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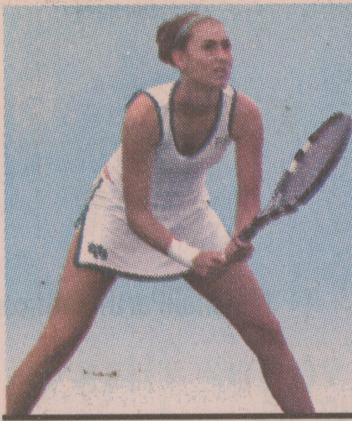
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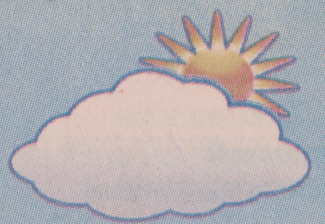
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ELECTION '08

W.Va. voter turnout lower than expected

BY JESSICA WINTZ
THE PARTHENON

While turnout across West Virginia had record turnout among early voters, the number of voters who came out to the polls on Election Day were lower than expected.

The West Virginia Secretary of State's office said that 58.4 percent of the 1.2 million registered West Virginia voters voted by absentee ballot or by visiting the polls during this year's general election.

About 707,268 West Virginians voted in national, state and local elections. Secretary of State Betty Ireland said she expected about a 70 percent turnout and is disappointed by a 58.4 percent turnout from West Virginia voters.

Ireland said the low turnout could be associated with the lack of competitive races in the general election.

In the 2004 general election, 769,645 West Virginia voters cast ballots at the polls.

In Cabell County, 57.6 percent of registered voters cast their ballots at the polls or by absentee ballot, according to the West Virginia Secretary of State's office. The Cabell County Clerk's office recorded 34,182 ballots and is still in the process of counting provisional ballots.

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Bar moratorium postponed, awaits new mayor's take

BY JENNIFER L. CHAPMAN
THE PARTHENON

The night club and bar moratorium was postponed Monday night in order for Mayor-elect Kim Wolfe to have more time to review the ordinance by the time he takes office in January.

Huntington City Council voted unanimously Monday night to postpone the moratorium by request of Mayor David Felinton. Huntington Fire Chief Greg Fuller sat in as acting-mayor for Felinton who was attending the National League of Cities conference.

Felinton said he requested the postponement so Wolfe would be able to familiarize himself with the ordinance and make a decision himself, since the moratorium will be implemented during the first year of his administration.

"I want to give Kim (Wolfe) a chance to study it and give his input before it would be voted on," Felinton said in a written response.

The purpose of the moratorium is to suspend applications for special permit and location improvements in the development of new or existing night clubs, bars or taverns within the Huntington city limits.

Wolfe said he plans to study the moratorium before he begins his administration in January, as reported by the Herald-Dispatch. Wolfe was not available for direct comment on Monday.

Felinton said the moratorium did not top his list of demanded priorities and is allowing Wolfe the responsibility of researching and ultimately making the decision on the issue.

"I had many issues to study, and much of my time was in demand," Felinton said. "The moratorium is something that is not urgent from my perspective, and it would not be fair to ask for the implementation of it if Kim (Wolfe) does not feel it is necessary."

But Felinton said he understands the demands of Wolfe's schedule and is not asking him to make an immediate decision.

"Many people are wanting to meet with Kim (Wolfe) now, and he has to be able to concentrate on the issues and transition that he wants to," Felinton said. "Unless he wants this to be a top priority, then there is no rush for him to study it."

Wolfe will begin his administration Jan. 1, 2009.

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Greek council works for unified community



AUDREY HAMOY | THE PARTHENON

Members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Pan-Hellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council discuss issues affecting the Greek community.

BY MEGAN ARCHER
THE PARTHENON

The Greek community held its second roundtable discussion in the Memorial Student Center on Monday night.

The discussion was held because members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Pan-Hellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council were dissatisfied with the lack of collaboration and unity among each of the Greek councils.

At the beginning of the meeting, Ronald Jones, president of the NPHC and president of Kappa Alpha Psi, asked the audience if each Greek council thought it communicated with other councils as well as each one communicated within their own councils.

Orleta Holmes, vice president of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., answered "no."

"It's bad communication and the lack of wanting to participate in these discussions that contributes to a lack of unity among Greek councils," Holmes said. "One thing that can assist with collaboration is supporting each chapter's activities and events."

