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Thundering Word wraps up season with awards



(Back row left to right) Derek Collins, Elaine Adkins, Jasmine Lewis, Kendrick Vonderschmitt, Kai Stewart, (Front row left to right) Ryan Jackson and Kayla Johnson of the Thundering Word, Marshall's speech and debate team, pose with the awards they won in the 2010 season.

BY LUKE WILLIAMS
THE PARTHENON

The Thundering Word, Marshall University speech and debate team, placed third in the Holiday Frolic Tournament Dec. 3 and 4 at Ohio State University.

"We want to make our presence known, that we're back," said Danny Ray, coach of the Thundering Word, the Marshall University speech and debate team.

They competed against teams ranked in the national top ten, including Western Kentucky University, last year's national champions.

The team has eight members, and each member placed well and a few received awards, including Elaine Adkins, who won first place in poetry interpretation; Tyler Rice, who won first place in prose interpretation and Kai Stewart, who received the award for best novice debate speaker.

The team has placed in the top five in almost all their tournaments this year.

"Administration wise, we've gotten more support from the university than we've had," Ray said. "We have travelled more frequently than we've done in the past, and the success from those trips has shown."

Many of the team members compete in two to four categories simultaneously, with each category requiring about seven to 10 hours of practice per week.

"For debate this week, I spent about 10, maybe 15 hours," said Kai Stewart, a freshman secondary education major from Parkersburg, W.Va. "I don't think we're ever done with debate. We're here every day."

Kai competed in poetic interpretation, impromptu speaking and Lincoln-Douglas debate this weekend and was a semi-finalist in the

Lincoln-Douglas debate.

"If I didn't enjoy doing it, I wouldn't do it," Stewart said.

Beyond memorization and good speaking skills, some events require intense thought and study before competition.

"Rhetorical criticism is one of these academically-rigorous events," said Kendrick Vonderschmitt, a junior political science and history major from Louisville, Ky.

Rhetorical criticism looks at an argument or work and seriously studies how it gets its message across. Kendrick's piece focused on Richard Whitehurst's "The Rape Tunnel," a plywood tunnel in which the artist claimed he would sexually assault anyone who passed through.

"It turns out the whole thing is

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SGA changes membership qualifications

BY DREW HETZER
THE PARTHENON

The Student Government Association has raised its standards for student qualifications and memberships within the senate.

Two amendments were passed that refer to sections six and seven of article two, in the legislative branch.

Adam Fridley, junior SGA senator from Foster, W.Va., said section seven deals with student qualifications to be elected for the senate.

"Section seven was really the big one," he said. "I looked through this stuff and thought — granted it being outdated, 'I don't know if it was a good idea in the first place.'"

Fridley said one issue with the previous requirements for undergraduate senators was they have

to be enrolled at least nine hours and complete seven of those hours.

"Anyone can get nine hours of online courses, be three hundred miles away and eligible for representation and never have to see the Huntington campus," he said. "We wanted to minimize that, so we bumped it up to 12 hours."

Fridley said representatives should be full-time students and people who will be active on campus.

"They need to know the issues, the students and be accessible," he said. "Last year we raised the grade point average for our presidential candidates, and in discussions with Steve Hensley, the dean of Student Affairs, we agreed that we needed to raise it for senatorial candidates as well. It didn't make a great deal of sense for us to add a secondary

responsibility to a student representative if they can't handle their own primary responsibility as a student."

Fridley said the grade point requirements for undergraduate candidates increased from a 2.0 to 2.5 and graduate students from 2.0 to 3.0.

"In graduate school, a 2.0 gets you nothing," he said. "Under the old section seven graduate students were only required to be enrolled three hours. We raised that standard to six credit hours."

Joseph Stefanov, SGA president pro-tempore, said by raising the standards for graduate students, they are trying to bring everything up to par with the university's standards.

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Clery Act case continues

BY SAM TURLEY
THE PARTHENON

An investigation into Marshall University's possible violations of the Clery Act could take six months to complete, a lawyer with the Student Press Law Center said.

Attorney advocate Adam Goldstein said because of the multiple issues that are potentially being investigated, the investigation will take a while.

In an October interview with The Parthenon, U.S. Department of Education spokeswoman Jane Glickman said the department could not comment until the review of Marshall had been completed. The department did not respond to recent phone calls.

