

Marshall University

Marshall Digital Scholar

The Parthenon

University Archives

11-3-2008

The Parthenon, November 3, 2008

Marshall University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://mds.marshall.edu/parthenon>

Recommended Citation

Marshall University, "The Parthenon, November 3, 2008" (2008). *The Parthenon*. 5497.
<https://mds.marshall.edu/parthenon/5497>

This Newspaper is brought to you for free and open access by the University Archives at Marshall Digital Scholar. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Parthenon by an authorized administrator of Marshall Digital Scholar. For more information, please contact zhangj@marshall.edu, beachgr@marshall.edu.



<< Life | Two Marshall cheerleaders spend time together on and off the field. Page 6

WEATHER



75° 41°

THE PARTHENON

WWW.MARSHALLPARTHENON.COM

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008

VOL. 110 NO. 42 © 2008 THE PARTHENON

Beam signing shows support for alumni center

BY TAYLOR KUYKENDALL
THE PARTHENON

Signatures often stand as a sign of support, but Friday afternoon, members of the Marshall community signed a support beam going into a new campus building.

The Erickson Alumni Center went a step further in construction Friday at 3 p.m. when members of the community, Marshall students and faculty gathered to sign a piece of the new building. The support beam will be a part of the third floor structure of the new alumni center.

"This sort of building and development on campus is always exciting," said University President Stephen Kopp. "We are pushing forward and developing the campus of Marshall University. The alumni center is just a part of the wide-scale campus enhancement that will be seen in the near future."

Jeff Porter, former president of

the Alumni Association, spoke to the crowd of people gathered for the beam signing.

"As we sign this beam today, remember the future we're building upon," Porter said. "This is not just another campus building, but a link between past students and current students at Marshall."

The 32,220-square-foot Erickson Alumni Center will be the new home of the Office of Alumni Relations, the University Development Office and the Marshall University Foundation. The goal of the structure is to provide alumni with a gathering place, develop an infrastructure through which to pursue grants and funding and to provide opportunity to free office space in Old Main.

According to a news release from Marshall University Communications, the new center will feature three floors of office space conference facilities, casual gathering areas and spaces featuring

Marshall memorabilia.

In an earlier interview, Nancy Pelphrey, coordinator of alumni programs for Marshall University, said that the Alumni Office was in need of a new building. She said they were excited for the construction of the new building, which is slated for completion in fall 2009.

"We really have outgrown our other alumni facilities," Pelphrey said. "This ceremony is just the beginning of the construction. It's very exciting for everyone here, and I think the whole campus is excited about it."

Neighborgall Construction was contracted to complete the construction. C.R. Neighborgall of Neighborgall Construction said that construction work was halted for a short period of time while the crew waited to receive the beam.

The Erickson Alumni Center

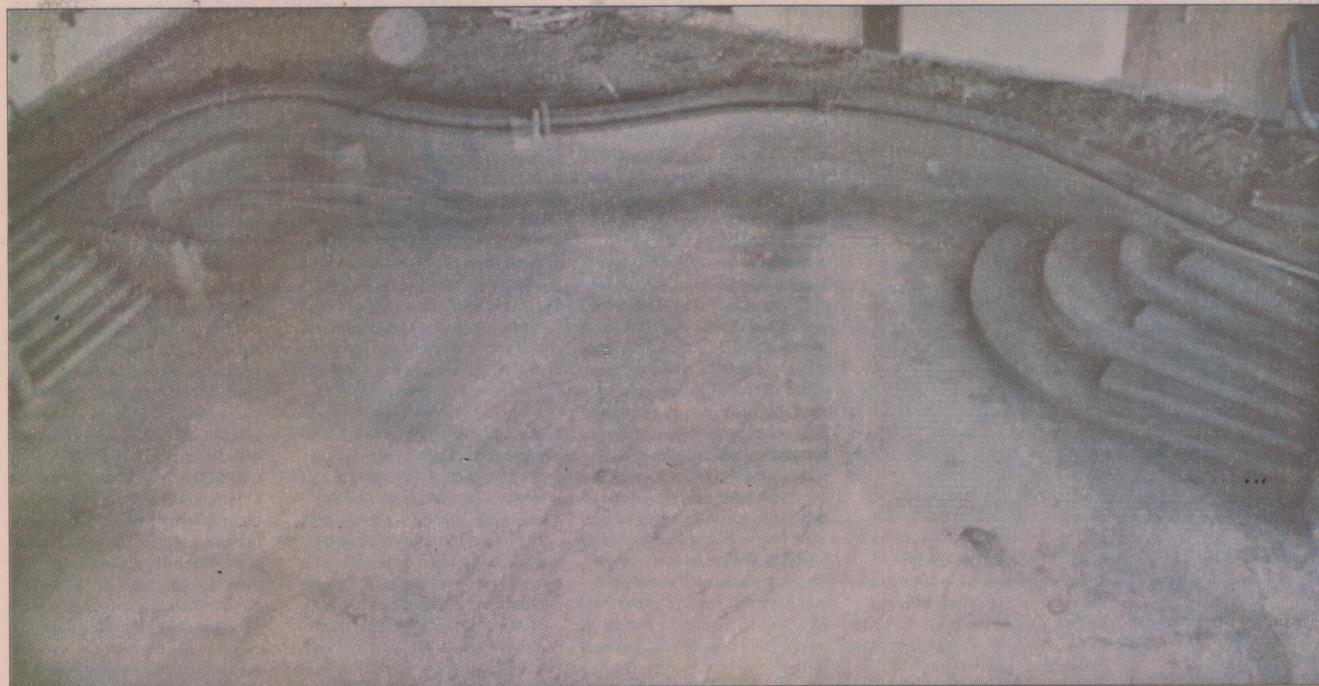


SEE SIGNING | PAGE 5

Friday's beam signing commenced construction on the 32,220-square-foot Erickson Alumni Center.

TAYLOR KUYKENDALL | THE PARTHENON

CAMPUS ADDITIONS



PHOTOS BY KELSIE EBERLY | THE PARTHENON

The new recreation center will include a swimming pool, track and climbing wall. The construction is reportedly going smoothly. The building is expected to open in February 2009.

Construction of wellness center going well

BY KELSIE EBERLY
THE PARTHENON

Even though the semester has reached its halfway point, the construction has not stopped or slowed for the new recreational center on the corner of Fifth Avenue and 20th Street.

The 123,000-square-foot, state of the art complex has started to take shape and is scheduled to open in February 2009.

"This recreational center will be a place of fun, friendship and fitness," said Dave Stewart, director of campus recreation.

Dirt, drywall and paint cover the floor and walls, but certain areas such as the climbing

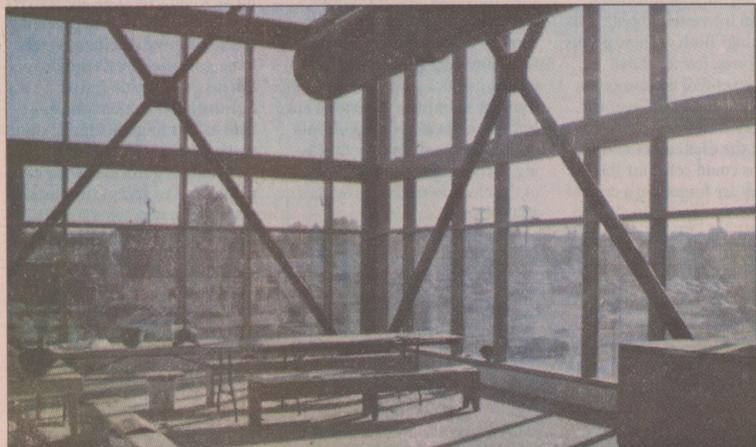
wall have started to come together.

"We are putting the steel up now, and we should have the actual wall up by next week," said Anthony Somoza, an employee for Entreprises USA. "Everything has gone smoothly and the construction workers have been nothing but helpful."

Entreprises USA is the company responsible for putting up the 30 foot high climbing wall that can be seen from the glass windows on the corner of Fifth Avenue and 20th Street.

