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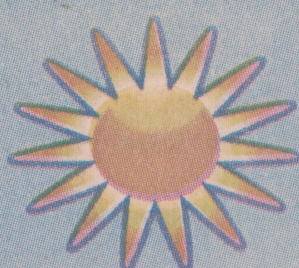
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Rahall discusses art of rhetoric in politics



Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., met with professor of classics E. Del Chrol's class called the Rhetoric of Seduction. Rahall discussed the art of electioneering, and how political rhetoric is necessary in a 24-hour news cycle.

BY PATRICK MILLER
THE PARTHENON

With just days left before the election, Congressman Nick Rahall spoke on political persuasion and how it has changed over time.

In a question and answer forum before the class Rhetoric of Seduction, Rahall commented on how the election process has changed since he first ran for office in 1976.

"Today is different, when I first started we relied more on the party organization, but today politicians run more individually centered campaigns," Rahall said.

The class had studied the persuasion tactics of

both interpersonal relationships and mass audiences, and Rahall was asked to speak so students could compare what they have learned with how it is done in the real world.

Rahall is running for re-election this fall, seeking his 17th term as representative for West Virginia's 3rd Congressional District.

Rahall said congressmen spend more time on reelection efforts than they used to. During his entire term, he is constantly working toward the goal through attending events, making speeches, and coordinating with local offices.

"In the House, the re-election effort does not

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SPORTS

Houston WR undergoes surgery on leg

BY APRIL VITELLO
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON—Houston wide receiver Patrick Edwards said Wednesday he holds no animosity toward Marshall, a day after he ran into a service cart and broke his leg in a game against the Thundering Herd.

The freshman was going after a pass at full speed in the third quarter Tuesday night when his right shin hit a cart in the back of the end zone. A referee immediately called for help and Edwards was carried off the field.

A Cabell Huntington Hospital spokesman said Edwards was in good condition Wednesday following surgery.

Edwards told The Associated Press from his hospital room in Huntington that he didn't see several carts that were parked against a grass embankment.

"I just saw the ball in the air and once it came down, I hit the cart and flipped over it," Edwards said.

He doesn't blame Marshall but said the Conference USA officiating crew should have ensured the carts were moved away.

"They are supposed to check and see if everything is off the field," Edwards said.

His mother, Patricia Edwards, told Houston television station KRIV she is considering legal action against Marshall.

"I thought I didn't have a son anymore, the way he flipped," she said. "I thought we had lost him. He could have been paralyzed or something."

Marshall athletic director Bob Marcum said the carts, used by Marshall's band, will be relocated at future games.

"We are sorry the accident took place and wish Patrick a quick and full recovery,"

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Trouble brewing in College of Education and Human Services

Most grievances at Marshall filed within College of Ed.

BY BRITTANY EVANS
THE PARTHENON

Since New Year's Day, 41 grievances have been filed for Marshall employees by the American Federation of Teachers, 38 of which were filed by faculty in the College of Education and Human Services.

"That's really a lot of grievances and (they are) indicative of the general unrest that many faculty members in the College (of Education and Human Services) are experiencing," said Christine Barr, representative for the American Federation of Teachers.

Barr said the 41 grievances were filed at Level I in the grievance procedure and all but four have been resolved. Of the four active grievances one is a consolidated grievance that includes grievances from seven faculty members from the College of Education and Human Services. The consolidated grievance concerns the faculty members' denial of equity pay and is at Level II in the grievance procedure.

Rosalyn Templeton, executive dean of the College of Education and Human Services, declined an interview request from The Parthenon.

"I'm not allowed to talk about legal matters such as grievances," Templeton said.

Gayle Ormiston, provost and senior vice president of academic affairs, declined an interview request from The Parthenon, as well.

Barr said the number of grievances filed against a particular employer and the final decision made by the administrative law judges is public information.

"I think it important to note that according to West Virginia Code, the number of grievances filed against an employer by an employee is not, per se, an indication of the employer's or the employee's job performance," Barr said.

There are several divisions within the College of Education and Hu-



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man Services: the division of human development and allied technology; the division of exercise, science, sport and recreation; the division of the school of education; and the graduate school of education and professional development.

Carl Johnson, retired division chairman of the school of education, said he was chairman for eight years and until last year no grievances were filed while he was chairman. Johnson resigned from his position in December 2007, but continued to teach within the College of Education and Human Services until his retirement in May 2008.

"I want to emphasize my concern for the faculty (within the College of Education and Human Services)," he said. "I don't feel good about what I hear is happening there."

Robert Angel, professor of education, has been a faculty member in the college for 32 years. He filed a collaborative grievance with 12 other faculty members on Feb. 14. The grievance claimed a violation of policies and procedure for not permitting staff to decide on how a new chair person is selected.

"It's sad that we've had to file all of these grievances," Angel said. "In all of the years that I have been here, I had absolutely no idea what a grievance was. I had no idea, never even considered it. Now all of a sudden there are all of these issues that have come up and I think there's just been a lack of communication."

According to the West Virginia Public Employees Grievance Board, there are three levels of the grievance procedure. A grievance must be filed within 15 days following the occurrence of the

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Chairperson for School of Education remains unnamed

BY BRITTANY EVANS
THE PARTHENON

Faculty and administrators within the School of Education, a division of the College of Education and Human Services, have become frustrated in their attempts to elect a new division chairperson.

Robert Angel, program coordinator for the College of Education and Human Services and professor of special education, said conflicts arose in spring 2008 following the resignation of Carl Johnson, an eight-year division chairman of the school of education.

Angel said Marshall's Board of Governors updated their policy concerning the selection of department chair positions so that each college could develop their own process in electing the chairperson. According to Angel, the faculty and administrators within the College of Education and Human Services could not decide how they would elect the new chairperson. Angel said Rosalyn Templeton, executive dean of the College of Education and Human Services, and other faculty members wanted the search for a chairperson to be open to educators outside of the College of Education and Human Services.

Chris Barr, representative for the American Federation of Teachers, said 13 faculty members filed a grievance Feb. 14 claiming a violation of policies and procedure for not permitting faculty to decide on how a new chairperson is selected.

"It got to the point where we weren't getting anywhere in making a decision in the college," Angel said. "So the next step in the grievance procedures with the university is to file a formal grievance."

Barr said an agreement was reached on March 14 and the grievance then was resolved on Sept. 2.

Angel said faculty and administrators within the college decided it was the faculty's decision on whether the



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search should be limited to the College of Education and Human Services or open to educators outside the college.

Stan Maynard, associate dean for academic programs and director of the June

Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development, was appointed in January by Templeton to serve as interim division chairman of the school of education.

Johnson said he resigned from his position in December 2007 and continued to teach within the College of Education and Human Services until his retirement in May 2008. He said he wanted to assist the interim division chairperson until the faculty elected a chairperson.

Johnson said he was under the impression James Sottile, assistant division chairman and professor of education, or Angel would have been appointed to the position of interim division chairman of the school of education. Johnson said Angel had also served as assistant division chairman for several years.

"I was very, very surprised when Maynard received it," Johnson said.