A late release of annual crime statistics by Marshall University was said to be the reason for the investigation. Under the Clery Act, federally-funded institutions are required to release the statistics to students, faculty and staff by Oct. 1, but Marshall didn't release the statistics until Oct. 14 because of what Director of Public Safety James Terry said was a confusion of the deadline with an Oct. 18 deadline to report the findings to the Department of Education.

Goldstein said that although the missed deadline was said to be the reason, he expected the department would investigate additional possible violations by the university.

Goldstein said he thought the Marshall University Police Department's practice of keeping two separate record books in particular would likely be subject to the Department of Education's scrutiny.

"If this has been covered in the local press, I guarantee you that the Department of Education knows about it," Goldstein said. "They're not going to give the institution the benefit of the doubt."

Goldstein added that — by his understanding — Clery Act investigations are uncommon.

"You have to really mess up to have a Clery Act investigation against you," he said. "It's not that frequently enforced of a law. You have to defy it for a certain period of time."

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Local women put green initiatives to work on farm

BY LIBBY CLARK
THE PARTHENON

A farm in Windsor Township, Ohio, grows produce and raises animals to make organic products.

Dominique Wong from Windsor Township, Ohio, and Shelly Keeney from Huntington are partners at the Yellow Goat Farm, where they raise goats, chickens, dogs, barn cats, a horse, a pony and grow organic vegetables and herbs.

"We've been working on it for 10 years now, trying to come up with what we feel is not creating a factory farm," Wong said. "What sets us apart is we are small, and we kept it small so the animals get really good attention, really close care."

"Because the herd is small, if one of them were to get sick, we know immediately," Keeney said. "When

you have a huge herd of more than 30, you can't tell when something is wrong."

"When they have their babies, we bottle feed them and raise them ourselves. That way they go to good homes and they're not slaughtered."

Wong said she tries to keep the farm as sustainable as possible by putting the manure into a compost pile, which later goes into the garden to help the vegetables and herbs grow which then go into the cheeses they make.

"All the animals have names," Wong said. "They are very personable. They have constant access to pasture, so they are not on a food lot. They are on pasture 24 hours a day. Their feed is not organic because there is nobody in the area that grows it and it is prohibitive to ship it. There are no antibiotics, unless they are very, very sick and

no hormones, of course."

Keeney said the goats wait to be milked, especially when they get used to being milked twice per day. Keeney and Wong also go on hikes with the goats through the woods and terrains.

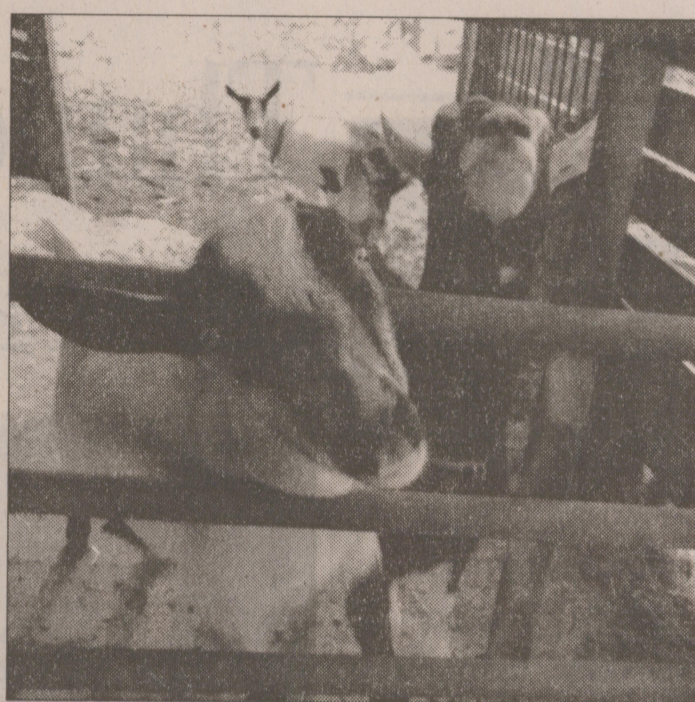
Wong said they make farmstead cheeses, which means production starts and ends on the farm. The goats on the farm produce the milk that is used to make the cheese.

Wong and Keeney are not set up as a licensed produce distributor, however, they have a herd share.

"You own a percentage of a goat," Wong said. "You buy a percentage of the goat, you get the products of that goat and we sign an agreement to take care of that goat for you."

People who have herd share bring their own jars and containers

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The Yellow Goat Farm in Windsor Township, Ohio, features goats and other animals, as well as organic vegetables.

