature and be a little careless, be a little silly. You'll be a lot happier.

SHEA ANDERSON
BRITAIN BANTER

The US is just not green enough

Because going green is the newest trend, today I got a fashionable green bag, made of 100 percent recycled plastic. Most people in England use recycled bags, which they take back to the store and reuse. If the bags break, they can simply be traded in, and the broken bag gets recycled.

This is one of many ways England is beating America in environmental friendliness. While reusable bags are offered in America, they are seldom used. But in Cambridge, you are out of place if you are carrying disposable bags.

I don't understand why Americans don't do the same. Not only are the bags adorable, mine says "Use me, Re-use me, & try not to lose me." with a green heart on the front, they fit twice the groceries of an average bag and easily hold a heavier load. But apparently many of us are too lazy to remember to take the bags to the store, or perhaps we just don't care enough.

England is ahead of us in more ways than grocery bags. They also recycle. Each week, we set out a recycling bin with our trash. This isn't an option for a few environmentally concerned citizens. It is a requirement, and fines are charged for people who chuck their plastics and cardboards together with their food waste.

When I first moved into this house, I was afraid it would be more difficult. But there are only two bins; the sorting is done for us. It takes no extra effort on our part. We don't even have to waste money on trash bags. We just throw the recyclables right in the bin.

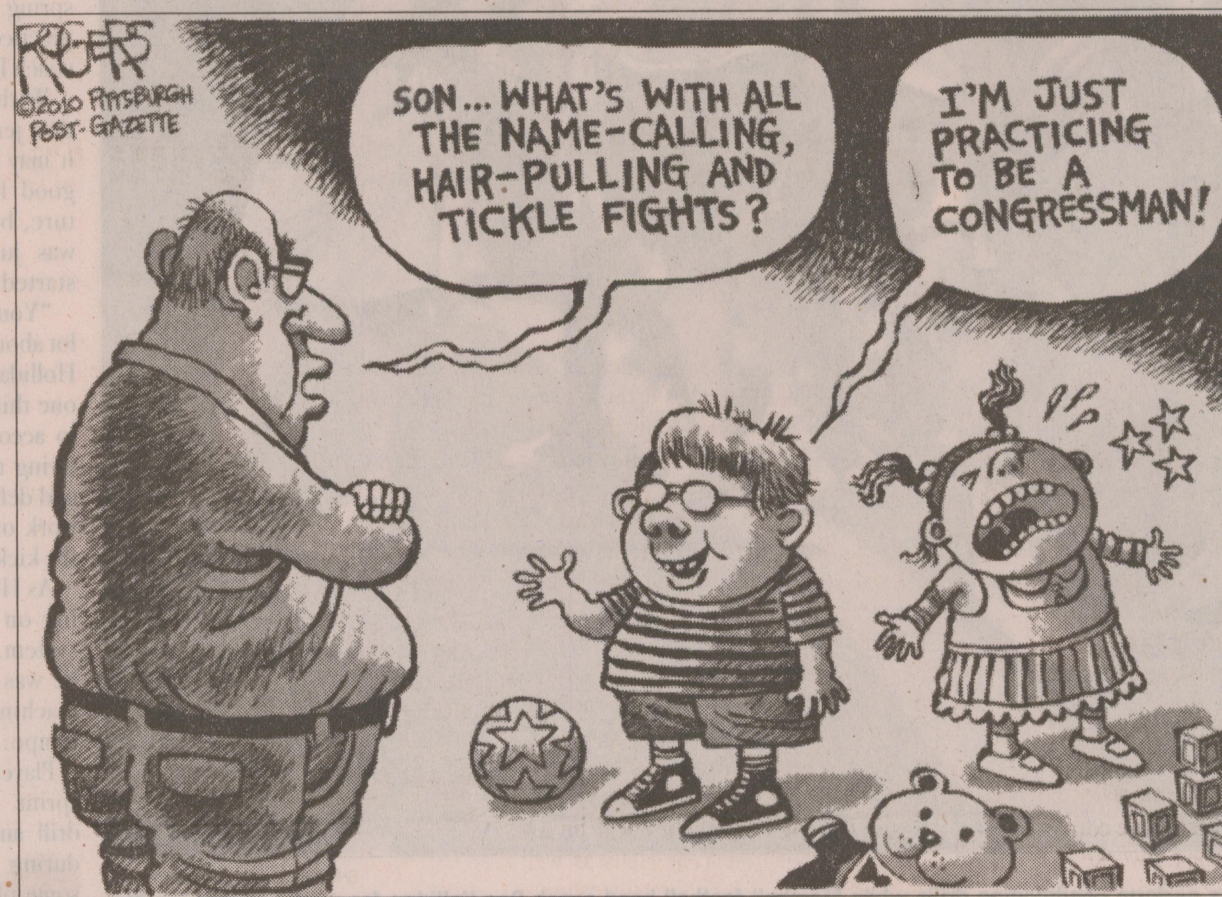
Universities encourage the green initiative. There are more recycling bins than trash cans. The gym doesn't provide cups, because it just creates more trash. Many universities ban the use of cars on campus to cut down on pollution.