Along with the climbing wall, there will be an area where students can rent general outdoor

SEE CONSTRUCTION | PAGE 5



Lambda Society cleans up town after Halloween

BY COLIN THORN
THE PARTHENON

While many students use Halloween as an excuse to get trashed, members from campus organizations are using it as an excuse to clean up trash.

Marshall University's Lambda Society sponsored a cleanup on Sunday, at 2:30 p.m. to pick up trash after Halloween's festivities. The group met at the Memorial Fountain on campus and picked up litter on Fourth Avenue from campus to the courthouse, according to Lambda Vice President Todd Parks.

"We've been looking to do a community service project and there were a couple of ideas thrown around like canned food drives and trash pickups," Parks said. "We thought since Halloween was coming up and there would be a lot of parties, a trash cleanup would be more needed."

Parks said he is expecting members from around seven or eight campus groups including Student Government Association, Gamma Beta Phi and Alpha Phi Omega. Many of these service organizations require members to have a minimum number of community service hours. Graduate students Eric Tadlock, of Kilmarnock, Va., and Hallie Street, of Arlington Va., attended the event through Gamma Beta Phi and were contacted through the organization for the opportunity to receive community service hours.

"I think (helping clean) the community, in general, is just a good thing to have and anybody who doesn't even take part in this will feel better about living in the area," Tadlock said.

"We all use the space so we can all help a little bit to make it more livable," Street said.

Lambda's president Justin Murphy said the organization has been planning the event for two weeks. He said Lambda provided all of the materials including garbage bags and gloves.

"We contacted a lot of groups on Marshall's campus through mass e-mails, and we made personal visits to some of them," Murphy said. "We just wanted to get everyone out here and participate."

With cleaning efforts spanning nearly nine blocks of Huntington, Parks said he hopes these efforts will further continue

SEE LAMBDA | PAGE 5

Inside The Parthenon

Sports | Marshall men's hoops open preseason play with resounding win. Page 3

News | Local writers, professors release 10th anniversary anthology. Page 5

THE PARTHENON

ESTABLISHED 1898

AARON MCVEY
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

BRIAN DALEK
MANAGING EDITOR

TOM BRAGG
SPORTS EDITOR

ANDREW RAMSPACHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

MARLOWE HEREFORD
COPY EDITOR

SHEA ANDERSON
NEWS EDITOR

BETH ROBERTS
LIFE EDITOR

ERIN THOMPSON
COPY EDITOR

AUDREY HAMOY
PHOTO EDITOR

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble; and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Thumbs Up Thumbs Down



To voting Tuesday



To political ads



To Halloween



To no block party on John Marshall Drive for Halloween



To 19 days left until Thanksgiving break

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%

vote at marshallparthenon.com

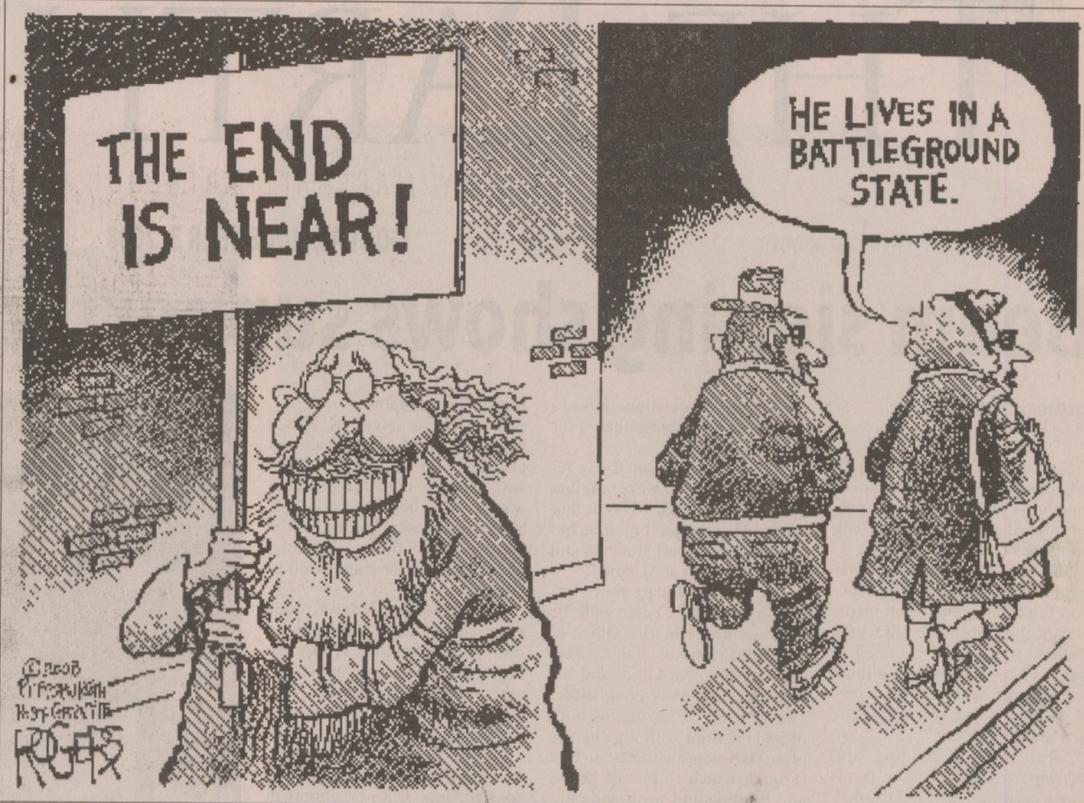
Guidelines for letters to the editor

Please keep letters to the editor at 300 words or fewer. They must be saved in Microsoft Word and sent as an attachment. Longer letters may be used as guest columns at the editor's discretion. Guest column status will not be given at the author's request. All letters must be signed and include an address or phone number for confirmation. Letters may be edited for grammar, libelous statements, available space or factual errors.

The opinions expressed in the columns and letters do not necessarily represent the views of The Parthenon staff.

Please send news releases to the editors at parthenon@marshall.edu.

EDITORIAL CARTOON | ROB ROGERS | © THE PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE — DIST. BY UFS, INC.



SAUMYA GURBANI | The John Hopkins News-Letter | John Hopkins University

Media give unequal perspectives

As the election is coming closer and closer, those of us who are still undecided voters are looking for some final decisive action by either of the candidates to persuade us to vote for one over the other. Many are reeled in by Barack Obama's charisma and plans for change; others are looking toward John McCain's more conservative, traditional ways of handling our current situation.

In spite of recent comments that have been made about the McCain campaign, I still trust Senator McCain. This is not to say that I am trying to persuade you to vote for him; after all, both senators have their merits and flaws, and one should vote based on his own beliefs. Rather, I don't think the recent criticisms have been a fair and rational assessment of his campaign.

One of the primary concerns of those hesitating to vote Republican is the portrayal of McCain as being an old, crippled, knocking-on-death's-door candidate. Yes, McCain is old; yes, he has injuries from his days as a POW and from his battle against melanoma. But Senator McCain is healthy, and was confirmed to be in "excellent health" by a panel of Mayo Clinic doctors earlier this year. Despite his

seniority in years, he has not suffered any heart problems and does not have evidence of any compromising health problems; but, if you consider many other politicians who are working under the same stress levels, you will find that quite a few have suffered these problems.

On the contrary, Senator McCain's seniority is an advantage. He had a 22-year, highly decorated career as a captain in the U.S. Navy, thus being exposed to political and international issues from a direct, military standpoint. Today, we are in a war, whether we like it or not; McCain has the experience to help us end this war safely and efficiently, and clearly Obama does not have nearly the same level of experience. Furthermore, since 1981 McCain has been a congressman, today considered to be one of the best in the Senate. He supports his party, but is also willing to cross party lines for the betterment of our country. Senator Obama does not have this level of experience as a politician; can he handle the magnitude of stress that comes with a long career of politics?