Massey CEO's exit is debated

BY DENNIS B. RODDY
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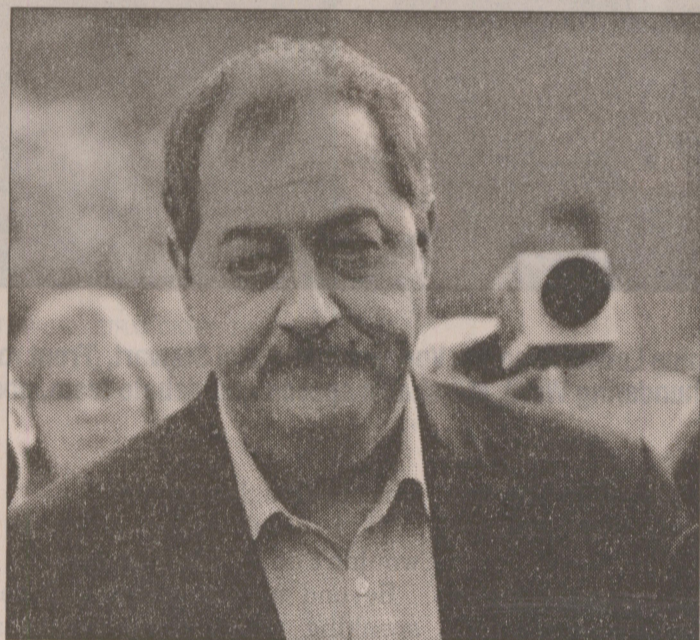
Don Blankenship, the go-for-broke coal baron born in poverty on the banks of a West Virginia river who rose to the top breaking unions and competitors alike, departs Massey Energy at a time federal investigators probe safety breaches that have placed both lives and the company itself in danger.

Blankenship's abrupt retirement announcement Friday came amid talk that the company was now for sale, if only to survive the uproar growing out of the fatal explosion at Upper Big Branch mine earlier this year and speculation it was a move to shed the burden of its CEO's contentious style. His retirement is effective Dec. 31.

Blankenship joined Massey subsidiary Rawl Services in 1982.

Over three decades he would turn the firm into one of the wealthiest corporations in America and draw record pay and bonuses of more than \$15 million annually.

A deadly fire in 2006 at Massey's Aracoma Coal Mine in Logan



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Don Blankenship, CEO of Massey Energy, speaks to the press following the April 5 explosion at Massey's Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County, W.Va.

County resulted in record penalties when it was discovered crucial safety practices were ignored. Two men died in that fire.

With the April 5 explosion at Massey's Upper Big Branch mine in Raleigh County, investigators were faced with yet another look into Massey safety practices. Twenty-nine men died in a massive explosion.

Where federal inspectors had tallied up hundreds of safety

citations, including bad ventilation and accumulated coal dust — which can trip massive explosions — Blankenship's lieutenants argued vehemently the Mine Safety Health Administration bore blame. They said regulators had not allowed them to properly ventilate the mine, a position dismissed out of hand by MSHA officials. They also argued that a massive crack had opened underground, unleashing an insurmountable rush of methane.

Later Blankenship, in a rare and invitation-only news conference, argued that it was, in fact, natural gas, not coal-bed methane, that set off the blast.

Federal regulators have threatened to seize control of the Upper Big Branch mine, saying Massey officials have obstructed their investigation into the explosion.

Two people with direct knowledge of the joint MSHA-West Virginia investigation into the causes of the accident have said federal criminal investigators are making no secret of questioning witnesses from

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Application gives users vocabulary lesson on the go

BY ASHTON BIAS
THE PARTHENON

Students at Marshall University are expanding their vocabulary while playing a competitive iPhone application game called Words with Friends.

"It's like playing scrabble, but without the mess and with the mobility," said Ashley Bishop, junior forensic chemistry major from McDonald, Ohio.

Words with Friends is a game that involves creating words with the letters provided and trying to gain more points than the other person. Depending on the difficulty of the words, the points may vary. The competitor who has the most points when there are no remaining letters wins.

Brian Morgan, associate professor of computer and information technology at Marshall, teaches students to create and program games for devices such as the iPad. He said the sense of constant competition is what attracts so many people to this game.

He said the game is about trying to outsmart your opponent to prove you are the better wordsmith.

"It's a game everyone is familiar with and it gives people a chance to test their intelligence while playing a game," he said.

Morgan said one of the best things about the game is that it encourages people to interact with friends and strangers.