None of these changes are a burden to the average person. How hard is it to reuse a bag? I understand recycling programs can cost money, but isn't it worth the investment? It would also create jobs in a rough economy. In a world where there are cities so polluted you can see it from a distance, where we are running out of usable water and we throw out hundreds of pounds of waste a year to rot in a landfill, why is our country, which claims to be a global leader, so far behind?

We need to take a few tips from other countries, and muster enthusiasm about the green initiative. The green fee and recycling bins at Marshall University are a great start. But it shouldn't have to be 'trendy' for people to start caring about the environment. We should be setting an example, but we don't even know how to learn from the ones already set.

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The First Amendment

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Online poll

What do you think about head basketball coach Donnie Jones leaving? ...

- He should stay.
- I'm glad he's going to UCF.
- It doesn't make a difference.



RESULTS

What are you looking forward to most about spring break?

- Relaxation.....69%
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CICELY TUTSON
REAL TALK

Protests on health care reform turns into hatred

President Barack Obama recently signed health care reform into law to the great relief of many Americans

who don't have health care. Many people were extremely happy with the bill being signed into law, but the focus was on a group of Americans who were not so happy with it. There is certainly nothing wrong with opposing the bill and disagreeing with the president. That is what democracy and freedom is all about. The problem is and freedom that disagreement turns into racial and homophobic slurs. What does a person's race or sexuality have to do with health care? People are using their phony outrage over health care reform to channel their bigotry and hatred.

The debate over health care reform rages on as the Tea Party crisscrosses the country delivering its message. What that message is exactly isn't really clear. If the message is an opposition to health care reform and big government to health care, it is getting lost amongst the slurs and offensive signs. Some protesters have gone as far as spitting on people and sending a noose to one congressman's office. I agree with Obama that we should not paint all of the Tea Party protestors with the same brush. Some of the people in that movement have legitimate concerns and they express those concerns in a civilized manner. It's the extremists who are creating this violent, hostile environment, which is completely unproductive.

Ironically, some of the people opposed to health care reform do not have access to health care themselves. Some of the people in opposition are the ones who need this bill the most. But even if you do have health care at the moment, with so much uncertainty regarding jobs and the economy, your circumstances could change overnight. Many of the people who need health care are not people looking for a handout.

They are working people or people who want to work but have fallen on hard times. A great number of the people in America without health care are children. How can you have a problem with providing health care to your children? The bill also allows young people to stay on their parent's health plan until age 26, which will greatly benefit a lot of students. The people protesting health care reform are not looking at the long-term big picture. Health care reform is going to allow people access to more preventative care rather than having to wait until the advance stages of an illness to seek care. We won't see the long term benefits of this for awhile, but it will result in America becoming a much healthier country and people will not die prematurely from preventable illnesses.

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PRACTICE

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focuses on spring practice, many players are excited to learn, especially offensive coordinator Bill Legg's new offense.

"I'm excited for coach Legg's offense," said senior tight end Lee Smith. "The way he teaches it, he makes it easy to understand. It's going to be good for our offense. It's just a fun offense to run."

The new scheme matches what the coaches are teaching, being up-tempo. A majority of the snaps taken by quarterbacks came from the shotgun formation.

And it seems that as the Herd continues through practice, the players know that this was just a taste of what is to come.

"We kind of got our feet wet today," Smith said. "Coach told us no one will practice harder than us and when the first game comes we'll be the more aggressive team. He will not let us be outworked."

Holliday agreed with the statement saying that Marshall will not have a theme coming into the season. He just wants players to do one thing.

"Do your job," Holliday said. "Play hard and do your job. We're not a theme team, I said to just go out there and do your job and we'll be fine."