Holmes said if more organizations would come to the roundtable discussions, then more problems could be solved or even prevented. Every NPHC chapter was represented at the meeting, but only two fraternity chapters, Sigma Tau Gamma and Alpha Tau Omega, were present to contribute to the discussion.

"This is only our second meeting, but no chapter will be reprimanded for not being here," Jones said.

Other important issues during the discussion focused on the stereotypes that are assigned to the Greek community. One NPHC member said she thought non-Greeks classified all Greeks as party animals and drinkers.

Holmes said many non-Greeks hold the stereotype that certain organizations only accept members of a particular group. She said many people believe her sorority only accepts black members, but in reality, they have members of every race, creed, and color.

During the discussion, there was clarification of common greek terms such as "bidding," "rushing," and "big/little."

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Policies neglect LGB students

BY MEGAN ARCHER
THE PARTHENON

The co-director of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Outreach student office discovered a loophole in Marshall's Board of Governor policies that could allow the discrimination of students because of their sexual orientation.

Doug Evans, co-director of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Outreach, said the first Board of Governors policy, Policy SA-2, fails to accommodate LGB students' academic rights. The policy states the student, "shall not be graded nor shall his/her performance be evaluated on the basis of his/her race, color, creed, sex, or national origin."

Policy SA-2 omits any reference to sexual orientation. This means that if a professor held a bias toward students because of sexual orientation, he or she could legally let this viewpoint influence the grade he or she gives the student. Evans said because of the flaw in this particular policy, LGB students are not protected by the university and are completely open to becoming targets within a classroom setting.

The second policy, Policy GA-3, fails to represent LGB students concerning social justice. The policy states the university promotes "equitable and fair treatment in every aspect of campus life and employment for all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, veteran status or disability."

Policy GA-3 is important because it is what dictates how funding will be

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MCTC



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARSHALL COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

A Tri-State Transit Authority bus will be decorated with advertisements for the Marshall Community and Technical College for the next year to increase the college's exposure.

Advertising expands recruiting process

BY KATLYN GOOTS
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall Community and Technical College designed and purchased artwork for a bus, which will be displayed on the sides of a Tri-State Transit Authority bus that will run throughout the Tri-State area during the next year.

The goal of MCTC's bus is to expose the newly separated technical college to the community at large, said Billie Brooks, associate dean and director of student services at the MCTC.

"We are newly separated from Marshall University, but the public often times still doesn't make this connection," Brooks said. "We want to establish ourselves as a separate entity. We want the public to know we are separate and have a lot to offer."

"This bus will hopefully increase connections and show the community that we are here," said Shirley Dyer, media coordinator at the MCTC. "It is a very unique design and the most unique thing we've done. We have never stepped out like this before to really establish ourselves."

Marshall Community College was founded in 1975 as a separate college within Marshall University that brought together many of the two-year associate degree programs under one school. In 1991, the college name was changed to Marshall Community and Technical College to better reflect the technical nature of many of the programs offered.

Legislation passed earlier this year that gave the state's community and technical colleges independence from sponsor schools, so the MCTC separated from Marshall University. A deal on a separa-

tion of assets for the MCTC from Marshall must be in place by February 2009.

"We are looking to the future of the community college," said Keith Cotroneo, president of MCTC. "This bus is part of an advertising strategy to broaden awareness to the community about the community and technical college and the programs we offer."

Spring 2009 classes in the MCTC begin Jan. 12, and registration for new students begins Nov. 24.

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EDITORIAL

Enjoy homecoming

Homecoming means something different at Marshall when compared to other college campuses across the country. For students who call Marshall home now and for alumni who have fond memories of their time living in the Huntington community, homecoming is a chance for everybody to remember what makes Marshall special.

The theme for this year's homecoming is "Go Green ... Go Herd!" This theme is exciting because it not only puts emphasis on the pride one feels when going to Marshall now, but also a new initiative to think of for the future of the university through a proposed recycling and green initiative. Students can vote on the proposed green fee until midnight on the ballot for Mr. and Miss Marshall at myMU.

Festivities for homecomings often end with a parade and home football game, and that is no different as the Thundering Herd football team will take on Conference USA foe Central Florida at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Activities are planned throughout the week. Students can still get T-shirts airbrushed at the Memorial Student Center on Tuesday and other events are planned at the student center as well. Employees can decorate their offices to promote homecoming for a contest of their own as well.