"I have been in the school of ed (education) quite a number of years, and many of the initiatives that we were trying to establish for the school of education were directly associated with things that I was doing," Maynard said. "At that time it was intended to be for just a very short period of time until they were able to elect a chair."

Templeton declined an interview request from The Parthenon.

Melinda Backus, associate professor of education said problems continued when the faculty voted to

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EDITORIAL

Opinion page is outlet for community

It seems the media is always catching flack for being unfair and unbalanced. Recently, claims have been voiced to The Parthenon that its Opinion page and coverage of news events have had a liberal bias.

While there may be some truth to that claim, it is certainly a claim that deserves clarification.

First, the Opinion page of any newspaper represents the views of that particular newspaper. The views contained within the Opinion page at The Parthenon in no way influence the articles contained on its other five pages of print.

Second, and more importantly, it should be noted that The Parthenon's Opinion page is left-leaning because of a lack of right-leaning reader response.

All of The Parthenon's columnists applied for their positions in a timely manner after viewing posters on campus advertising for the positions. The columnists were selected not for their political opinions, but for their writing skills and ability to write on deadline.

It should also be noted that The Parthenon's cartoonists were selected in a similar fashion.

What readers of The Parthenon should keep in mind is The Parthenon is a college newspaper on a college campus. When last checked, Barack Obama (a liberal Democrat) has Facebook groups with well over 2 million supporters. And while college students aren't the only ones using Facebook anymore, they remain the majority of its patrons.

In the end, readers should remember the Opinion page is an outlet for not only The Parthenon's voice but an outlet for their voice as well. Readers should feel free to submit columns or letters to the editor at any time.

The Opinion page is an outlet for your opinion — use it!

Parthenon online poll

What do you think of Marshall's green helmets?

Answer 1 I liked them
Answer 2 I hated them
Answer 3 I don't care
Answer 4 Keep them for special occasions

Last week's poll: what are you doing for Halloween this year?

Trick-or-treating...16%
Going to a party...53%
Watching scary movies...2%
Other...29%

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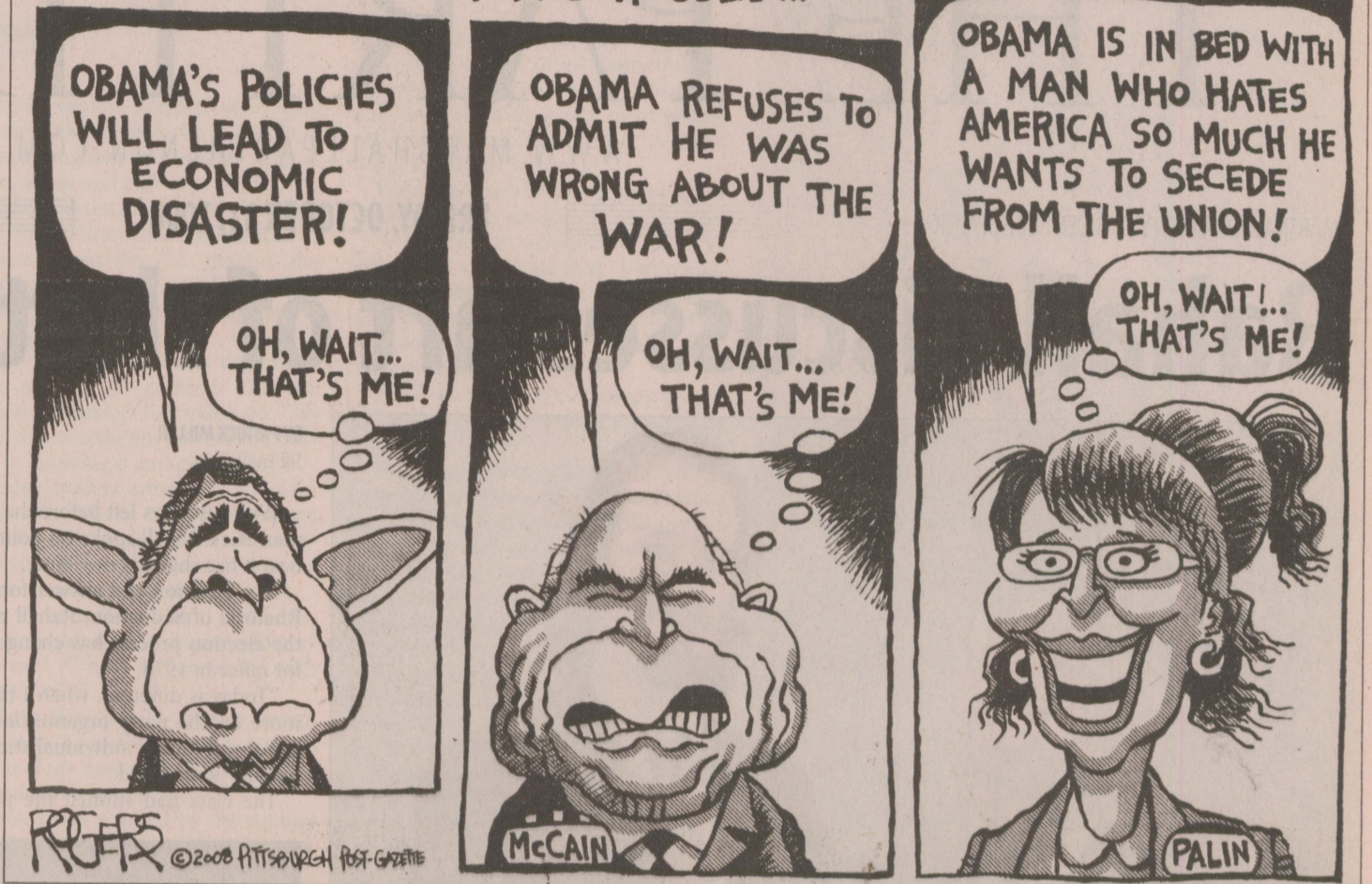
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REPUBLICANS IN GLASS HOUSES ...



JERROD LABER | Voice of Reason

Green helmets give team swagger

On Tuesday night, the Marshall University Thundering Herd football team sported a new look, a new attitude and what seemed to be a whole new style of play.

The Herd snapped a three-game losing streak as they imposed their will on the Houston Cougars en route to a 37-23 victory in a game that many believed could make or break the Herd's season.

The Cougars were favored coming into the game, touting a three-game winning streak and a prolific offense that has averaged well over 500 yards a contest.

The Herd came out of the tunnel invigorated despite the cold, flashing new sleek green helmets, and carried that energy over into the field of play. Fundamentally, it looked like an entirely new football team. The defense smothered Houston's offense, filling passing lanes, putting pressure on the quarterback, tackling, finish-



Jerrod Laber
COLUMNIST

ing plays and causing three turnovers.

The offense did well on converting those turnovers into points, taking care of the ball and not committing any turnovers of their own.

Some may argue that the Marshall team that took to the field Tuesday night is not the same team that has been donning the green and white all season long. It certainly seems as if that may very well be true.

Aside from the obvious difference in the helmets, this team had swagger, confidence and played with excitement. They also played smart, not beating themselves with turnovers and penalties.