He said he plays with friends, family, students and people has never met before.

To be able to play against an opponent, a person must search the other person's game name and send him or her a request. Once the other person approves the requests, the two people are able to play against each other.

According to Apple's website, the game has become one of Apple's most popular applications. It is compatible with the iPhone, iPod touch and iPad.

"It becomes very addicting," Bishop said. "I play it constantly throughout the day."

She said she enjoys the game because it is challenging and teaches her words she never knew existed.

Bishop said the first thing she asks a friend with an iPhone is if they play Words with Friends.

Morgan also said Words with Friends is a very addicting game.

"Once you start playing, you can have up to 20 games going before you realize it," he said. "I usually check my phone of the morning, between classes and before and after dinner."

He said on average he makes about 60 to 70 plays per day.

Although the game is known to become distracting, Morgan said it comes with advantages as well.

"What I see in teens

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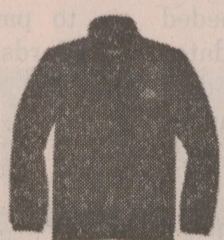
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Tynikki Crook, women's basketball

Crook helped the Herd to a 64-61 double-overtime victory over George Washington on Thursday, snapping a three-game losing streak. The senior contributed a career-high 32 points along with 13 rebounds for her 20th career double-double.

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Hereford's Half-court Report

Final thoughts
after three years

Two Saturdays ago, I left the Ernie Salvatore Press Box in Joan C. Edwards Stadium for the last time.



Marlowe
Hereford
Sports Editor

I couldn't help walking around to take it all in one last time. For three consecutive years, I sat alongside my friends in the stands, looked across the stadium at the the press box and said the same six words — "I want to be there someday." Four months ago, my press box dream came true.

So much has changed since January 2008 when I first joined The Parthenon staff as assistant sports editor. I've seen three classes of seniors graduate and now I am exactly five months away from my own commencement. I came here with no experience in reporting, design or editing. Now I feel old when freshmen ask me how to do those things.

Three years of being on sports staff has also presented its own set of challenges. As a freshman, I looked through The Parthenon archives dating back to the 1950s and discovered I was only the second female full-time sports editor

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Herd looks to extend win streak in home contest with Dukes

Free throw shooting has lifted Marshall in victories

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Herd junior guard Shaquille Johnson looks to pass to a teammate in Marshall's 88-79 home win over FIU on Nov. 29.

The Thundering Herd men's basketball team will look to win its third-straight game, when it will play host to James Madison at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Cam Henderson Center.

Marshall is coming off of a solid week featuring wins over FIU and on the road at Ohio. The Herd opened the week with an 88-79 victory over the Panthers before topping Ohio, 65-57.

DeAndre Kane, this week's Conference USA Freshman of the Week, notched his second-consecutive 25-point outing against FIU before recording 18 against Ohio. Kane averaged 21.5 points per game, four assists per game and 33.5 minutes per contest last week, all team highs. Tirrell Baines continued

his solid start to the season, culminating in the first double-double for the Herd in 2010 at Ohio. The senior scored 12 points and led all players with 10 rebounds against the Bobcats.

Once a down point for Marshall this season, but a difference maker in its last two games, free throw shooting has impacted the Herd over that span. Marshall has hit a total of 49 of 69 shots from the charity stripe in its last two contests for 71 percent. In the last 3:15 of the win over FIU and Ohio, the Herd hit 20 of 26 free throws.

The Dukes enter their inaugural meeting against Marshall with a 6-2 record. On Saturday, JMU fell to Georgia State at the buzzer, 64-63, putting an end to a six-game win streak.

JMU is led by a pair of forwards, Denzel Bowles and Rayshawn Goins. Bowles is the No. 3 shooter in the country, hitting 67.5 percent of his shots. The senior averages 18.4 points per game and nine rebounds per game, both team highs. Goins has scored 14.9 points per game and averaged eight rebounds per contest, both second on the squad behind Bowles.

Tuesday's game will mark the first meeting between Marshall and James Madison, who is a member of the Colonial Athletic Conference.

Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. Marshall will then have eight days to prepare for its third road game of the season, a trip to Savannah State on Dec. 15. After Tuesday, the next home game for the Herd will be Dec. 19 against VMI.

Letter to students from coach Herrion of men's basketball

Dear students,

First, I want to take a moment to wish you the best of luck as exams begin this week. I hope you were not like me and procrastinated all semester and then rallied at the end. As stressful and anxious as this time can be, I am sure you will all do well and finish off the fall semester in a fine fashion!