A key difference between these two senators' political stances is their views on how best to deal with the situation in the Middle

East. Many Obama supporters will argue that the Iraq war was one we should never have gotten involved with. I'm sure quite a few McCain supporters will agree. But regardless of whether we should have been in the war or not, the fact is we are. During the first presidential debate this September, Senator Obama kept mentioning that he did not support this war and that we went into Iraq for the wrong reasons. OK, so maybe we shouldn't have been there, but we need to look forward instead of looking back and pointing fingers at the Bush administration. McCain has the military experience to know the realities of how best to deal with a war; he supported the 2007 Surge, which has been successful in countering the terrorist forces and stabilizing the new Iraqi government. If we just take a 180 degree turn and leave the war too soon, there is a chance that the infant local government will once again fall into the hands of terrorism, and our efforts there would have been in vain.

Many undecided voters were swayed away from McCain after his pick of Governor Sarah Palin to be his running mate. The most vocal critics -- including many in the liberal media -- see the Alaskan governor as inexperienced,

unprepared and incapable of serving as the second-in-command. The same argument is being thrown at Senator Obama for his youth, yet Democrats are willing to overlook that for their own candidate. Governor Palin provides the perfect complement to McCain's campaign: youth vs. experience, an everyday woman vs. a long-time politically enclosed senator. Governor Palin, in just her two years as the leader of Alaska, has catalyzed the passing of landmark laws regarding energy, the environment and budget control. Her experience in those areas adds holistic strength to the McCain administration; and where Governor Palin may have a lack of expertise, such as in foreign policy, Senator McCain has considerable experience and strength.

Whether you believe Senator Obama's or Senator McCain's message for the next four years is better, that is a personal decision you must make. But the liberal juggernaut of the media has consistently attacked the McCain candidacy. If an undecided college student wishes to make the choice to vote, he or she should be given equal perspectives on both candidates. So make your choice and vote tomorrow.

RICHARD WOOD | The Daily Gamecock | University of South Carolina

End of election means rest for all

On Nov. 4, Americans will go to the polls to make their selection for president. It will be a historic day, a day that will shape the fate of the nation. But for a lot of Americans, it will probably be more important for another reason: It'll be the day campaigning ends.

And not a moment too soon. Modern elections are marathons, unofficially starting years ahead of polling day. The winning candidate has to survive a gauntlet to make it to the finish, and there's rarely any consolation prize for the loser. But it's not just candidates that elections are tough on -- it's also the electorate. We are bombarded with television and radio advertisements, with campaign signs and election news. Even bas-

tions of escapism like sports are affected, as candidates make appearances at every sporting event they can. We can't get rest.

So it's no wonder a lot of us are ready for it to be all over. Now I know what some of you are thinking: Aren't you forgetting that elections are the most important part of democratic governance? That getting huge swaths of the population interested in politics is a good thing? Both of these points are good ones. But for those who see the end of the campaign season as the end of the average person's political involvement, who wish the excitement of the campaigns could continue indefinitely, they are forgetting a critical part of democracy: reconciliation.

All politicians like to make fine

speeches about unity, solidarity and "bringing everyone together." The fact that George W. Bush promised to be a "uniter, not a divider" before his first term should give an idea of the rift between the ideal and the reality. But the end of every election actually brings about a remarkable show of national unity. The partisanship, the debating, the fighting and the pure passion that reach their climax just before Election Day come to a sudden end, and people go back to their daily lives. In many countries, the end of an election is the beginning of riots or an attempted coup by the losing party. But in America, the end of the election usually produces relative calm.

It may seem strange, but the

ability of Americans to follow long periods of political engagement with long periods of inactivity, to go from wearing their party affiliation on their sleeve to keeping it entirely to themselves, is a great feature of our democracy.

Candidates dream of uniting the whole country in supporting them, but how hard is it to unite when everyone agrees? The fact that more than 40 percent of the country routinely agrees to be governed by its opponents is a far greater thing. And it's as healthy to want elections to be over as it is to get wrapped up in them. Because it's the ability to forget the arguments of the campaign, and to accept the election result no matter what it is, that lets our government work.

THE PARTHENON | Reader information

About us

The Parthenon, Marshall University's student newspaper, is published by students Mondays through Fridays during the regular semesters, and weekly Thursdays during the summer. The editorial staff is responsible for news and editorial content.

Contact us

109 Communications Building
Marshall University
One John Marshall Drive
Huntington, WV 25755

E-mail: parthenon@marshall.edu

Phone and Fax

Newsroom (304) 696-6696
Editor (304) 696-2522
Reporters (304) 696-2520
Fax (304) 696-2519
Advertising (304) 696-2519

Advertising & Administration

Nerissa Young (304) 696-2736
Adviser
Sandy Savage-York (304) 696-2273
Advertising Manager
Advertising Office (304) 696-3346

Editors

Aaron McVey Executive editor mcvey12@marshall.edu
Brian Dalek Managing editor dalek@marshall.edu
Shea Anderson News editor anderson84@marshall.edu
Tom Bragg Sports editor bragg41@marshall.edu
Andrew Ramsbacher Assistant Sports editor ramsbacher@marshall.edu
Beth Roberts Life editor roberts102@marshall.edu
Erin Thompson Copy editor thompson234@marshall.edu
Marlowe Hereford Copy editor hereford4@marshall.edu
Audrey Hamoy Photo editor hamoy@marshall.edu

MarshallParthenon.com

SUNDAY'S SCORES

NFL

Jets 26, Bills 17
Lions 23, Bears 27
Jaguars 19, Bengals 21
Ravens 37, Browns 27
Packers 16, Titans 19
Buccaneers 30, Chiefs 27 (OT)
Cardinals 34, Rams 13
Texans 21, Vikings 28
Seahawks 7, Eagles 26
Cowboys 14, Giants 35
Falcons 24, Raiders 0
Dolphins 26, Broncos 17
Patriots at Colts (late)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's soccer takes squeaker at Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Freshman Jordan Hilgefort scored his first collegiate goal as the Thundering Herd defeated the Memphis Tigers on Saturday.

With the win, Marshall improves to 3-4 in Conference USA and 3-11-1 overall, while Memphis falls to 6-10-1 and 3-4 in conference.

The Herd took an early 1-0 lead when the Tigers would allow an own goal which slipped by goalkeeper Michael Goodlett in the fifth minute.

Marshall would increase its lead to 2-0 when Hilgefort would score in the 59th minute after he got a hold of a pass in the box from junior Dustin Dawes.

Senior Greg Walter finished the game for the Herd with four saves including a save from a penalty kick in the early second half.

Memphis would cut the lead in half with just 15 minutes remaining when Bradley Jacobs scored with a header but the comeback would end there with the game ending in a 2-1 win for Marshall.

The Herd will wrap up the 2008 regular season with a pair of matches in the state of Alabama next weekend. The team will finish up C-USA play against UAB Friday, Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. EST before ending the season with a match against Alabama A&M Sunday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. EST.

HERDZONE.COM

Herd spikers fall in Birmingham despite Fleming's big day

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Marshall University's Elizabeth Fleming earned a triple-double with 12 kills, 42 assists and 12 digs, but UAB received a 21 kill-effort from Ivana Bozic to help pace the Blazers to a 3-1 victory over the Thundering Herd in Sunday's Conference USA volleyball showdown at Bartow Arena.

With the loss, Marshall falls to 10-13 overall, 3-10 in C-USA action, while UAB improves to 22-3 on the season, 12-1 in league play.

Leading 2-1 in the match, UAB established a 16-10 lead and extended the advantage to 21-15 before a Fleming solo block, a Blazers attacking error and a Fleming kill cut the Marshall deficit to 21-18.

Layne Kehl then drilled a kill and Emily Sullivan added three, as Marshall scored four of the next five points to knot the set at 22-22.

Casey Dent answered with two kills to give UAB a 24-22 edge, before Sullivan downed another kill to bring Marshall to within one at 24-23. From there, a Herd attacking error allowed the Blazers to claim the set and the match.

Marshall returns to C-USA action Friday for a 7:00 p.m. date with UCF at the Cam Henderson Center. The Herd will host Southern Miss on Sunday.

HERDZONE.COM

Herd opens with win

BY ANDREW RAMSPACHER
THE PARTHENON

It may have been an exhibition game, but Marshall's pressing defense appears to be in midseason form.