With Holliday leading the Herd onto the field now, many players are seeing a change in the atmosphere.

With some players, there are hopes that this new attitude around the team continues into the new season.

"Coach wants us to do everything right and a lot of people are starting to respect that," Harvey said. "A lot of people are starting to clean up their act with school and going to class, all the little stuff. Coach Holliday is a great leader and I think everyone is starting to follow in his footsteps."

The Herd has Thursday off, but returns to the field at 3 p.m. Friday. All practices are open to the public this spring.

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ELECTIONS

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McKinney said the frustration that exists goes back to the argument of large versus small government.

"Polls all over West Virginia show people are strongly opposed to health care reform because of what the bill is really about," McKinney said. "It's about if you'd like the government to have charge of your health care or would you prefer to be in charge of it yourself."

Casey said Republicans oppose health care reform because of the expense in the same way they opposed Medicare and S-CHIP—health insurance for children—before they were passed.

"I don't know if you can find a senior citizen who doesn't appreciate the benefits Medicare now offers, and I don't think anyone of any party thinks kids ought not to have health care," Casey said. "Republicans thought both of those programs were too expensive, too."

Casey said the way to influence legislation is to become involved in the political process.

McKinney and Casey said Marshall is an important factor in state politics and the votes of the younger generation are vital to the success of either party.

Davis said both parties appreciate the need for younger voters because of the state's situation.

"Because the population is aging and because so many young people actually leave the state after they graduate college, they really want to bring you into the process," Davis said. "If you're involved in the process, you're likely to be connected to the state."

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VOTING

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registration office and requesting a form to be mailed to their homes. Registration is also offered at the Department of Motor Vehicles office.

The deadline to register to vote in the primary election is April 20, Cole said.

Students on and around Marshall's campus will most likely vote at the Veterans Memorial Field House on Fifth Avenue or the First Presbyterian Church on Fifth Avenue, Cole said.

Cabell County has been using electronic ballots, known as iVotronics, since 2000, Cole said. Cabell County was the first county in the state to switch to electronic ballots.

She said the iVotronics are extremely secure and safe, using five storage components to back up voters' selections.

"We were really pleasantly surprised that it was so well received by the public," Cole said. "They didn't have the issues that we were concerned about. We were concerned that the people who may not be as computer savvy as some would be a little bit intimidated by it. They said they liked the fact that nobody touched the ballot and that nobody saw the ballot but them."

Cabell County voters have not encountered any problems with the iVotronics so far, Cole said. Voters are asked to make their selections page by page until they reach the end of the ballots. After making all selections, voters are taken to

a review page. They are then given the option to return to any page to make a correction. When the voters are content with their selections, they simply press the vote button to confirm the vote.

"The voter cannot over-vote on the ballot," Cole said. "When that voter casts the ballot on the iVotronic, that ballot is complete. That ballot is exactly the way that voter intended it, and there is no need to question the voter's intent."

She said representatives from each party must be present so the voter does not feel pressured to vote for any particular side.

Early voting is a great opportunity for students who have busy schedules and may not be able to make it out on Election Day, Cole said.

In the last midterm primary election in 2006, only 22.26 percent of registered voters cast ballots, said Stephanie Blankenship, deputy clerk in the voter registration department. A total of 12,269 ballots were cast. Of those ballots, 7,795 were Democrat, 4,225 were Republican and 249 were nonpartisan.

Cole said she thinks many students don't vote because they feel their votes won't make a difference.

"I can tell you from first hand experience that every vote can make a difference," Cole said. "I have seen decisions made by such a small amount of votes. Yes, they only have one vote, but that vote is awful powerful."

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RUMBLINGS

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Hamrick to consider?

Here they go:

- Kelvin Sampson, former Oklahoma and Indiana coach, who has personally put the Hoosiers on what seems like decades of probation. — Hey, he took the Sooners to 11 NCAA Tournaments.
- Jim O'Brien, former Ohio State coach, who is the reason why the Buckeyes' 1999 Final Four banner no longer hangs in the Schottenstein Center. — So he loaned a little money for a recruit whose family needed it. Big deal. He also produced Olympian and NBA superstar Michael Redd.
- Quin Snyder, former Missouri coach, who self-admits, "I didn't run a clean program at Missouri." — He's a Mike Krzyzewski disciple. Enough said.
- Jerry Tarkanian, former UNLV and Fresno State coach, who the NCAA loves about as much as Tiger Woods loves pictures being taken in his backswing. — Tark the Shark? At the Cam? Reunited with his Vegas buddy, Hamrick? I love it.