I also want to thank those who have been attending our home games at the Henderson Center. We are continuing to evolve as a team and we seem to be making good strides. We had an excellent road win at Ohio U. over the weekend and play James Madison (6-2) on Tuesday night at 7 pm. This will be another

excellent challenge for our group.

I cannot tell you how much your attendance and, more importantly, your involvement at our games means to us and the impact it can have on the atmosphere and our play overall. We want to continue to develop an atmosphere that is both respectful and that

makes it challenging for our opponents, and that is where I really believe our student section can really help us.

I thank you for your time. Once again, best wishes throughout exams and I hope to see many of you at the Henderson Center on Tuesday night.

Go Herd!
Coach Herrion

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THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

Words of farewell from the fall 2010 editors

We appreciate your readership and feedback, and hope you have a great holiday season

It's finally the end. The end of a long college career for some and for others it is the last fall semester they will have. For the largest freshman class to ever enter Marshall University, it is the end of only the first semester of college. It is hard to believe that time would move as fast as it did this fall.

For the fall 2010 staff of The Parthenon, our job of providing you with the news five days a week has come to an end. We have appreciated your support and readership this semester.

Whether it be checking out the game story on Monday, reading about elections or just picking up a copy of the paper to work the

latest Sudoku puzzle during a long lecture, your interest in Marshall's student newspaper has motivated us to create the best possible paper we can.

With this, our final editorial of the semester, we would like to wish you good luck on finals. While none of us likes final exams, they are a necessary evil and we hope that you take the time to prepare yourself, so when you check out for the semester you can be

satisfied with your effort.

We also hope that you have a happy, stress-free and safe holiday break. This semester has been a busy one and we could all use a little rest and relaxation.

We have reached the last leg of the race and we can see the light at the end of tunnel. However, there is no reason to stop running now. Give your all for finals so you can truly enjoy break.

Our experience this semester

has been memorable. We hope that you also have many great memories from the past four months to take with you. Whatever your plans for break, whether it be work, travel or volunteering, we also hope you make time to spend in your pajamas until late in the afternoon, because you deserve it.

Thanks once again for your continued support of The Parthenon. Have a great break.

STACI STANDIFORD
JUST FOR LAUGHS

Good Karma

Most of us only dream that we will ever win a shopping spree. Well, now I am fortunate enough to count myself among the handful of people who have miraculously won one.



STACI STANDIFORD
COLUMNIST

Believe it or not, I am pretty much done with my Christmas shopping. Because my mom and I went to Kohl's on Black Friday, I had coupons to spend at Kohl's. I also had coupons for Victoria's Secret because my mom is on the mailing

list.

Sunday night, my friend Abby and I went to Kohl's. I play Santa at my house, so I spent my coupons on the rest of the gifts I needed. I had a fifteen percent off coupon, which I used and then passed to Abby. While she was checking out, I took the coupon, walked to a different register and handed it to a woman standing in line. "Thank you!" she said gratefully.

"I have to stop by Victoria's Secret," I told Abby in the car. "I have these coupons that add up to \$20, so I might as well spend them." We continued through the parking lot, trying to find a space. Passing one toward the back, I later thought I should have parked there. We slowed to a halt at the front of the lot, the side closest to the mall doors. I looked left and then right in hopes of making a left to cruise down the next isle. Double take. To our right, the closest space to the door was open.

"Is that handicap?" I asked.

"No!" Abby shouted. "That's good karma for giving those people the fifteen percent coupon!"

In Victoria's Secret, I calculated that I would only need to pay \$5 for my purchase. I stepped up to the register and handed the saleswoman my coupons. She scanned the first card and then the second, which happened to be a "mystery gift" card. You know, the kind where every card is worth \$10, and a few are worth more.

"Oh my gosh," the saleswoman said, turning to her coworkers. "We have a \$500 winner in our store."

Everyone stared at me. I giggled.

After the sales counter burst into applause and I called my mother to scream and ask what she wanted, Abby and I began to shop.

The feeling is not what you would expect. We didn't run through the store grabbing this and that. For the first 20 minutes, we probably didn't even pick up anything. We had no idea where to start.

An hour and a half and \$400 later, we were ready to check out. The women at the counter were still discussing that "someone" had won \$500. When they found out it was me, they were happy for me, "but this will take a minute," the saleswoman said as she proceeded to remove tags and hangers. Of course, one woman with the voice of a chronic smoker checking out next to me muttered, "It must be nice."