This Herd team also played

The new look did provide a much-needed energy boost... It also seemed to give the players a new sense of identity, enabling them to forget the past three weeks and play the way they are truly capable of playing.

with purpose, realizing that over the last three weeks, the season had been slipping away from them.

Was this a result of the green helmets? Not directly. The new look did provide a much-needed energy boost to not only the team, but the fans as well. It also seemed to give the players a new sense of identity, enabling them to forget the past three weeks and play the way they are truly capable of playing.

Now the Herd find themselves at an even 4-4, back in bowl contention and first in the Conference USA East Division.

The next game is against East Carolina, a key in-conference game, and very tough opponent.

The last four games of the season represent possibly the toughest part of the schedule, and green helmets will not win those games for Marshall. Whichever team that shows up, either the team that dominated on Tuesday, or that of the three previous weeks, will determine whether or not the rest, as well as the whole, season is a success.

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YOUR THOUGHTS | Letters to the Editor

Shopping spree article casts Palin in bad light

As a fan of The Parthenon's political coverage this year, I was very disappointed by Thursday's "Shopping Spree" article taking aim at the clothing purchases of Sarah Palin.

The wording of the article makes it appear as though the Alaskan governor took time out of her campaign to stroll down to the mall and make expensive purchases on the Republican National Committee's credit card. That simply is not the case.

In multiple interviews, Palin has stated that she did not ask for new clothes, that campaign aides purchased the clothes, and that she does not even consider the clothes to be her property.

Given the hectic schedules kept by politicians, one must admit that Palin's explanation is plausible, and it is obvious the candidate did not have time to squeeze in a Neiman Marcus shopping spree in between rallies in Dayton, Ohio, and town hall meetings in Scranton, Pa.

So while the level of spending may be shocking, you really can't

blame Palin for this expense.

If anything, this "Fashion-Gate" scandal is a prime example of the ridiculous spending that permeates American politics.

Exorbitant spending is second nature to most all political campaigns, with Barack Obama's team shelling out upwards of a million dollars for a stage filled with faux Greek columns.

While such spending is obviously quite ridiculous, it is not appropriate or fair to blame any candidate for the way in which their campaign chooses to spend its money.

This is especially true in instances where the candidate publicly states that they did not approve such spending, as is the case in the inaccurately reported shopping spree of Sarah Palin, which never even took place.

Johnny G. Walker
Ghent, W.Va.

Are you serious? Obama dines on caviar and drinks fine wine every night and you waste your time writing about shopping.

You should be more worried about the Socialist Obama that

might be president.

Really, the entire back page filled up with an article that doesn't make any sense and merely lets us know who you are voting for.

Give it up. Shop now I guess, because if you elect Obama then all your earnings will go to the poor that won't have a day for it.

One of the ladies you interviewed said she didn't want that \$150,000 of hard working Americans money spent on clothes.

Obama is planning on taxing hard working Americans then just giving it away to lazy people that will in some cases never work a day in their lives and love spending your money.

You'll have a job in a few years and be a Republican anyway.

Thomas Dunn
Posted online in response to "Shopping Spree"

Sporny Hunt's letter heartfelt, honest

What a beautiful, honest, heartfelt tribute! I only knew Professor Sporny by reputation

as an accomplished artist and through his fierce letters to the editor in The Parthenon.

Rasmi Sporny Hunt's tribute gave me a glimpse into the life of a father, an artist, a professor, a multi-dimensional man. My condolences to his family, friends, students and colleagues!

Jennifer Sias

Posted online in response to "Daughter remembers colorful father"

Marshall baseball team needs new field

Thank you for a good article and especially for mentioning the need for a new baseball field near campus. Marshall has a good coach and a first-class program. Now everyone needs to pull together to get those first-class facilities. Having played baseball at Marshall from 1959 until 1961, I'm excited about what is happening at Marshall. GO HERD!

Carl Little

Posted online in response to "Waggoner has high expectations for 2009"

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Kopp receives 'Creative Cone' award

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THE PARTHENON

Most people may be used to receiving awards in the forms of trophies and plaques, but the president of Marshall University is celebrating the win of an award in the shape of an object many people see every day — a traffic cone.

Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp was recognized Oct. 20-22 at the Create West Virginia Conference at Snowshoe Mountain Resort with a "Creative Cone" award for excellence in developing West Virginia in the new economy.

"A large part of our mission at Create West Virginia is the development of new areas of research and President Kopp and Marshall's involvement in pushing forward in the area of research has been invaluable," said Create West Virginia Chairman Matt James. "He has been a real leader in forming a creative community in Huntington and statewide."

The Create West Virginia group is dedicated to creating "informed, creative communities," James said. According to its Web site, the group is dedicated to focusing on improving the state in areas of quality of place, technology, tolerance and diversity, education and talent, entrepreneurship, arts and culture.

"The creative cone award is meant to hon-

or individuals who are working toward the cause of advancing development in the state through economical and high-tech innovation, and really anything that is outstanding in building the community as a whole," James said. "We chose a cone because it represents construction, which is what this group is really all about."

Kopp's involvement in bringing the Bucks for Brains program to West Virginia was applauded by the panel. The program involved a one-time appropriation of \$50 million to be used to match private donations to Marshall and West Virginia University. The policy gives 30 percent of that appropriation to Marshall.

Kopp was unavailable for comment, but Bill Bissett, chief of staff and senior vice president of communications, spoke on his behalf.

"Kopp presented last year, but he wasn't able to make it there this year," Bissett said. "He was very appreciative of the Creative Cone award."

Kopp was also highly praised for his personal involvement in the local operation of Create Huntington. Mayor David Felinton, Kopp and community members of the Huntington area formed the local improvement organization in 2006.

"I can tell you that Kopp, while appreciative of the award, would say a lot of people deserve to be noticed for their work, not

only within Create Huntington, but in the larger context of the Marshall community and how it interacts with the larger region," Bissett said.

The organization frequently holds meetings to discuss improving the status of the Huntington community. Kopp has said in previous interviews that it was important to see growth in the community in order to make campus life even better. He said that investing in the community was not far from investing in Marshall.

Kopp also said in earlier interviews that involvement in the community is important in his Strategic Vision for Marshall. He said developing Marshall's surrounding community improved Marshall's ability to attract new students.

The other winners included Jeanne Mozier, a community organizer and "social entrepreneur"; Keith Pauley, CEO of the Mid-Atlantic Technology, Research and Innovation Center; Revered Matthew Watts and Reverend Ron English for their work in civil rights, creation of job opportunities and youth mentoring; and Coach Marlon LeBlanc and Jason Staples, who pioneered OneWVU, a campus organization that promotes diversity and inclusion.

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Race neglects secular voters

BY JUSTIN HAWTHORNE
THE PARTHENON

With the presidential election on the horizon, a group known as the secular voters are feeling alienated by the candidates.

Secularism, a term that refers to someone who is not overtly religious, has become an issue in the political landscape due to the fact that it is nearly impossible for a presidential candidate not to make a religious affiliation or speak on faith-based initiatives.

George Davis, political science professor at Marshall University, said he thinks that dealing with secular voters is a bigger problem for Sen. John McCain than it is for Sen. Barack Obama.