The Herd forced 28 turnovers and capitalized with 22 points in transition as it rolled to an 87-58 win over Wheeling Jesuit University on Saturday in the exhibition opener before more than 3,000 in attendance at the Cam Henderson Center.

Marshall head coach Donnie Jones applauded the effort considering the lack of experience on the floor — the Herd was without two returning starters.

"We probably didn't press great, but we had good energy," Jones said. "You've got to remember we had a lot of young guys and a lot of new guys. We only had three returning guys out there tonight. You've got eight guys learning a whole new system in 14 days."

Reigning All-Conference USA performer Markel Humphrey and reigning team leader in rebounds and blocks Tyler Wilkerson did not play because of injuries, leaving room for the Herd's crop of new talent to shine — and they did from the get-go.

Not even 30 seconds into the game, junior transfer Chris Lutz popped a three from the left side of the arc, foreshadowing a memorable debut for the former Purdue Boilermaker.

Lutz was six of eight from long range as he finished with a game-high 22 points.

"It was just great to finally get out there with my teammates," Lutz said. "I've just been playing with all these guys for so long and just to finally get out there and play with them for real — it's just great."

Lutz came to Marshall known for his ability to step behind the arc. In the 2005-06 season, he set a Purdue record for 3-pointers by a freshman with 53. The next season he led the Big Ten in 3-point field goal percentage.

Carrying a natural shooter's mentality, Lutz's eyes lit up when Wheeling Jesuit came out in a 2-3 zone defense.

"(Playing against a 2-3 zone) is great when they leave me open as much as they did," Lutz said. "My teammates did a great job of moving the ball around and finding me when I was open."

As a team, the Herd had the

Cardinal zone on its toes all night with quick passes on the perimeter leading to open gaps for threes and riled passes to the baseline leading to easy lay-ins and dunks.

Jones said to put up such a high point total was impressive, especially because the majority of the offensive plays were ad-libbed.

"We weren't able to run plays," Jones said. "We ran some motion, going in the gaps and moving it and cutting it and passing it, nothing really special. During a couple of timeouts, I drew up a couple of plays for them to run, but that was it."

"Anytime you play a team like Wheeling who really has five guards out there 90 percent of the time and have one 6-foot-9 guy, and they all can run, pass, catch and handle, it's hard to get any transition because they have five guards. They don't have bigs who are struggling to get back... We still put up 87 points, and we didn't really get a chance in transition to do a lot like we wanted to."

Jones didn't even see the 2-3 coming.

"I thought they were going to play some man-to-man, that's what I was hoping — get a little practice against man-to-man because that's what we're going to see about 75 percent of the time."

"But they ran zone the whole time. And we didn't really have a lot of zone stuff in. But it was good for our guys to see it and work against it, passing and driving. As you can see, we've got much better 3-point shooters this year."

Marshall cashed in on 14 of 39 threes, a shot attempt number that almost matched Wheeling Jesuit's total shot attempts, 46. Marshall had so many more scoring chances because of its defense making a habit of turning over the Cardinals.

During a 15-0 Marshall run in the first half that essentially broke the game open, Wheeling Jesuit coughed up the ball seven times in four minutes.

"We wanted to speed the game up a little bit and force them to go at a fast pace and make them uncomfortable," Lutz said of the Herd's harassing full-court press. "If we get steals off the ball then that's what we're looking for."

Marshall totaled 14 steals spread out among seven players.



MARILY TESTERMAN-HAYE | FOR THE PARTHENON

Herd sophomore Tirrell Baines throws down a dunk in the second half of MU's 87-58 win over Wheeling Jesuit on Saturday.

SEE HOOPS | PAGE 5

Hoops on the right track

To say Marshall's exhibition men's basketball game against Wheeling Jesuit went well would be an understatement.

With senior Markel Humphrey and junior Tyler Wilkerson in street clothes on the bench, head coach Donnie Jones had the opportunity to showcase the new talent we've all heard so much about.

They didn't disappoint. From the opening whistle the Herd played a hard-nosed, fast-paced style of basketball that stymied the Cardinals into committing 28 turnovers. Jones preached patience last season when explaining the up-tempo style of play he wanted to be a staple of Marshall basketball. It was going to take some time to get the personnel in place to run Jones' system. After watching the Herd dismantle Wheeling Jesuit, it looks like that time could be now.

Granted, Wheeling Jesuit isn't going to present the same challenge Marshall will face when the Conference USA portion of the schedule rolls around, but what we all saw Saturday is as good a sign as any of great things to come.

Take junior Chris Lutz for example. All the Purdue transfer did in his first game action in almost two years was drop 22 points (to lead all players), commit zero turnovers and go an unfathomable 6 of 8 from behind the 3-point line. The scouting report on Lutz probably looks like this after Saturday: Don't play the 2-3 zone

against this guy or he is going to make it rain in your face.

Freshman swingman Dago Pena also made his presence felt in his first collegiate game.

The former Florida 5A first-team All State member showed flashes of brilliance against WJU. Pena finished the game with 11 points and seemed like he was always around the ball when on the court. More than once Pena was able to sneak up on an unsuspecting Cardinal and poke the ball away.

Fellow freshman Shaquille Johnson didn't have the night most would have hoped for, but there is reason to believe his best basketball is still ahead of him.

Johnson was the Florida 5A state Player of the Year. You might have heard of the guy who finished second behind him for the award — Dago Pena.

No column gushing over Saturday's game would be complete without expressing how good sophomore Tirrell Baines played. Last season, Baines got by mostly on pure athletic ability. This season, he's become one of the leader's on a relatively young Marshall team. Darryl Merthie and



TOM BRAGG

Third and a Mile

Humphrey are the only seniors on the roster, so this won't be one of those teams that relies heavily on senior leadership. Guys like Baines are going to have to step up, especially on nights when injuries limit the Herd's bench. Even more than his 15 points and 10 rebounds, Baines' largest contribution to Saturday's win was his ability

to bring the team together on the floor. It seemed like whenever WJU would put together a run, it was a Baines rebound or basket that got the Herd back on track.

Just imagine how good this team can be when it's healthy.

Tom Bragg can be contacted at bragg41@marshall.edu.

Check out
The Parthenon's
basketball
edition on
Monday, Nov.
10 for extensive
coverage on
Herd hoops.

Elect
Jim "Jimbo" SCHEIDLER

Cabell County
Sheriff

"CHIEF DEPUTY" Since 2001
Endorsed by The Herald-Dispatch
Endorsed by WV Sheriff's Association
FBI Academy Graduate

**33 year of dedicated service with
the Cabell County Sheriff's office!**

**I NEED YOUR VOTE
ON NOVEMBER 4TH**

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Scheidler Sheriff www.jimboforsheriff.com

Women's hoops win big over Exodus All-Stars

BY TOM BRAGG
THE PARTHENON

Sophomore Tynikki Crook led all scorers with 20 points as the Marshall women's basketball team blew the doors off the Exodus All-Stars on Sunday, 78-41, to open its exhibition season.

Junior Angelica Harris, a transfer from Rend Lake Junior College, also had a good game for the Herd, scoring 11 points and grabbing 3 rebounds. Marshall head coach Royce Chadwick said Harris was one of the types of recruits he went after to improve the team in the offseason.

"I felt like we improved in rebounding and 3-point shooting in the offseason because we went after that kind of recruit," Chadwick said. "Obviously the rebounding was there tonight. The 3-point shooting took us a little while to get acclimated."

The Herd pulled down 51 rebounds Sunday compared to just 30 for the Exodus All-Stars. Turnovers were also a strong

area for Marshall.

The Herd opened up a halftime lead of 35-16 en route to the blow-out victory. Defensively, Marshall was all over Exodus. The Herd forced 18 turnovers, only giving up five of its own.