The Marshall University Alumni Association and the Student Activities Programming Board did a great job of finding a musical act — The Steve Miller Band — that appeals to many generations. The band performs at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

Of course, it would not be a Marshall homecoming without remembering the 75 people who perished when coming home from a Marshall-East Carolina football game in 1970. The ceremony where the Memorial Fountain is turned off takes place at noon Friday.

We encourage everyone to take part in as many activities as possible, especially the fountain ceremony. It lets all come together and remember the history of this university.

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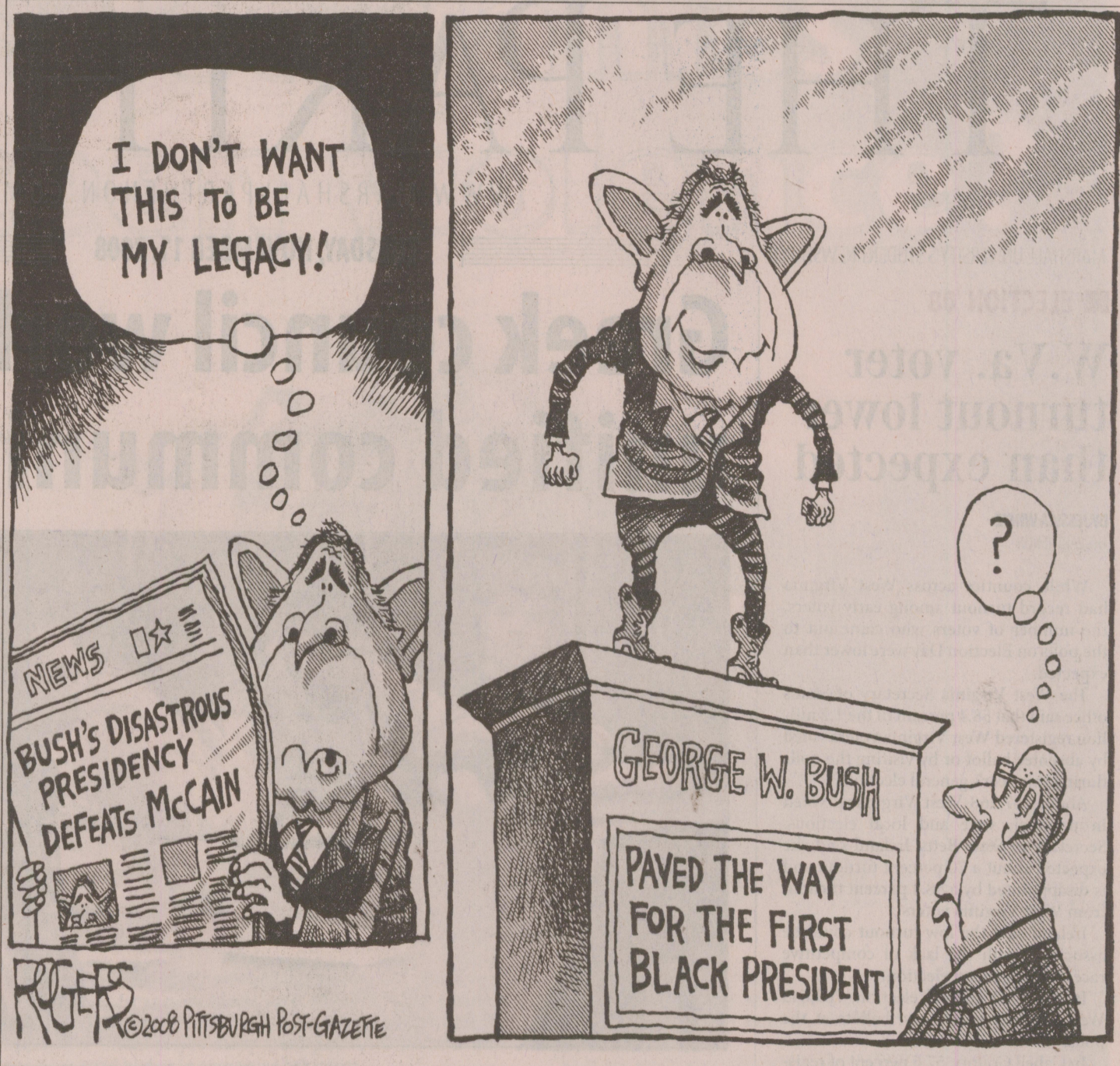
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YOUR THOUGHTS | Letters to the Editor

Pirate fan remembers night plane crashed in '70

On Nov. 14, 1970, I was 9 years old. I attended the (Marshall at East Carolina) game with my dad that afternoon, then remember watching TV later that night when the special report was broadcast. Frankly, it still haunts me to this day, and I've always had a soft spot for Marshall and its fans. When you talk about endurance, perseverance and class, that's Marshall.