"Within the Democratic party, I suspect most secular voters are with Obama," Davis said. "I think McCain has emphasized religious voters in his campaign, as evidenced by his choice of Palin, and I think he's left some moderates alienated. This might explain why people like Colin Powell and Christopher Buckley have endorsed Obama, even though they have traditionally been Republicans."

A question that has been tossed around within the political community and with voters alike is whether or not a candidate without any religious affiliation could be elected president.

Davis said he didn't think it was necessary for candidates to make an explicit religious affiliation, but it could be difficult for candidates if they are not willing to discuss their faith.

"I think it would be difficult, although not impossible, for an atheist to win the office," Davis said. "With that said, in a time where people are concerned about their economic well-being, and there's still unease about two wars, I think a candidate's faith is less important to voters."

Dan Hager, campus ministry intern for Herd4Christ, said

"I don't like the thought of someone using my deeply held beliefs as a ploy to try to win my vote. It concerns me that sometimes political figures can be insincere about their religious beliefs in order to make political gains."

DAN HAGER
HERD4CHRIST
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he is often skeptical when politicians use faith to meet political goals.

"My faith is very personal, and I am very protective of it," Hager said. "I don't like the thought of someone using my deeply held beliefs as a ploy to try to win my vote. It concerns me that sometimes political figures can be insincere about their religious beliefs in order to make political gains."

When faith and politics become intertwined, some fear that both campaign's intense focus on religious issues distracts the candidates and the country from more pressing matters.

Davis said he thinks this can be a problem, but he hasn't seen it happen so far within this campaign.

"Since the conventions, religious questions have become much less important and you don't here the candidates talking much about 'moral' issues such as gay marriage or abortion," Davis said. "That's not to say that people aren't talking about these issues, or that they're not important, it is only to say that candidates really seemed to be focused on the economy and national security."

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PHOTO BY TAYLOR KUYKENDALL

Marshall Link employees make calls while wearing Halloween costumes. The organization updates alumni about the University, and raises money for the Annual Fund.

Marshall Link employees dress up

BY TAYLOR KUYKENDALL
THE PARTHENON

A campus organization dedicated to linking Marshall alumni back to the University had a little fun Thursday night with Halloween festivity.

Marshall Link, an on-campus telephone outreach program, invited its employees to come dressed in Halloween outfits and enjoy Halloween tricks during the workday Thursday. Student supervisor, Filiz Kadiev, marketing major from Iselin, N.J., said they have fun at their job.

"It's such a great atmosphere

here," Kadiev said. "I've worked here for four semesters and it is just a great way to meet the alumni. Many have had some very unique experiences."

Part of the students' job at Marshall Link is to update alumni with information about the overall progress of Marshall University. Rebecca Samples, assistant vice president for development, said their goal this year was to raise \$200,000. Jenny Wheeler, the university fund coordinator, said the money raised by Marshall Link would go into the Marshall University Annual Fund.

"Right now we are focusing on alumni who have never donated before and we are having a good bit of success," Wheeler said. "The money is used for a fund which goes towards wherever there is greatest need."

According to the foundation, those needs include things such as general scholarships, library materials, student activities, multicultural programs and campus technology upgrades.

The employees won awards for their creativity in devising their costumes, which ranged from a Teletubby to a killer bee — a regular bee with a bloody knife

accessory.

Students with Marshall Link worked from 5:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday evenings and Sunday from 3:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wheeler said there were not many positions available at the moment, but students interested in working for Marshall Link should contact her when they have their schedule for next semester planned.

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Medical students win at state conference

BY MIRANDA ROSIEK
THE PARTHENON

Students from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine brought home first place in a "Jeopardy"-style quiz bowl and research poster competition at the American College of Physicians conference.

The conference was held last weekend in Morgantown, W.Va., where Marshall's medical school and West Virginia University's medical school went head-to-head in competitions.

Billy Terrell, fourth-year medical student at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, said the purpose of the conference was for physicians to get together, present research and discuss medical topics facing physicians today. He said the competitions added entertainment as a way to learn and present new research conducted by Marshall's and WVU's medical schools.

The final score for the quiz bowl was 800 points for Marshall, and

350 points for West Virginia.

"Our win definitely gave our medical school bragging rights," Terrell said. "I believe the students that competed against us went in thinking it was going to be an easy win. We embarrassed them."

Terrell was the captain and the speaker for the winning quiz bowl team. The other members included Paul Bailey, Janelle King and Sydnee McElroy.

"It was good for Marshall's medical school to show that we are a competitive program and that the students going through our program are just as knowledgeable, if not more, than the students coming through the WVU program," Terrell said.

The questions asked at the quiz bowl covered topics under the category of internal medicine such as cardiology, dermatology and infectious diseases, Terrell said. He said with the category being so broad it was almost impossible to study and prepare for the competition.

"The most enjoyable part of

competing was the four of us working together to come up with these answers," Terrell said. "One question was so difficult that doctors in the audience clapped for our team that we got it. Everyone was impressed with our team."

Mary Sale, second-year medical student from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, was the winner of the poster competition with her research titled "Use of Medicare Billing for Tobacco Cessation Counseling."

Sale said about 80 posters were entered into the contest, and the main entrants were residents or physicians in their fellowship.

"I was the only second-year student at the competition and that's what made this such a big deal," Sale said. "I am glad I represented Marshall so well at the competition."

Sale said her research focused on how often physicians and patients took advantage of billing Medicare for smoking cessation counseling.

"Medicare approved reimbursement for smoking cessation

counseling in 2005, and so what I looked at was the occurrences of physicians that did that counseling and billed correctly," Sale said.

Sale said after reviewing more than 36,000 patient visits, only 18 percent of physicians submitted claims for this counseling opportunity.

"I concluded that Medicare billing for tobacco cessation counseling is greatly under utilized," Sale said. "When Medicare makes changes, there is no flow of information from Medicare to billing to the physician to implement those changes."

Sale said if more physicians knew they could bill Medicare for smoking cessation counseling, it could lead to more people attempting to quit smoking.

Winning this award qualified her to compete at the National American College of Physicians conference in Philadelphia in April 2009.

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ROTC places third in competition

BY COLIN THORN
THE PARTHENON

Two months of training paid off for nine cadets as Marshall's ROTC placed third in its division at the annual Ranger Challenge competition in Fort AP Hill, Va.

Described as the "varsity sport of Army ROTC," the competition took place over the weekend and featured a wide variety of military exercises including physical training, marksmanship, orienteering, hand grenade exercises and a one-rop bridge competition. Ten Marshall ROTC cadets, including an alternate as well as a few officers, attended the competition.

"It's an extracurricular activity for our cadets to work as a team and compete against teams from other schools and it tests both physical endurance and technical ability in a number of events," Col. Jason Horne said. "This lets them come together as a group, prepare for two months and then go and compete against schools in our brigade."

Chris Shaffer, graduate ROTC student, trained for and attended the competition. He said the physical training portion of the competition was especially demanding.