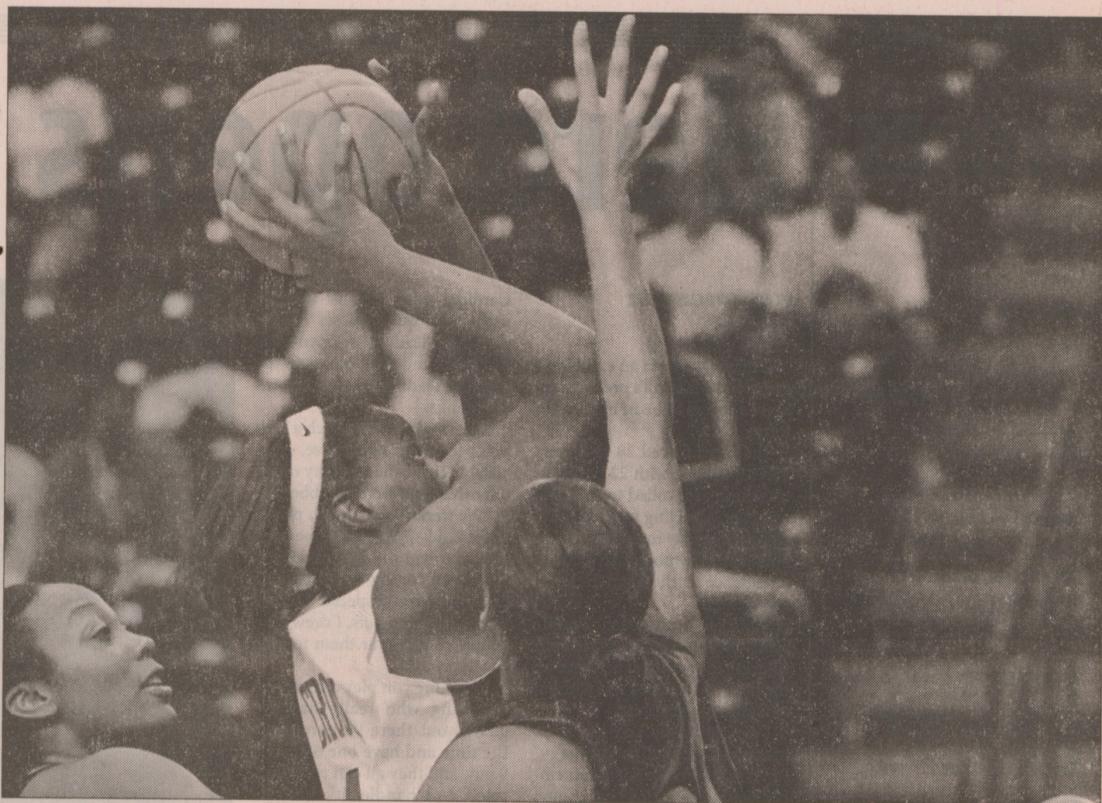
"We took care of the basketball," Chadwick said. "A lot of that had to do with our point guards playing smart and safe and not trying to do too much."

Kasey Baker, Tania Walters and Raechele Gray all spent time at point guard for the Herd on Sunday and combined for 17 points, 5 rebounds and 5 assists. The most telling stat, however, was the turnovers. The three Marshall guards combined to not turn the ball over once.

"If our point guards play good we're going to win basketball games," Chadwick said.

For the Exodus All-Stars, Nikki Avery finished with 13 points and pulled down 4 rebounds.

Tom Bragg can be contacted at bragg41@marshall.edu.



Thundering Herd sophomore forward Tynikki Crook puts up a shot over the Exodus All-Stars' guard Cherie George in MU's 78-41 victory Sunday.

RICK HAYE | FOR THE PARTHENON

Player of the Game: Tynikki Crook

20 points, 12 rebounds, three assists, one block

Women's Soccer

Orton serves as leader for Thundering Herd

BY MIRANDA ROSIEK
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's all-time career saves record holder plays a leadership role on the women's soccer team.

Liz Orton, a junior political science major from Fort Collins, Colo., is the starting goalkeeper and captain of the women's soccer team.

Women's soccer head coach Kevin Long said she possesses all the qualities necessary to be a good captain, such as being a leader, communicator and motivator on the team.

"She was voted team captain as a sophomore, which is a position usually reserved for a junior or senior," Long said. "This reflects Liz taking a leader-



ORTON

with her 190th save.

Long said the position as goalkeeper is stressful because that player is the last line of defense.

"The goalie feels the direct result when a ball goes into the net," Long said. "Liz (Orton) handles that pressure well, not only can she handle that pres-

sure but she can also handle criticism and she can look to improve from one day to the next."

Orton is a good role model on the field but she also is someone to be acknowledged for her academics, Long said.

"Liz has a great deal of character and carries herself well on and off the field," Long said. "She has a hunger to strive to be what she wants to be."

Orton was named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll. This award is reserved for student-athletes with a grade point average of at least a 3.0.

"I actually do better in school when I am in season because it is all about time management," Orton said. "Sometimes

you sacrifice sleep, but you find a way to do it."

Orton began her soccer career at the age of five. She has been perfecting the position of goalkeeper since she played youth soccer.

"I decided to come to Marshall because when I came here to visit I really got along with the girls and the coaching staff and it was just a good fit," Orton said.

There was an adjustment for Orton from high school to collegiate soccer. She said the team practices six days a week for around three hours a day.

"College soccer practice was a big change from high school not really because of the amount of practices, but because of the intensity of each prac-

rice," Orton said.

One of the biggest benefits of playing soccer at Marshall is the friendships that have been made, Orton said.

"I would describe our team here at Marshall as one big family," Orton said. "We laugh, we cry, we fight, we are just like any typical family. We would do anything for each other. These are some of the best girls I have known."

Orton said she has about a year left of soccer and plans to continue to play for fun. She also said she sees coaching as being part of her future.

"Soccer will always be a part of my life," Orton said.

Miranda Rosiek can be contacted at rosiek2@marshall.edu.

Steelers, Skins meet on election eve in D.C.

BY JOSEPH WHITE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANDOVER, Md.—Two winning teams. Prime-time football. The Pittsburgh Steelers and Washington Redskins duking it out on the field not far from the nation's capital, while John McCain and Barack Obama get in a last round of campaigning via television at halftime.

"We're coming in 6-2; they're 5-2. It's going to be the day before the election," Redskins guard Randy Thomas said with a big smile. "I mean goll-ee. It's going to be nice."

The subject of politics is inescapable on a team so close to the halls of power, so it wasn't surprising to hear spirited discussions about taxes and socialism throughout the Redskins locker room last week. Nor could ESPN

resist the chance to schedule pre-recorded interviews with McCain and Obama to air during halftime of the first election eve game hosted by Washington since 1984.

"When I saw that at the beginning of the year, I thought (NFL commissioner) Roger Goodell had a sense of humor, putting that game together on Monday night," Washington coach Jim Zorn said. "It is pretty incredible that we get to be here in our nation's capital and playing a very good football team and then have the election the next day. There will be a lot of excitement around the D.C. area, no question."

As for the teams, early projections have both of them playoff-bound, with the Steelers atop the AFC North and the Redskins firmly in the mix in the rugged NFC East. In fact, Pittsburgh's only two losses have come against NFC East teams — 15-6 to Phila-

delphia in Week 3 and 21-14 to the Giants last week.

"It wasn't like we got physically handled in those games," Pittsburgh receiver Hines Ward said. "You take the two losses, we turned the ball over seven times. It really wasn't very good on third down conversions. There's things we have to improve on. If we do that we'll be fine."

The Steelers have anchored their success to their top-rated defense, while the Redskins are ranked in the top 10 on both sides of the ball. The big matchup pits running back Clinton Portis — almost unstoppable in five straight games of 120 yards or more — against a defense that hasn't allowed a 100-yard rusher this season.

"That's what we do around here, we stop the run," Steelers nose tackle Casey Hampton said. "We welcome that challenge."



Another challenge for the Steelers will be to keep Ben Roethlisberger upright, although that should be a little easier this week. The Pittsburgh quarterback was sacked 13 times in the two NFC East losses — more than the Redskins defense has all season.

A challenge for the Redskins has been to prepare properly while suppressing an organization-wide eagerness to get to next week's bye. Washington started training camp earlier than anyone else because it had an extra

preseason game, and its coveted few days of in-season downtime will come during the final week of scheduled byes.