My mom spent the last \$100 online by the time Abby and I received our dessert at Olive Garden. The cake we ordered had a ton of extra caramel on it.

"We must be lucky," Abby said.

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What are your plans for Thanksgiving?

- Eating....a lot.....40%
- Shopping.....5%
- Sleeping.....55%

Vocabulary

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today is that they like to take shortcuts with words and text in broken grammar," he said. "Words with Friends makes you slow down, think about spelling and come up with a strategy."

Morgan said he took a class poll and found that more than half of his students play the

game. Even his 12-year-old son has learned how to play.

"When he first started I would slaughter him every time," he said. "Now he has really caught on to the strategy of the game and can hold his own."

Morgan said not only has his son learned from the game, but he has learned from it as well.

"I've learned words I've

never even heard of, then catch myself using them on a daily basis," he said.

Candace Kessler, junior elementary education major from Lexington Park Md., uses Wordsmith and said it is similar to Words with Friends.

"I really enjoy it, and I think it's just as good as the other application," she said. Kessler said the only disadvantage to

using another version of the game is that you cannot play with opponents who use the Apple version.

The Words with Friends application is free to download on any iPhone, iPad or iPod touch. For smart phone such as a Droid and Blackberry, there are similar games available.

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Hereford

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in 112 years. This reality brought adversity and difficulty but made me a stronger journalist and person. It also brought me something I did not think I would have so soon — a place in a national community of female sports journalists. Through this job, I acquired the internship of a lifetime with five talented female college sports writers this summer and had the honor of meeting veterans of our profession. I found a place to call home, gained numerous new colleagues and friends from

across the country and realized my dream could be more than a dream. For this I am truly thankful.

This incredibly busy semester was full of memories: being in the press box named after a departed hero I will always be honored to call a colleague and friend, witnessing the beginning of new eras in Marshall football under coach Doc Holliday and men's basketball under coach Tom Herrion and sharing stories from the 40th anniversary of the 1970 plane crash.

I'd like to share what I've taken away from my time as a college editor. Remember to thank those who have

supported you in your endeavors and those who have gone on before you. It keeps you humble and don't be surprised if you keep several if not all of those supporters for life. Most of all, understand that dreams are worth chasing. As simple as it sounds, the secret to making them reality is passion and dedication. I appreciate being able to say my passion for this field — along with God's help and encouragement of people who know who they are — kept me going through extreme difficulties.

To freshmen journalism students, take advantage of opportunities I didn't have and stay dedicated. To female

students considering a degree in the new sports journalism major, don't let anyone or anything stop you if you see a future for yourself in the field. You are not alone and don't hesitate to let me know if I could be of any service.

To the sports staff, thanks for all your hard work this semester and for bearing with me through all the craziness. To those who have supported me and my ambitions, I wouldn't be who I am or where I am without you. To the other editors and reporters, we made it. Congratulations on finishing the semester.

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SGA

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Fridley said the SGA amended that seated senators maintain a GPA of 2.5 as opposed to the previous requirement of 2.0.

"All students must have the minimum number of credit hours required for full-time status completed prior to their participation in the SGA," Fridley said.

Stefanov said the SGA added an exception for seniors who need to take less than the required 12 hours to graduate.

"Exceptions to any of the qualifications are subject to review by the Judiciary Committee, who upon completion of their review will recommend further action from the full senate," he said.

Stefanov said the revisions would "become available for vote on the spring 2011 ballots."

"Any constitutional amendment must be approved by the students," he said. "If passed, these amendments will increase the quality of representation and become effective in the fall of 2011."

Stefanov said section six

only counted full-time students toward the number of senators apportioned to each constituency.

"There are only a certain number of senate seats open for each of the colleges and schools within Marshall University," he said. "The revisions were made to change the number of senators apportioned by applying a total head count of enrollment. This shall include undergraduate students enrolled in seven or more hours and graduate students enrolled in six or more hours. This is to ensure that all students are represented."

Fridley said the SGA's main effort for section six was to change reapportionment to every two years.

"A lot of the senators have been talking about — behind the scenes — keeping up with making sure representation matches the number of students in each college," he said. "This is something that hasn't been done in two or three years, and it's supposed to be done annually. There wasn't a whole lot we could do to remedy that problem because the census is pretty set in stone."

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Speech

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through.