So, there you have it. Four talented candidates with four troubled backgrounds. Just the way C-USA likes it.

And hey, if they need some fibbing done to help clean up their résumés, they can always call UCF football coach George O'Leary.

I hear he's good at that stuff.

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More faculty will live on campus next fall

BY TESS MOORE
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Residence Services has added a faculty-in-residence program, and three faculty members will live in the residence halls with students this fall.

"It is just a way for the faculty to connect with the students," said LeKesha Glover, assistant director of resident life. "They're living where students live, they're eating where students eat and it provides an opportunity for them to get close to students and to help them when necessary."

The program started in the First Year Residence Halls, and this will be the first year it's available for all the students living on campus, Glover said.

There will be three faculty in residence. One will live in the First Year Residence Halls, and they will be assigned to the First Year Halls as well as Towers East, which are all freshmen buildings, she said. Another will live in and be assigned to Marshall Commons and the third will live in Holderby Hall and be assigned to Buskirk Hall, Towers West and Holderby Hall.

"We hope the faculty we select will work together collaboratively to bring the campus together as well as independently within their building," Glover said. "With our faculty in residence, they live and are assigned to certain buildings, but they will be faculty in residence wherever they are needed."

This is also a way for students to see that faculty members are not just someone who stands up and lectures all day, she said.

"They have interests and hobbies and are involved in other things besides the classroom," Glover said. "So it gives faculty the opportunity to show their other side to the students."

The faculty members who are selected will receive a two-bedroom apartment in the residence hall, a meal plan, a parking permit and office space, Glover said.

"What we are looking for is someone who is energetic," she said. "We wanted someone who could identify with the students who live in the residence halls and understand what it means to live in a residence hall."

Residence Services also wants someone to be a leader in getting more faculty involved in the residence halls to get to know the students, Glover said.

"We're always looking for what more we can offer for the students," Glover said. "We're hoping by bringing more to the residence halls, the students will realize what an advantage it is to live on campus. Not only are they close to their classes but now they are closer to their faculty."

Lorin Keller, sophomore in environmental science from Elkins, W. Va., said she thinks it is a good idea to have faculty members live on campus, because it is a good way to form better relationships and feel more comfortable with teachers.

"It can be a good opportunity, because it will make it easier to set up a meeting with a faculty member," Keller said. "I had a teacher who lived two hours away, so it was hard for her to come in and meet with students. It makes it a lot easier if they are right here on campus."

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WV golf springs into action

BY KELLY N. CROUCH
THE PARTHENON

As frost and rain turns to sunny skies, golfers in the Huntington area are dusting off their clubs and flocking to their favorite golf course.

Sugarwood Golf Club in Lavalette, W.Va., is an 18-hole, par 72 course that offers over 6,500 yards of fairways, greens and roughs. Established in 1965 and later purchased by PGA pro Ed Allen in 1980, Sugarwood Golf Club features Bermuda grass fairways, creeks, ponds and sand bunkers, said Michael Cuadra, Sugarwood employee.

Open to the public, Sugarwood Golf Club is ever-changing and each hole featured on the course gets made over from time to time, Cuadra said.

Sugarwood is home to a pro shop with an extensive collection of new and used golf clubs and items, Cuadra said. The pro shop carries gear from brands such as Adidas, Foot Joy, Ping, Taylor Made, Nike Golf, Cobra, Titleist and Callaway.

The Esquire Golf Course in Barboursville, W.Va., is a par 72 course featuring approximately 6,900 yards of playing room. The course has minimal hazards, no sand and the bent grass terrain on the greens and fairways are moderately flat, said Frank Ayers, Esquire Golf Course employee.

Built in 1973, this semi-private, 18-hole course is open to non-members upon

reservation. Collared shirts are required, but denim is accepted.

"I prefer the course because I am nowhere near a great golf player," said Jimmy King, Huntington resident and golf enthusiast. "The fairways are straight, wide and flat, which is always good when you're not the best."

Twin Silos at Lavalette Golf Course features over 6,200 yards of swinging space. The course originally opened in 1991, but recently opted for a name change to Twin Silos at Lavalette. Designed by Bill Ward, this course offers 18 holes and is a par 71, Ayers said.