As a result, the Redskins are nicked and bruised all over and in need of a break. The list of those unable to practice on Wednesdays and Thursdays gets longer every week. Zorn had trouble getting a decent cheer out of his weary players following last week's win over Detroit, and Blache said the team looked like "a Civil War army" trudging to the locker room.

"We are tired. We are a very beat-up football team," Blache said. "We need to make one more push before the bye. If we can make a few more strokes and get to the shore, we'll be fine."

The Steelers are also banged up — and with no rest on the way because they've already had their bye — but the excitement of Monday night usually gets the adrenaline going for both sides. Putting aside thoughts of national television and the election should be easy enough, but Roethlisberger — who plays on a team that doesn't have cheerleaders — came up with a new possible distraction.

"I'm not a big fan of playing there because it is loud, they're really good at home, and they try to make their cheerleaders stretch in our tunnel before we come out of the locker room," Roethlisberger said. "That's just not good."

AP Poll

Alabama new No. 1

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK—Next up at No. 1, Alabama.

The Crimson Tide became the fifth team this season to sit atop the AP Top 25, moving up a spot Sunday after previously top-ranked Texas was toppled by Texas Tech.

The Red Raiders, who scored a touchdown with a second left at home to beat the Longhorns 39-33 Saturday night, jumped four spots and past No. 3 Penn State to No. 2. The unbeaten Nittany Lions were idle.

No. 4 Florida moved up one place after its 49-10 rout of Georgia and Texas dropped four spots to No. 5.

The Crimson Tide, which beat Arkansas State 35-0, received 46 of a possible 65 first-place votes from the media

panel and 1,600 points. Texas Tech got 12 first-place votes and 1,528 points and Penn State had six and 1,525. The Gators received the other No. 1 vote.

The top spot in the poll hasn't been held by this many teams since 1990, when Miami, Notre Dame, Colorado, Michigan and Virginia all had a turn at No. 1.

Georgia started this season No. 1 and was replaced by Southern California after the opening week.

USC lasted four weeks before being upset by Oregon State and Oklahoma took the top spot. The Sooners were No. 1 for two weeks, then lost to Texas, which held the top spot for three weeks.

Now it's Alabama's turn. The Crimson Tide hasn't been No. 1 since finishing that way after the 1992 season, when coach Gene Stallings, quarterback Jay

Barker and a ferocious defense won the last of the Tide's six AP national championships.

Alabama's first game as a No. 1 team since October, 27, 1980, will be Saturday at LSU, a date that was one of the most anticipated in the Southeastern Conference even before this season.

Tide coach Nick Saban will be coaching in Baton Rouge, La., for the first time since he left the Tigers for the NFL after the 2004 season. Saban led LSU to a BCS national title in 2003.

So the Tide, with its new lofty status, will face a stiff test immediately. Same goes for Texas Tech, which had never been ranked higher than No. 5. The Red Raiders host No. 8 Oklahoma State on Saturday, then have a week off before a road trip to No. 6 Oklahoma.

Penn State next plays at Iowa.

RE-ELECT
Senator Robert
Plymale
Leadership You
Can Count On



Jennifer, Lauren, James, Allison, Bob

PAID FOR BY THE RE-ELECT PLYMALE FOR SENATE COMMITTEE, STEPHANIE NEAL, TREASURER

ENDORSED BY
West Virginia AFL-CIO
West Virginia Federation of Teachers
West Virginia Education Association
West Virginia State Chamber of
Commerce
National Rifle Association "A" Rating
West Virginians for Life
West Virginia Coal Association

Local writing group releases 10-year anthology book

BY COLIN THORN
THE PARTHENON

A group of local writers celebrated the release of its book as well as the group's 10-year anniversary Saturday night. The Java Joint on Hal Greer Boulevard and Third Avenue was the scene of a collection of art ranging from poetry, prose, short stories, paintings and photography on Saturday night as part of The Black Dogs Writing Group's book release party. The event featured artwork from some of the authors as well as a public book reading from the

writers themselves. Matthew Wolfe, religious studies professor at Marshall University and Black Dogs member for eight years, said it is a real testament for a writing group to stay together this long because of the difficulty of providing constructive criticism positively.

"We've managed to work really well as a group and we still get along quite well," Wolfe said. "We have a family of writers that we can turn to. We help each other, not just within the group, but also outside of the group."

According to the event's press release, The Black Dogs Writing

"We help each other, not just within the group, but also outside of the group."

MATTHEW WOLFE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES PROFESSOR AT MARSHALL

Group formed Nov. 1, 1998 as three local writers met to critique each other's writing. The group's name stems from the name of Marshall University English professor and founding member, Llewellyn McKernan's, dog, Snickers. Black dog is also a metaphor for depression, which is a

problem several writers face. McKernan said the group's nurturing atmosphere is what keeps the group going and the writers continuing to follow their hobby. "This group is a soft place to land because it's welcoming and open," McKernan said. "They try to help writers realize his or

her own vision. They are each other's best cheerleaders and I think that's what keeps people coming back." Wolfe said no one in the group is making a living off of being a writer. He said the group consists of people working other jobs including a scientist, a doctoral student and a car dealer.

Marc Miller, sales representative at Dutch Miller Chevrolet, read a story about his involvement in a fantasy football game with former Marshall football greats. He said he has been in the group for four years and his membership has made his writ-

ing improve dramatically. "I don't have a degree in journalism or English," Miller said. "What's happened is the Black Dogs brought me in and nurtured me, shaped me and allowed me to develop. I always realized I've had a story to tell. It's been through my involvement in this group that I'm slowly learning the tools I need to tell my story."

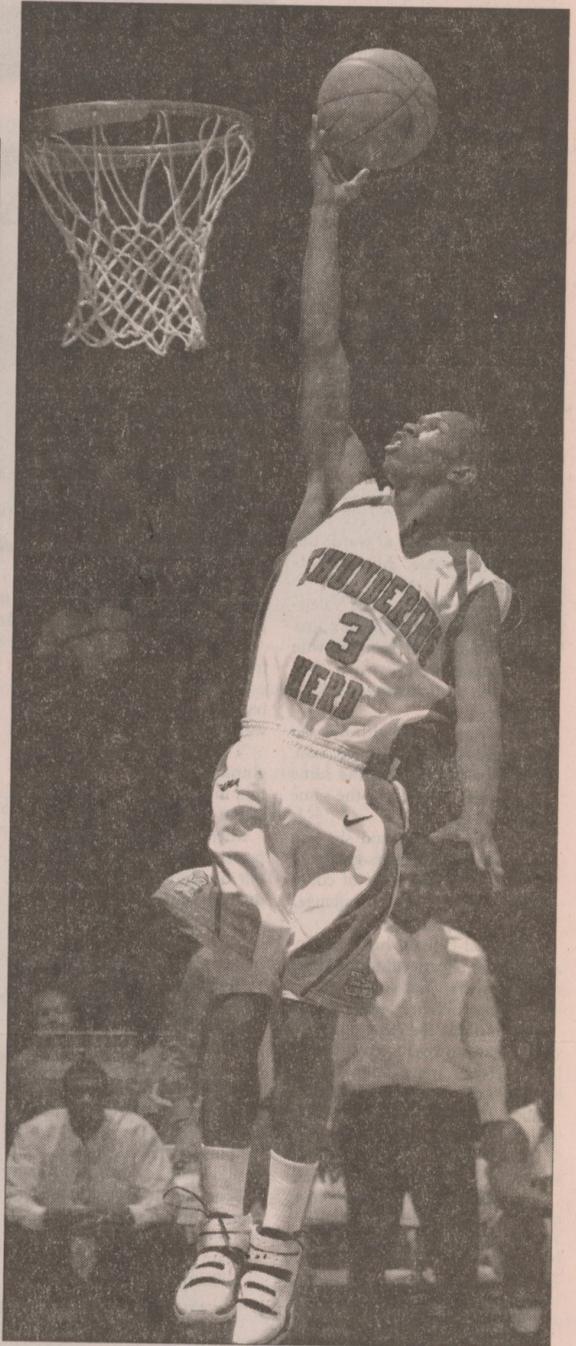
"Black Dogs Unleashed: The Tenth Anniversary Anthology" is available through Lulu Press.