"It turns out the whole thing is a fraud," Kendrick said. "He's using the fact that it is a fraud to critique the art community, saying that they are too accepting of things like shock art."

Kendrick said major figures in the art community, like thegawker.com, fell for the trick.

"What the event looks at is why that is an interesting way to communicate with people," Kendrick said. "Why is tricking them a better argument than just coming and saying 'Shock art's bad?'"

This weekend, Kendrick competed in the Lincoln-Douglas debate, informative speaking, persuasive speaking and rhetorical criticism and placed third in rhetorical criticism.

Though the team has strong individual achievements, it is held back by its small size.

"We want to dominate the state tournament," Ray

said. "Winning first place won't be good enough."

For the team to win the state tournament with eight people, each member would need to take four events or more, Ray said.

"If we had 15 people, then two to three events would be fine," he said. "It's a bigger demand on the current team members because they want to be successful as a team more so than as individuals."

Ray said students who would like to learn how to better express themselves, enjoy travel and are not afraid of hard work should consider joining the speech and debate team.

"I don't want to sugar coat that it's a big commitment, but it's a lot of fun, and it's very rewarding," Ray said. "If you're interested in law school or graduate school in general, it looks great on a resume."

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Massey

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Upper Big Branch. One said some witnesses, instead of appearing before the MSHA-state panel, are being called directly to a grand jury sitting in Charleston.

Massey is considered a possible takeover target for rivals such as Alpha Natural Resources and global steel conglomerate ArcelorMittal SA. Massey President Baxter F. Phillips Jr., who took over for Blankenship as CEO, was one of three Massey directors who narrowly avoided getting ousted by angry shareholders in March.

The retirement "brings to a close a long and difficult chapter in the history of the coal industry, one that has all too often been associated with human tragedy," stated United Mine Workers of America president Cecil E. Roberts.

Roberts said his union had been calling for Blankenship's ouster since the Upper Big Branch Mine explosion.

Blankenship had his champions, too, especially given his efforts to nearly triple Massey's revenues in his time at the company's helm.

"I don't think it's any of my business whether it's good or bad," said Bill Raney, president of the West Virginia Coal Association. "I've just observed that Don's been quite a leader over the years."

He called Blankenship one of the industry's "most aggressive, intelligent and certainly one of the most outspoken leaders."

Investigators say Blankenship's retirement as head of Massey Energy won't interfere with him testifying this month in a state and federal investigation of the Upper Big Branch Mine explosion, the nation's worst coal mine disaster since 1970. Blankenship has been subpoenaed to appear in Beckley on Dec. 14.

Daniel Malloy, Timothy McNulty and the Associated Press contributed.

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Farm

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to hold their food. Goat's milk, keifer, European cheeses, brie, feta, crottin as well as some cheeses they have made up are all produced at the farm.

The other produce, such as the vegetables, eggs and herbs, are grown for cheese production or for the Wong and Keeney families. Both Wong and Keeney said they hope to expand their business in the near future.

"We got a grant from the Café Huntington Group," Wong said. "We are going to a cheese-making and business class. We are going to this class that we are really thrilled about because before we thought we were going to have to travel to Vermont or Wisconsin to go to one of these classes. After milking all these goats twice a day and all the work that goes into it and keeping up with their health, feeding the babies, we about broke even. We don't have a lot of money to spare. Anyway, it is great that it is coming to Circleville, Ohio. We are going there next week to start on the classes."

Keeney and Wong also received the Create Huntington grant, which will help fund their trip to the business class.

They are building a new milk room and working toward becoming a micro-dairy farm.

Keeney said the animals are retired once they are done milking, and they take some of their animals to Earth Day presentations to show children and adults how and where your food comes from and how it is made.

"The small size lets us take better care of the animals, have safer food, cleaner food more fresh food," Wong said. **Libby Clark can be contacted at clark273@marshall.edu.**

Clery

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Goldstein said he could only think of about a dozen instances in which enforcement actions were levied under the act. The Clery Act was enacted in 1990.

Goldstein also said he thought a recent change in the record-keeping policies by the MUPD was a direct result of the Department of Education's investigation and media coverage.

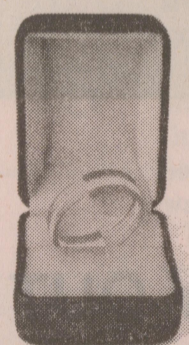
"It doesn't sound like the university started correcting it until they heard the investigation was happening," he said.