"Your day starts at 4:30 in the morning and you get up and have your physical fitness test including two minutes of push-ups, two minutes of sit-ups and a two-mile run," Shaffer said. "You're

physically worn out after that. Then you do your events throughout the day and at 4 in the evening you start your 10 kilometer rut march with all your equipment on. It just wears you out."

Marshall's ROTC competed against teams from schools such as West Virginia State, Howard University, Bowie State and McDaniel College, but Horne focused on the team's development through leadership.

"A lot of the things we do in ROTC are focused on building leaders and leadership development," Horne said. "This is a way of measuring their technical expertise on the various paths they train on. They normally don't get to see where they stand measured against cadets from other schools in ROTC."

Shaffer said labs such as the M16 rifle range exercise help cadets practice various military exercises throughout the year. In addition, the cadets who are participating in Ranger Challenge take part in extra preparatory measures to train for the competition.

"I was very impressed with both their preparation and their commitment to the program and the way they carried themselves as a team," Horne said. "The best part about it was we came together as a team and really supported each other and had a good time."

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Penguins at Coyotes (late)
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NBA
Bobcats 79, Cavaliers 96
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WEEKEND SPORTS TODAY

-Women's Soccer
@ East Carolina | 3 p.m.
Greenville, N.C.

-Volleyball
@ Memphis | 8 p.m.
Memphis, Tenn.

-Women's Tennis
Virginia Tech Tournament
| All day
Blacksburg, Va.

SATURDAY

-Men's Basketball
vs. Wheeling Jesuit | 7 p.m.
Cam Henderson Center
(exhibition)

-Men's Soccer
@ Memphis | 8 p.m.
Memphis, Tenn.

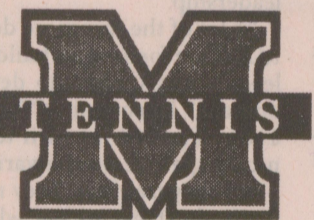
-Cross Country
Conference USA Championships
| All day
Memphis, Tenn.

SUNDAY

-Women's Basketball
vs. Exodus All Stars | 2 p.m.
Cam Henderson Center

-Women's Volleyball
@ UAB | 2 p.m.
Birmingham, Ala.

SPORTS BRIEFS



Marshall tennis travels to Hokie Invitational

The Marshall University women's tennis team will be competing at the Hokie Invitational, hosted by Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. beginning Friday at the Burrows/Burleson Tennis Center. Friday matches are set to begin at 8 a.m.

Thirteen teams will be competing this weekend including Albany, Appalachian State, Davidson, East Carolina, East Tennessee State, Liberty, Marshall, Murray State, Radford, Chattanooga, Virginia, Wolford, and Virginia Tech.

"This will be a very good tournament," Marshall's head coach John Mercer said. "This weekend will be an opportunity for the three to get a lot of matches and build their confidence."

Herd women's hoops prep for opener

BY ANDREW RAMSPACHER
THE PARTHENON

After eight months of waiting and thinking about what could have been, the Marshall women's basketball team finally returns to the court Sunday for an exhibition game versus the Exodus All-Stars.

The game will be Marshall's first contest since letting a 15-point lead slip away in last year's Conference USA tournament semifinal loss to SMU.

Head coach Royce Chadwick said Sunday's 2 p.m. opening tip from the Cam Henderson Center can't come soon enough.

"It seems like it has been an eternity since we last played in March," Chadwick said. "We're very excited and really looking forward to putting our new players out there and letting them have an opportunity to get their feet wet."

"We also have some tremendous returnees that have paid a lot of dues to put themselves in positions to be mainstays for our basketball team — it's their time to rise and shine and get us off to a good start."

Those players Chadwick is expecting to raise their levels of play are a quartet of returning starters — senior guard Casey Baker, junior forwards Alyssa Hammond and Chantelle Handy and sophomore forward Tyniki Crook. Chadwick said these four, plus returning junior guard Alix Barnette and senior forward Kendra King, can form the Herd's nucleus for success if they stay away from the injury bug.

"We have good returnees who have all been beat up and bruised lately," he said. "But if we can get them back and keep our kids healthy and get our returnees right I think we have a chance to have a good season, and that's always exciting. It's a lot more fun to win than it is going into a game not knowing what you have, and we feel good about our team."

Chadwick's high spirits about his squad can grow after Sunday's game. Beyond the six returnees are 10 new players who will be making their Thundering



Thundering Herd guard Casey Baker is defended by West Virginia's Takisha Granberry in last year's Capitol Classic. The Herd opens its exhibition season Sunday at the Cam Henderson Center against the Exodus All Stars at 2 p.m. Baker will be joined by three returning players from last season's starting lineup.

Herd debut.

Blending a small group of veterans with a corps of fresh faces can make setting a rotation difficult. Chadwick said he will experiment with a combination of lineups Sunday.

"I think without question it's an opportunity for us to put people out there under fire and let them show what they can do," he said.

For the Herd's seven new freshmen, Chadwick said Sunday is a chance for them to allow their jitters to cease before the season officially tips off in November.

"They'll be nervous and excited," he said. "Maybe we can get a couple of butterflies out so that when we open up for real against Appalachian State they won't be nearly as nervous."

Marshall's youth movement will get a stiff test from an experienced Exodus All-Stars team. The All-Stars are a crop of former college players who still have aspirations of playing professionally.

Chadwick said they will bring a physical nature to their game for the full 40 minutes that the Herd will have to combat with disciplined basketball.

"We have to do the fundamental things because we aren't as big, fast or strong as they'll be," he said. "We certainly don't have the experience that they have so we have to go back at them with team schemes to be them one-on-one. It will be a great test for our youngsters especially."

One person in the Cam Henderson Center crowd Sunday will be particularly interested to see how the Herd fares against some stiff competition — Shenneika Smith. Smith, out of Saint Michael Academy in Brooklyn, N.Y., is the No. 7 women's high school basketball

prospect in the country according to ESPN.com.

Smith, who has narrowed her college choices to Kentucky, Syracuse, Middle Tennessee State, St. John's and Marshall, will be on campus this weekend for a recruiting visit.

The Herd's shot to impress Smith and to start embarking on a successful season tips off at 2 p.m. Sunday. WMUL-FM 88.1 will broadcast the game live beginning with a pregame shot at 1:30 p.m.

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Phinally, phitting, phantastic

"I've been through it all. The monumental NFC Championship collapses, the Eric Lindros concussions, Allen Iverson's practice habits ("Practice?"), and yes — Joe Carter ... I'm ready for a change. This is the year that fortunes go my way."

—Ramsbacher's Rumbblings, Oct. 3, 2007

So I was a year off, but the view from the top of the sports fan utopia looks just as glorious.

Brad Lidge threw it, Eric Hinske swung at it, Carlos Ruiz squeezed it — World Series over, quarter-century drought over.

The town of my birth finally had its championship.

Perhaps Lidge, the once-thought-as-cursed closer after serving up a gopher ball to Albert Pujols in the 2005 NLCS, summed it up the best.

"I wouldn't change anything that happened in my career because it all got me to where

I am right now," he told Fox's Chris Meyers after giggling his way out from the bottom of the celebration pile on the mound at Citizens Bank Park. "It all got me here, everything I went through."