Colin Thorn can be contacted at thorn12@marshall.edu.

Marshall Thundering Herd men's basketball takes it to the house in opener against Wheeling Jesuit on Saturday



Above: Shaquille Johnson, freshman guard from Jacksonville, Fla., nets one in contribution to the 87-58 win over WJU, while freshman forward Kore White watches. Right: Damier Pitts, freshman guard from Charlotte, N.C., dunks as senior guard/forward Markel Humphrey and junior forward Tyler Wilkerson look on from the bench.



LAMBDA

FROM PAGE 1
the bond between the city and Marshall University. "I think it makes everybody work toward one goal," Parks said. "It seems like we have Marshall and we

have Huntington — we don't have one city. By us working for the community, we're going to learn from them and they will see our enthusiasm and our youth and be excited about cleaning up the city as well."

Colin Thorn can be contacted at thorn12@marshall.edu.

CONSTRUCTION

FROM PAGE 1
equipment such as tents, sleeping bags and lanterns. "We want students to be able to go out and experience the beauty of West Virginia," Stewart said. Subcontractors from Masca-ro Construction Company have worked 10 hours a day in order to get the building done in time. "This facility will have the appearance of a health club," Stewart said. "And I have no problem saying it will be the nicest one in the whole state."

The recreational center will also include a three-lap running track, basketball courts, a swimming pool and four large fitness instruction classrooms.

"It's not just the building that will make the facility great, but it will be the people that work in it, manage it and use the facility," Stewart said.

More than 100 students have begun the employment process and will undergo training sessions up until the opening.

Kelsie Eberly can be contacted at eberly@marshall.edu.

HOOPS

FROM PAGE 3
Freshman forward Dago Pena, who chimed in with 11 points, and senior guard Darryl Merthie led the team with three steals each. For Jones, the lasting image he'll take from the first exhibition game of his second year in Huntington is that of players diving on the floor for loose balls and lunging all out to tip passes and grab offensive rebounds. "We keep 'hustle stats,' a hustle chart which is important to us," Jones said. "Our goal is to get 35 (hustle stats) in a game, but we had 57."

Jones said sophomore forward Tirrell Baines, backed by his eight offensive rebounds, was the team leader in hustle stats Saturday. Baines also had 15 points.

"(Baines) plays with great passion, great energy, chases basketballs — that's always going to be the strength of his game," Jones said. "But he's turned into more of a complete player."

Baines and the rest of Marshall's high-energy bunch will take a two-week break before opening the season Nov. 16 at home against WVU Tech.

Andrew Rampschacher can be contacted at rampschacher@marshall.edu.

SIGNING

FROM PAGE 1
will be located at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and John Marshall Drive. The new center is a part of Marshall's Bridge Campaign linking athletics, alumni and academics.

The projects of the campaign include a new engineering facility, the alumni center and a new softball field. The alumni center is the only project that has yet been completed.

Taylor Kuykendall can be contacted at Kuykendall@marshall.edu.

SUDOKU

Difficulty: 1 (of 5)

3		5	4			1	7
		5	2	6		8	
	4	1	8				2
9			2				
	7			8			9
1			9		3	4	8
		9	4	7			6
4	5			8			
		7		6		2	3

11-3-08 © JFS/KF -- Dist. by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	7	3	9	4	2	1	5	6
4	2	1	5	7	6	9	8	3
5	9	6	3	1	8	4	7	2
9	8	4	6	5	3	7	2	1
1	6	2	4	8	7	3	9	5
3	5	7	2	9	1	6	4	8
6	4	8	1	2	9	5	3	7
7	3	9	8	6	5	2	1	4
2	1	5	7	3	4	8	6	9



PARTHENON CLASSIFIEDS

Call 526-4002 to place your ad

Shop Smart SHUP THE CLASSIFIEDS!

The Herald-Dispatch
www.herald-dispatch.com

4040 General/Miscellaneous

CHASE Nightclub Opening
Security, Bartenders, Servers, DJ's
Open Interviews Monday Nov. 3rd 5636 Rt. 60 (K-Mart Plaza)
Come Join Our Team! 1 - 7 pm

THE PARTHENON
Reach more than 19,000 Marshall Students, Faculty and Staff!
Call 526-4002 to advertise

EVERY Thursday!

The Herald-Dispatch
ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY
THE STATE

Rah-rah-romance

Married couple spends time together while cheering for the Thundering Herd

BY KAYLA QUEEN
THE PARTHENON

Behind pom-poms and stunts, the Marshall University cheerleading squad holds a spirit-filled love story of husband and wife.

Candice Michael-Gilliam, 21, political science major and Jake Gilliam, 21, physical education major, both from Wayne, W.Va., are two members of the Herd cheerleading squad.

The couple attended Wayne High School together and began dating in February 2004.

"We went to school together our whole lives, but we didn't really meet and hang out until my freshman year (of high school)," Michael-Gilliam said.

Michael-Gilliam said while in high school she asked her future husband for a ride home after school one day.

"We didn't say a word the whole ride home," Michael-Gilliam said.

A sweetheart dance for Valentine's Day was the couple's first date, and Gilliam said his wife first caught his eye when they were both participating in school activities.

"She was a good girl and she was really pretty," Gilliam said. "We were at a lot of the same places and involved in the same stuff. She got me."

Michael-Gilliam said she was drawn to Gilliam's personality.

"He really had a lot of confidence, and it was a challenge," Michael-Gilliam said.

Michael-Gilliam has been involved in cheerleading for about eight years, but only started cheering because one of her friends did in the 7th grade.

"I had no real interest but all my friends were doing it," she said. "I did gymnastics and tumbling, though. So it was an outlet to show that a little bit. I didn't know I would love it."

After high school cheerleading, Michael-Gilliam decided to continue pumping up a crowd.

"I thought about cheering and I wasn't done with it," she said. "I love stunting and tumbling and

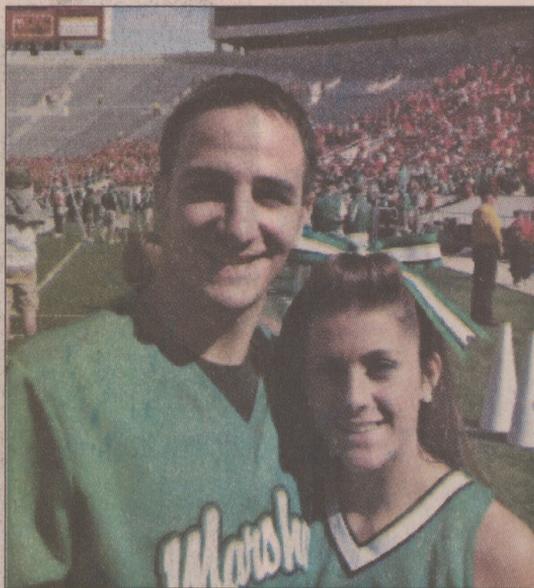


PHOTO COURTESY OF CANDICE MICHAEL-GILLIAM

Jake Gilliam is a physical education major and Candice Michael-Gilliam is a political science major. Both Marshall cheerleaders are from Wayne, W.Va.

traveling."

However, Michael-Gilliam said trying out for Marshall's squad was a bit tense.

"I got really nervous in the beginning," Michael-Gilliam said. "I told my mom 'No, I'm not doing it,' but I did and I made it."

Michael-Gilliam overcame the pressure of her tryout in 2006, but her husband felt differently on his tryout day this fall.

"There was no pressure, because if I didn't make it, it would be kind of embarrassing, but not really, because it was kind of embarrassing that I was even trying out," Gilliam said.

Already having nearly a decade worth of practice, Michael-Gilliam taught her husband the basic skills for cheerleading in just one week.

"I knew what the requirements would be to try out, and I knew if I could do it, I would make the team," Gilliam said.

"I'm a good teacher," Michael-Gilliam said.

Gilliam said having fun and

spending more time with his wife played a part in his decision to try out.