"That's a little bit like going to the dentist after your teeth fall out."

"The language of the Clery hasn't changed since before the investigation started to now, when the investigation has started. The only thing that's changed is they know someone is watching."

Terry and Marshall University Chief of Staff Matt Turner were unavailable for comment.

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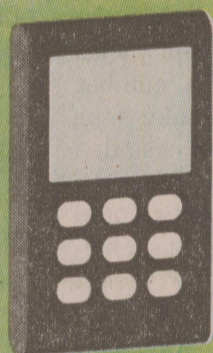
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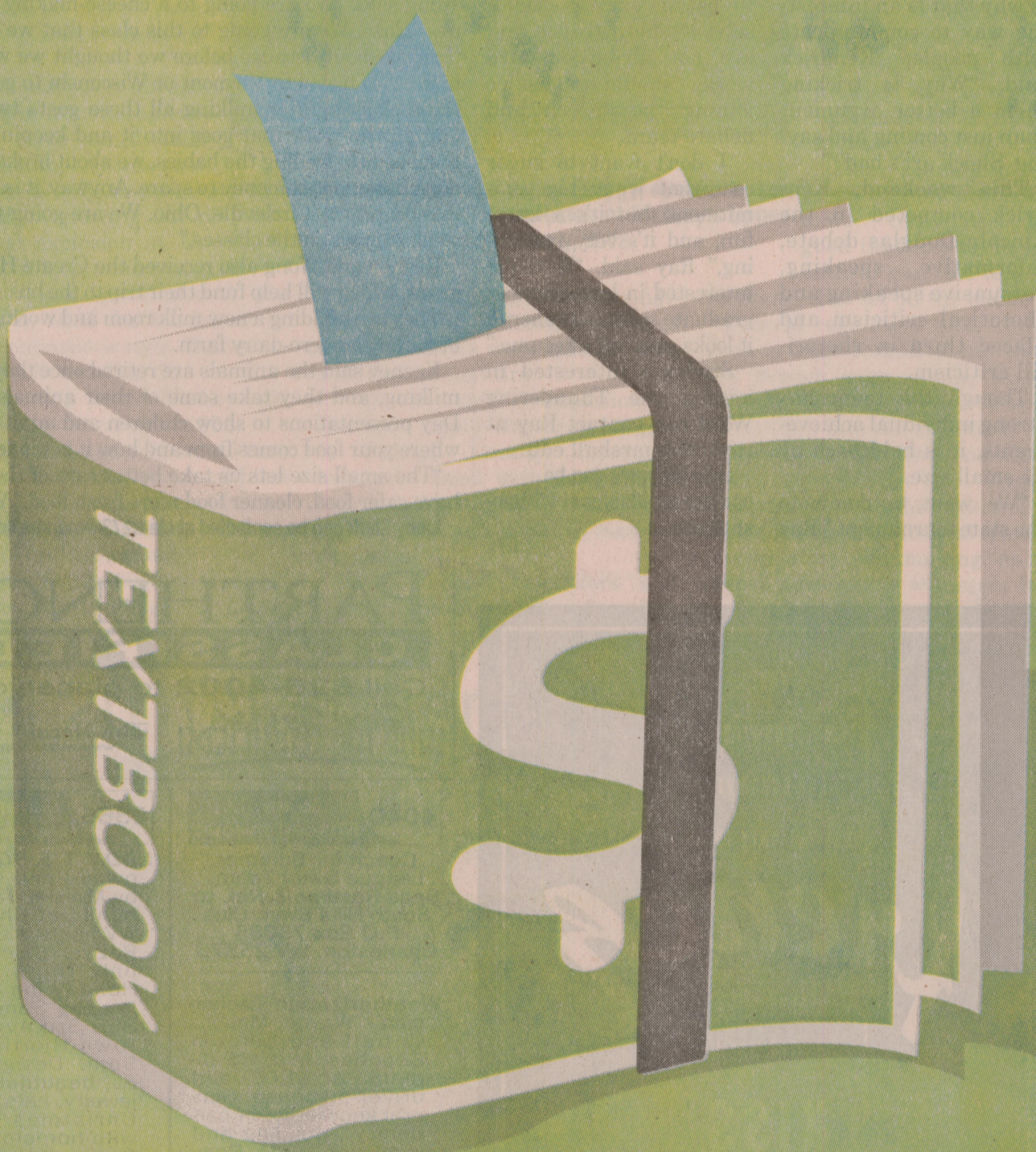
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