For the last 25 years, Philadelphia was the city equivalent to Lidge — praised for several wins, remembered for colossal setbacks.

Lidge was an All-Star, a member of Team USA in the World Baseball Classic and had a slider that was regarded as one of the nastiest in baseball during his days as a Houston Astro.

But prior to his punch-out of

Hinske the other night, ask the average Joe Six-Pack and the first thing that comes to mind when they think of Lidge is the image of his face in his glove in disgust after leaving that once-untouchable slider upstairs to Pujols.

Between the Flyers, Eagles, 76ers and Phillies, Philly sports has been blessed with five MVPs and seven trips to championships since the Sixers last gave the town something to cheer about in 1983.

But ask that same Six-Pack about his lasting image of sports in the city of Brotherly Love before Wednesday and he won't even say anything — he's just mockingly grimacing with pain as he wraps his hands around his throat.

Philly was where you routinely approached the top of the mountain, but could never handle the thick air when you got up there.

That was rarefied air — oxy-

gen that for 25 years wasn't to be used in Philadelphia.

But two days ago, with Lidge leading the charge to the top, the heap was reached and the air was ever so sweet.

All the downfalls and choke jobs over the years made it that way.

For one night, it was Philly who was celebrating — not New York, not Boston, not Chicago.

I'm not going to say I called it, but as I walked down the steps Saturday to catch the SEPTA to cruise into the Citizens Bank Park parking lot for some tailgating before Game 3, I caught a glimpse of the William Penn statue that sits on top of City Hall and muttered to myself, "You're not doing it to us this year."

Billy was thought to be the curse that caused so much agony all these years after buildings were built higher than him in 1987.

But, when I got the phone call from my cousin, Kelly, from the K Lot at Lincoln Financial Field at 10:09 p.m. Wednesday, I knew curses didn't exist.

"This is crazy, there is glass everywhere!" she said. "We won the freaking World Series!"

Yes, we did — glory at last.

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ANDREW RAMSPACHER
Ramsbacher's Rumbblings

C-USA SOCCER

UK earns draw with Indiana

BY GREG ROSENSTEIN
INDIANA DAILY STUDENT | INDIANA U.

Not even the fastest goal in NCAA Division I history could propel the Indiana men's soccer team to its fourth win in a row, with the Hoosiers' match against Kentucky ending in a 1-1 tie after two overtime periods Wednesday night.

On the opening kickoff, sophomore forward/midfielder Andy Adlard sent a long ball deep into the Kentucky zone. After bouncing off of a Wildcat defender, Kentucky goalkeeper Dan Williams came out of the goal to attempt to scoop up the bouncing ball.

IU senior forward Kevin Noschang took advantage of the miscue by gaining control of the ball and firing it past Williams for the 1-0 advantage six seconds into the game.

Attempting to clear in the 22nd minute, freshman defender Tommy Meyer kicked the ball into the path of oncoming Kentucky junior midfielder Chad Hagerty.

The Wildcat took control of the ball and went one-on-one with IU senior goalkeeper Chay Cain. At the last second, Hagerty passed the ball off to his teammate, junior forward Marco dos Santos, who scored on an effectively open net.

The second half was charac-

terized by missed opportunities from both sides. In the 54th minute, a Kentucky offensive player took a shot just outside of the box that was saved by a sprawling Cain. A minute later Noschang received a through-ball that put him one-on-one against Williams, but the shot went just wide.

The Hoosiers and the Wildcats each had one prime chance to score in the first overtime period.

With five minutes remaining, Adlard nearly replicated his game-winning shot against Ohio State last week, as his free kick just outside the box was tipped over the crossbar.

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INJURY

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said Marcum, who also talked to Houston athletic director Dave Maggard about the accident.

Conference USA commissioner Britton Banowsky said, "Clearly, all of us in athletics administration share in the responsibility for ensuring that the events conducted on our campuses are as safe as possible for the participants and I'm certain we will stay focused on that objective."

The game was televised nationally and the accident has already been shown thousands of times on the Internet — even Edwards said he saw the replay.

Edwards, Houston's leading receiver with 634 yards on 46 catches, suffered a compound fracture and had a rod insert-

ed in his lower right leg during surgery, said Houston associate athletic director Chris Burkhalter.

Marshall coach Mark Snyder, safety C.J. Spillman and defensive end Albert McClellan visited Edwards on Wednesday.

"He was in good spirits," Snyder said. "We wanted him to know that he is part of our extended football family and that we are here to help him in any way we can."

Marshall athletics spokesman Randy Burnside said the university's insurance carrier will pay for Edwards' medical bills.

Edwards is expected to make a full recovery.

"The doctor said I will be good, ready for next season," Edwards said.

Good looks help women candidates, men not so much

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Women running for top offices need to appear competent and attractive, according to a new study. For male candidates, seeming competent may be enough.

It's a finding that could help justify heavy spending on makeup and wardrobe for Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin, while at the same time raising questions about the need for a man like John Edwards to invest in a costly haircut.

"What we found was quite startling," said Joan Y. Chiao of Northwestern University's psychology department.

For male candidates, the only thing that mattered to male voters was competence, while female voters preferred men who seemed both competent and approachable.

But for "female candidates for a hypothetical election for the United States presidency, both male and female voters were more likely to vote for candidates that were both competent and attractive," Chiao said in a telephone interview.

"Neither trait (alone) was sufficient to predict whether a person was going to vote for that candidate," she added. Chiao's findings are being published online by the journal PLoS ONE.

"For female candidates, it really matters if they're perceived as competent and perceived as attractive. Those two qualities are sort of twin predictors of whether or not someone is going to be more or less likely to vote for them," Chiao stressed.

Why? "There are a lot of potential theories," she said. "Most likely may be the way people choose friends and mates."

"There's a lot of talk about voters thinking, in their mind, 'Who would I like to go out for a beer with' when they're evaluating potential candidates. We think that that taps really well into the gut instincts that voters use when they're thinking about who they're going to vote for."

"These gut instincts that we use in mate selection are oper-

ating unconsciously in leader selection," she explained. "This is all operating unconsciously, people don't even realize how they're making these decisions," she said.

Past studies have also looked at the effect of attractiveness in politics.

A 2005 study, for example, found that candidates who appeared more mature did better than ones with a baby face. Researchers at that time said maturity helped voters infer competence in the candidate.

So, how did Chiao and her colleagues reach their conclusion?

They collected photos of congressional candidates from 2006 and asked a panel of 73 college students to rate the candidates for competence, dominance, attractiveness and approachability.

None of the students recognized any of the candidates and most had never voted in a real election.

Overall, men tended to be rated more competent than women. Female students rated male candidates as appearing more dominant, while male students saw no difference in dominance.

All the students rated female candidates more attractive than men, and female candidates were rated as more approachable.

Once they had the sets of ratings for the candidates, the researchers divided them into pairs and asked the students to select which one they would be more likely to choose as president.

Their conclusions about the qualities needed to win votes were based on the winners of those hypothetical contests.

So, would these results be the same for adults?

"It's possible older adults, past the stage of romantic partnerships, may show less of a gender bias," Chiao said.