"I was almost totally against it until they went to Daytona," Gilliam said. "I really saw how much fun it was."

Gilliam said the fact that he would already be at the football games also played a part in his decision.

"So I figured why not go, cheer and be with my wife," Gilliam said.

Michael-Gilliam said her husband has caught on quickly to the basics and has gained skills to become a good addition to the squad.

However, there is one cheerleading skill Gilliam said he needs to work on.

"I think I could be good at tumbling, but I don't have the courage," Gilliam said.

The squad needed more male cheerleaders, and Gilliam said he knew he would get better with experience.

Also, Gilliam said he really enjoys being so close to the football game and seeing the plays.

"That's the best part because I really do like the football team," Gilliam said. "So it's cool to be down close to it."

The couple agreed that being on the squad together has only helped their relationship, and they try to spend time together, but also with their other teammates.

"On trips we like to stay separate," Michael-Gilliam said. "We stay with the people they put us in rooms with. And we work separate; all of our classes are separate. So cheering is really the only time we get to see each other."

"I get sick of her all the time," Gilliam said jokingly.

Michael-Gilliam said it's important to build relationships with teammates as well as each other.

"I want him to really bond, because I've had all that," Michael-Gilliam said.

Gilliam said some things have changed since he and his wife started cheering together.

"Before I started cheering, Candice wanted me to go stunt with her all the time," Gilliam said. "But now, we never stunt."

Of all the games and trips the couple has experienced together, the trip to the University of Alabama at Birmingham was their favorite, and not just because they were together.

"We played charades as a team and it was so funny," Michael-Gilliam said.

When they aren't cheering, the Gilliams like to find other ways to spend time together.

"We really love to watch movies," Michael-Gilliam said. "We like to get as much family time as we can, too."

The two agreed that their favorite thing to do when they aren't cheering is to save up for weekend getaways.

The couple was married May 25 in Nags Head, N.C.

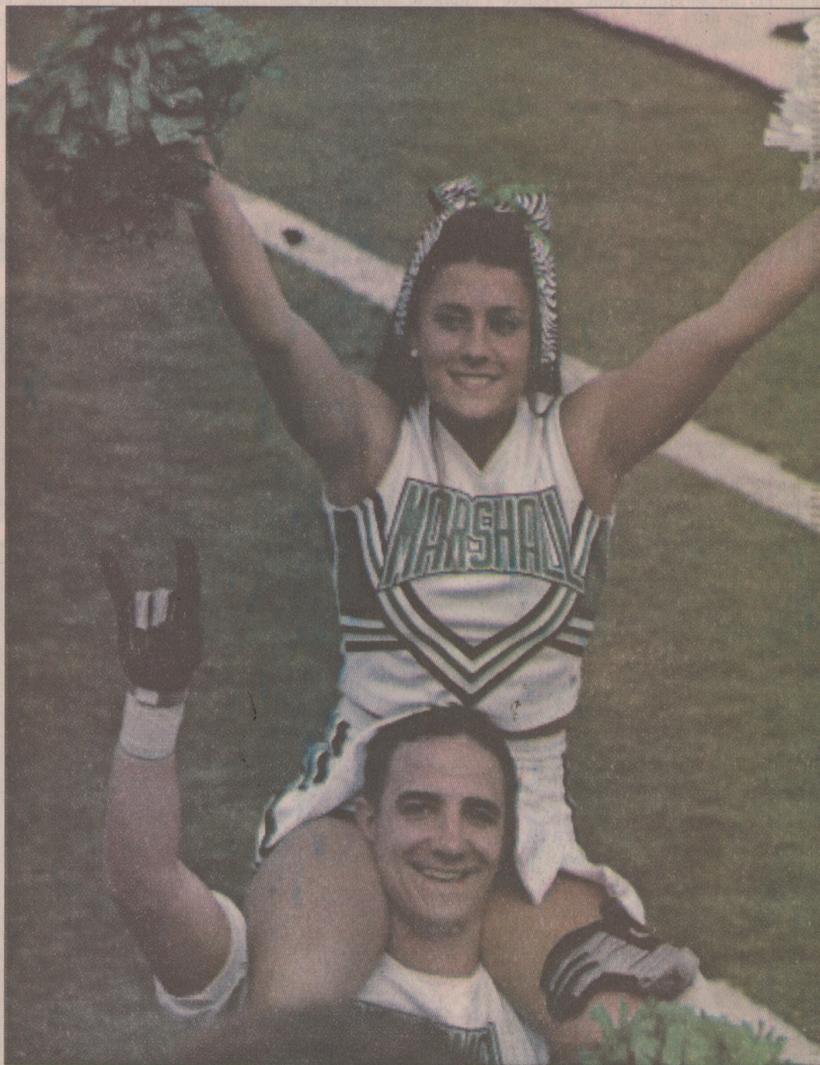


PHOTO COURTESY OF CANDICE MICHAEL-GILLIAM

Married on May 25 in Nags Head, N.C., the couple enjoys the time they get to spend together while cheering for the Thundering Herd. Michael-Gilliam said she taught her husband the skills needed to make the squad in only one week.

I HAVE TO DECLARE A MAJOR WHEN?

© Digital Vision

CHOOSING A MAJOR GOT YOU FRAZZLED?

Got a dream job in mind, but don't know where to start? It's time to get a reality check with SIGI³, the fast, easy-to-use software that helps you make important decisions about your future.

- Understand your work-related values, interests, and skills
- Get current, reliable, in-depth info on jobs and how to prepare
- Find out the skills employers want
- Develop your own education and career plan to make your way to a brilliant future.

Wherever you're going, get there with SIGI³!

Sigi³

Access Code- Careers

Go to www.marshall.edu/career-services and start using Sigi3 today!

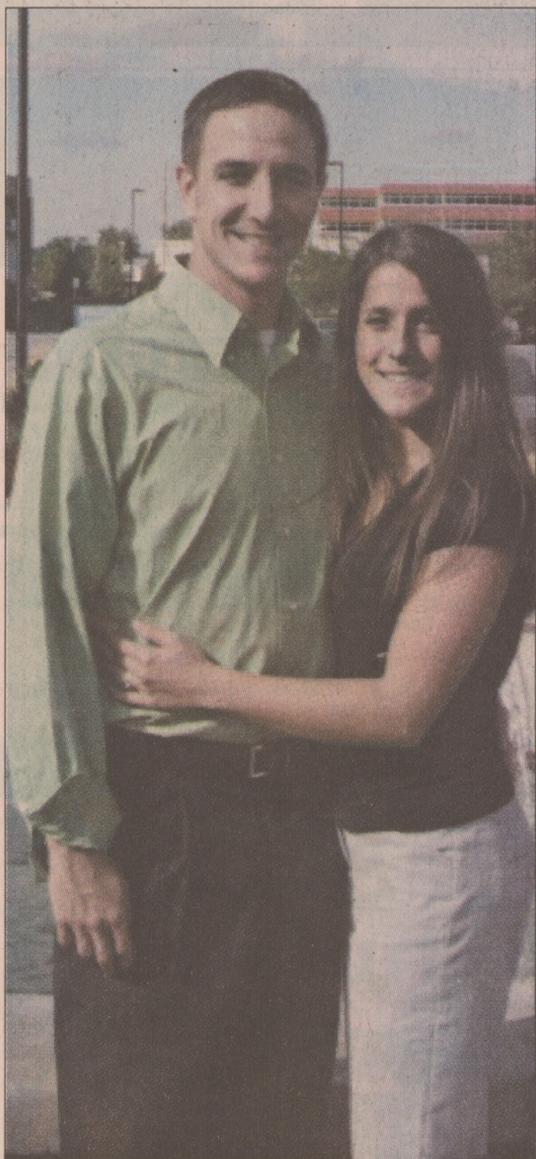


PHOTO COURTESY OF CANDICE MICHAEL-GILLIAM

Off the field, Gilliam and Michael-Gilliam said they take pleasure in watching movies, spending time with their families and saving up for weekend getaways.

Kayla Queen can be contacted at queen53@marshall.edu.