Set among a wooded area, this semi-private course features a driving range, rental carts and a staff professional on site. Twin Silos has a pro shop that features some of the top golf brands out there, Ayers said.

"The course can be challenging at times," said Sam Cunningham, Twin Silos employee. "There is a par six with water on the left and hidden behind a mound on the right. The course can be extreme but very entertaining."

Members and newcomers have flocked to Twin Silos not just for golf, but for the scenery along the course.

"The trees, lake, the well-manicured fairways and greens all add to the Twin Silos experience," King said.

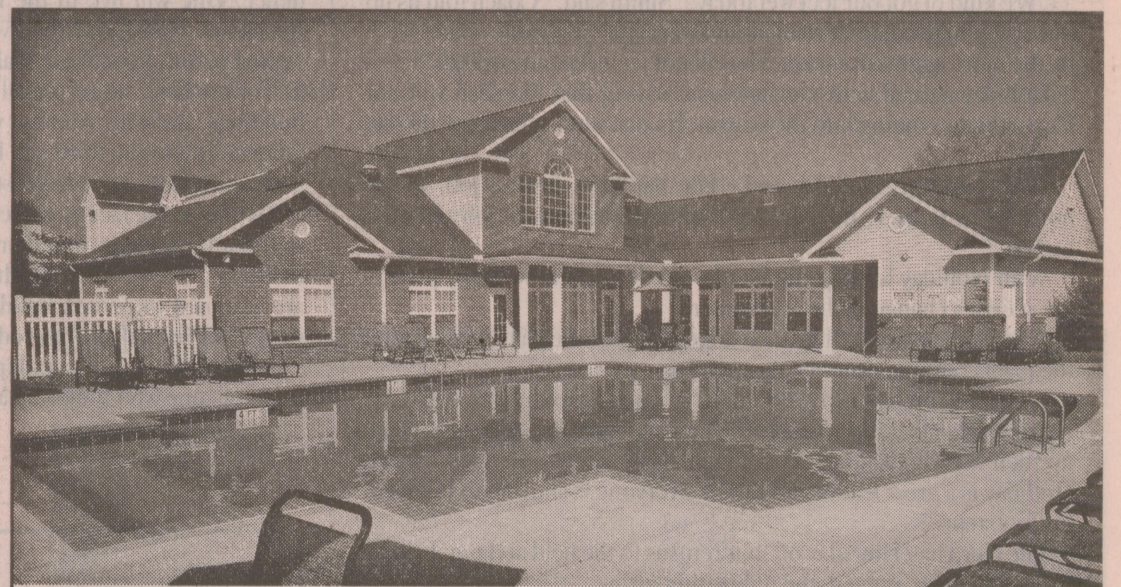
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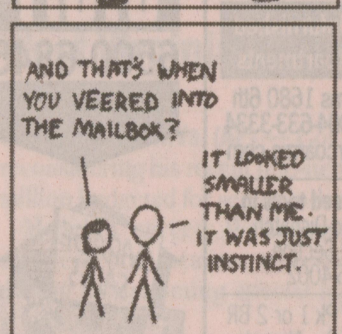
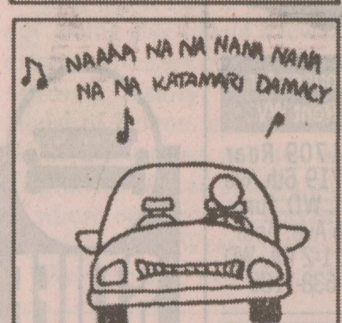
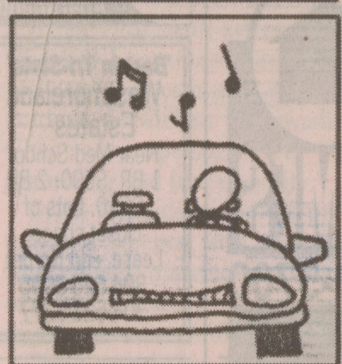
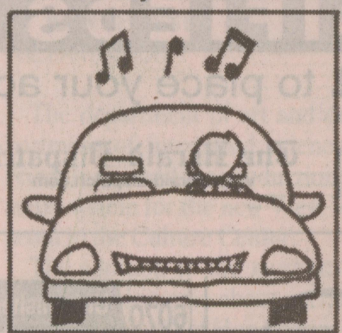
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