And she said familiarity seems to breed comfort. As more and more women win office, voters tend to become more comfortable choosing them.

looking forward to getting this behind him," said Lawrence Woodward, an attorney for the former Virginia Tech and Atlanta Falcons star.

Prosecutor Gerald Poindexter preferred that Vick's plea wait until his release from federal prison. He objected to the video conferencing motion on grounds that it has never been used in Virginia and he didn't want the county to set a precedent.

Vick, 28, is set to enter his plea on Nov. 25. Under the terms of his plea deal, he would receive only a suspended sentence and a year of probation. If he is able to resolve the state dogfighting and animal cruelty charges, he would be eligible to transfer to a halfway house for the final six months of his term, according to court papers.

Judge: Michael Vick must appear in person for plea

BY LARRY O'DELL
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUSSEX, Va.—Former NFL quarterback Michael Vick won't be allowed to plead guilty to dogfighting charges by videoconference, a judge ruled Thursday.

Vick's lawyers had requested that he be allowed to enter the plea from federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan., where he is serving a two-year term since admitting he bankrolled a dogfighting operation and helped execute dogs.

But citing high public interest in the case, Surry County Circuit Judge Samuel Campbell said it would be better for Vick to appear in person.

"I know from my conversations with Mike and, more importantly, his family that he's

RAHALL

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stop," Rahall said.

He said the best way to handle the media is to admit to making a mistake or changing viewpoints.

After observing the congressman, students commented on how Rahall answered their questions and the methods of persuasion he used. Rebecca Wise, a senior religious studies major from Charlotte, NC, noticed his ability to side step questions.

"Rahall did a good job in sidestepping certain questions, but those he answered he really seemed to think about and was very sincere in his answers," Wise said.

Tiffany Hughes, a junior classics major from Portsmouth, OH, said she was impressed with his speaking and he came across well.

"Rahall was very cordial and responsive to our questions and seems to be a very capable public servant," Hughes said.

E. Del Chrol, professor of classics, said Rahall's visit was the opposite of what he expected. Chrol expected a more party centered message than the individuality that Rahall said permeated modern campaigns.

"His visit was the opposite of

what you expect from a politician and was able to talk about the mechanics of working with his fellow congressman and his party," Chrol said.

Chrol explained the practice of sidestepping is a tactic politicians use by choosing elements of a question that best present their point of view.

Rahall spoke at length about his early endorsement of Illinois Sen. Barack Obama. He said his view was not popular in the state at the time, but it was his personal opinion that Obama could rise above the divisiveness and unite. If McCain is elected, he too may bridge the gap and the new president will have a lot on his plate once he comes to office, Rahall said.

His message about the upcoming election was straight and clear — exercise your right to vote.

"Those who claim to be fed up in the process and choose not to vote, I see as unpatriotic," Rahall said. "There are men who lost their lives in order for us to have that right and it is a disrespect to them to refuse to vote."

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GRIEVANCES

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event that caused the grievance.

At Level I the employee files a written grievance to his or her chief administrator. The grievance continues to Level II within ten days of receiving an unfavorable decision at Level I. Grievances that concern a loss of compensation or benefit go directly to Level III.

At Level II the grievant files a request for some type of mediation between the two parties. Within 10 days of unsuccessful mediation the grievance proceeds to Level III where the employee can file a written appeal to the employer and the grievance board requesting a hearing on the grievance.

An administrative law judge issues the conclusive decision of the grievance within 30 days of the hearing. Either party can appeal the decision of the administrative law judge in the circuit court of Kanawha County and

the circuit court decision can be appealed to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

Barr said the grievance procedure is provided to certain West Virginia public employees to resolve allegations that a violation of law, policy, rule or agreement has occurred. According to Barr, employees have a right to file a grievance, which is the recognized method for public employees to address particular issues. Barr said agents at Marshall have cooperated with the American Federation of Teachers in resolving these employee grievances.

"Many grievances are resolved at the campus level and never appear before a judge at the grievance board," Barr said. "That's how the procedure was intended to work, resolution at a lower level when possible."

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Two arrested in connection with Obama effigy at UK

BY JILL LASTER
KENTUCKY KERNAL | U. KENTUCKY

Two people were arrested Thursday in connection to a Barack Obama effigy hanging the day before.

UK student Joe Fischer and Lexington resident Hunter Bush were arrested by UK Police on charges of second-degree burglary, second-degree disorderly conduct and theft by unlawful taking. Second-degree burglary is a felony, and the other two charges are misdemeanors.

Both were arrested at 3:38 p.m., when they turned themselves in at the police station, said Maj. Joe Monroe, UK's interim police chief. The two made the decision to turn themselves in after seeing news of a life-size representation of Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin hanging from the front of a West Hollywood man's house. Monroe said Bush and Fischer told police they regretted their actions.

Both are currently detained at the Fayette County Detention Center and will be arraigned at 1 p.m. in Fayette County District Court.

The arrests followed the effigy's hanging the day before. UK Police received a report at 7:45 a.m. that the Democratic presidential candidate's likeness was hanging from a tree between Parking Structure #2 and the Mining and Mineral Resources Building near the W. T. Young Library walkway.

At 8:25 a.m., members of UK's physical plant division cut the effigy down using a crane, said UK spokeswoman Kathy Johnson.

As news of the effigy spread across campus, several people

ELECTION

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elect the division chairperson for the school of education. The election was on Sept. 24.

The problem, Backus said, arose because of complications involving the e-mail voting process.

Backus contacted faculty within the school of education and explained the confusion among faculty members on whether they should vote by paper ballots, electronically or both.

"This has been a sensitive issue in the College of Education and Human Services, and I was positive that this election, if continued, would be disputed and would lead to further negative feelings that already consume many of the faculty," Backus said.

Faculty were allowed to revote, and in doing so elected George Watson, program coordinator of educational foundations and associate professor of education.

According to an email sent by Laura Wyant, who was appointed the chairwoman of the

search committee for the division chairperson, Watson defeated Tom Klein, director of academic advising in the College of Education and Human Services, by five votes. Wyant was appointed the chairwoman of the search committee for the division chairperson.

Templeton has the ultimate authority within the College of Education and Human Services in deciding who will serve in chair positions.

Maynard said Gayle Ormiston, provost and senior vice president of academic affairs, will consider the faculty's decision when approving the candidate who receives division chairman.

The faculty and administrators in the College of Education and Human Services have not yet appointed someone as division chairperson of the school of education.

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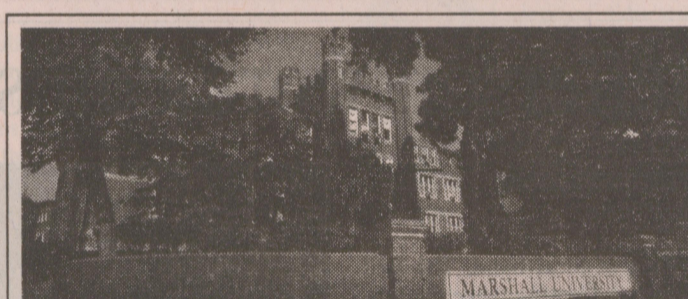
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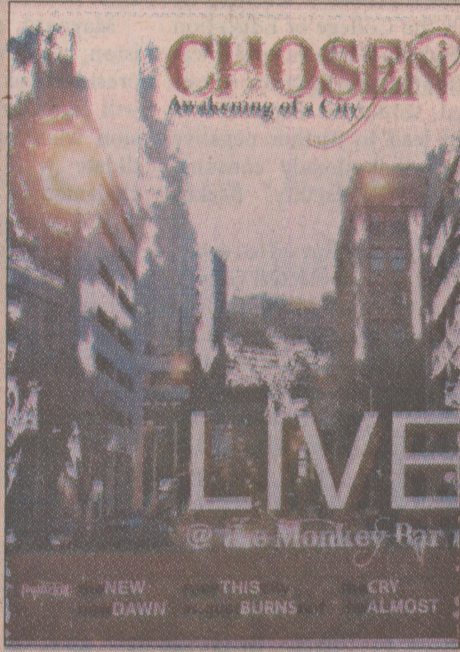
Graphic design projects on display at Birke Art Gallery

Filip Vlastic

Four students' works featured

BY KAYLA QUEEN
THE PARTHENON

"If there is a picture that is pixilated, most people will look at that and think it is a bad thing. I make it look good."



Graphic design students showcased their artwork in the Birke Art Gallery this week inspired by elements such as nature, music and culture.

Today is the last day the Birke Art Gallery is open to showcase this exhibit.

Deanna Tourville, 22, graphic design major from Rescue, Calif., said her pieces in the show include signage, typography and illustrations.

"I am inspired by vibrant colors and nature and try to combine the two whenever possible," Tourville said. "My overall theme is the environment. Looking at it, enjoying it and preserving it."

Another student artist featured in the exhibit, Filip Vlastic, 25, graphic design student from Belgrade, Serbia, said his inspiration for his band and music oriented artwork comes from another artist.

"His name is Ryan Clark, and he focuses his work on the music industry," Vlastic said. "I have an internship with him in Seattle."

Makoto Shimose, 23, graphic design major from Kagoshima, Japan, said his pieces include designs for a CD jacket, a postcard and a letterhead.

Shimose was inspired by the cultural elements of Japan and the United States.

"As a foreign exchange student, I always wanted to combine my native country's culture and the United States culture," Shimose said.

Shimose said he thinks his pieces stand out because of this combination.

"It has a little bit of Japanese essence to it," Shimose said.

Tourville said each of her pieces include nature in some way.

"My typography piece is based on the song 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow,' and the bird signage I made could be used at a zoo or a bird preserve," Tourville said.

Vlastic said unique elements and techniques are made his designs stand out.

"I use a couple of elements that no one else does," Vlastic said. "If there is a picture that is pixilated, most people will look at that and think it is a bad thing. I make it look good."

Vlastic said his use of typography also made his pieces unique.

"I use cutout typography, and I've never seen anyone do that," Vlastic said. "It's like, when you type out a paper, I print that out and rip out the letters and paste them back together. It makes it really interesting."

Tourville hopes to encourage people to care for the environment through her artwork.

"I also have illustrations about taking care of the environment and encouraging people to 'think green,'" Tourville said.

Tourville said one of her pieces is of a man enjoying the environment by taking photographs of it. She said everything about nature could be a part of her artwork.

"Visually, the environment and nature is an endless source of inspiration to me," Tourville said. "I enjoy the lighting, textures and colors."

Vlastic said his pieces send a message of good morals and spirituality.

"Whether it's Christianity or Buddhism, or what I grew up with in Serbia was Communism," Vlastic said. "We couldn't do anything."

Vlastic said he wants people to connect with his artwork.

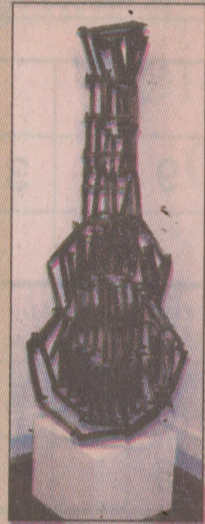
"They are on a personal level," he said. "It always has a deeper meaning."

Chris Carter is the fourth student artist included in this exhibit, but was not available for comment.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday evenings.

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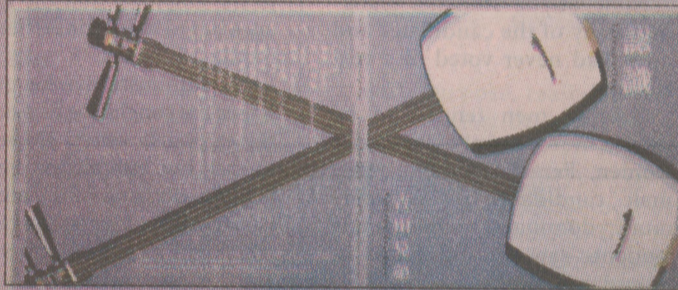
Deanna Tourville



"I am inspired by vibrant colors and nature and try to combine the two whenever possible. My overall theme is the environment. Looking at it, enjoying it and preserving it."



Makoto Shimose



"As a foreign exchange student, I always wanted to combine my native country's culture and the United States culture."



Jefferson works on solo project

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Fans of local band, The Red Velvet, are getting twice the music because of the efforts of lead vocalist, Jordan Jefferson, who is taking time to slow down and work on a solo project.

Jefferson is still an active member The Red Velvet, but decided to branch out and do a solo project in order to show his creativity.

"For a long time, people just thought of me as this guy who sang and played bass guitar and that's great," Jefferson said. "But I think I have a unique perspective to give. What I see and what I think is always odd and I thought, 'what if I just get out there and tell people what I can and play what I can play?'"

To Jefferson, being a musician means more than playing shows and having fans. It is about connecting.

"Music is my life," he said. "If people want to know anything about me, what I feel, what I know, my experience, what's in my soul, you would have to listen to my songs. For me starting a solo project, I want people to get to me and relate to me."

Jefferson also views his music differently than that of many other artists.

"With lyrics, a lot of artists tend to be vague," he said. "You read some lyrics and it's like, what is he talking about? I use that often as an example of what I try not to do. I have got to be able to, cut and dry, say, this is what I'm thinking and this is what I'm feeling."

The solo album is expected



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Jordan Jefferson, lead singer of The Red Velvet, performs.

to be finished in late spring, but fans can hear songs from the album sooner.

"I am going to be releasing 'Believe in Me' and 'You,'" Jefferson said. "These are the two songs that I am wanting people to hear now. I'm writing a new song and it's called 'Don't Die Until Tomorrow.'"

Despite the usual story of singers going solo and the band breaking up, Jefferson said "The Red Velvet" is still together and supports him in his efforts.

"None of us mind any of the other members doing solo projects," Russ Fox, guitarist for The

Red Velvet said. "We all have our own little projects that we do on the side because our schedules don't always lock up. When we do Red Velvet, we do Red Velvet and on our own time we do what we want."

Jefferson agreed. "There is no animosity," Jefferson said. "We will always be musicians. That doesn't change. When we are with The Red Velvet, we are The Red Velvet. When we're not, we are Red Velvet members doing other things."

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