Now 47, my dad and I have attended nearly every ECU game since then, with my personal home attendance streak ending at 26 years with the Tulsa game in 2005.

We also attended the plaque ceremony for Marshall in 2006. I have never seen so many adults cry.

So, do yourself a favor and go watch the movie or better yet, attend an ECU/Marshall game. If you do, I promise you will never take anything for granted again

in your life and will cherish more the people closest to you. This proud Pirate is honored to say "We are all, Marshall!"

Jon Felton
online response to
"Class goes a long way"

Marshall University will never be forgotten

On that night (Nov. 14, 1970), me, my girlfriend at the time, now wife of 36 years, and my ... parents were attending that game. While at Shoney's afterward we heard the news of the loss of all of those athletes and others.

I remember only one player, a running back by the last name of Hood (Joe Hood) who had an awesome night running against us. It is true. That night will never be forgotten.

Dick Bennett
online response to "Class goes a long way"

Life will not be fairy tale after Obama takes office

Camelot was a fairy tale and President Kennedy, if you do your research, was not that good of a president and for many was a great disappointment once the truth was separated from the myth.

If you think something magical is going to happen you will soon find out that fairy tales are what your mother told you at bedtime when you were small.

Now that you are no longer a tot and you still believe in fairy tales, reality is really going to suck once it sinks in.

That said, we as a nation have made history, let us not screw it up by putting unrealistic expectations on one man.

Barry Freed
online response to
"The Sowards Report"

Action should be taken with wellness center

Find whatever loophole there is and close it. The recreation center absolutely should be named for Dr. Paul Ambrose — who, not only was a Huntington native, but a 1995 graduate of Marshall University Medical School (if memory serves).

This decision is a slap in the face to not only the faculty but also to the Ambrose family who has given so much to Marshall and the Huntington community.

At least if Dr. Kopp was not going to approve the resolution he should have said something along the lines of, "I'm for making this happen, but we need to follow procedure, so here are the steps I'm taking to ensure this happens."

Julie Blackwood, 1992 alumna
online response to
"Kopp passes on Ambrose recommendation"

DANIELLE FLEISCHMAN | Indiana Daily Student | Indiana University

Sexism during campaign goes unchecked

It would be hard to argue that Barack Obama's victory Nov. 4 was not a historic event.

Regardless of his foreign policy experience and questionable economic strategies, the very fact that there will now be a black president in the White House says a lot about this country. Only 145 years ago, slavery was still common practice in America, and now someone who would have had no rights or freedoms a century ago is the leader of the free world.

But while this drawn out and remarkable race has proved how far America has come with its relationship with one minority, it is also a strong reminder of how negatively perceived another subgroup of

this country is.

Yes it is true, there were slurs and sneers against Obama for nothing more than his race, but they were never as mainstream or accepted as the ones against Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin.

The majority of us are guilty of it. I will admit, even I am guilty. Some of my articles were even dedicated to ridiculing the hockey mom from Alaska, and I spent my fair share of time insulting Clinton and her haphazard attempt for the White House. But while these two women ran weak campaigns, the media manipulated the situation to new heights, and the public at large did not object.

Looking back at this election

with the power of hindsight, I am astonished at the blatant, unchecked sexism that ran rampant in the media during this race. A Fox News anchor made the crack that no man could take Clinton seriously because they would just flash to their wives nagging them about taking out the garbage. The former First Lady was even compared to a she-goat.

When talk show host Rush Limbaugh asked the nation if they really even wanted to watch Clinton age in the White House, he received little in objection.

When Don Imus made that infamous comment about the Rutgers women's basketball team, he was kicked off the air. Palin of course received her

own share of sexism during her course as vice presidential nominee. She came under fire for taking on too many responsibilities while she had five children to raise (including one newborn with special needs). Vice President-elect Joe Biden never came under such scrutiny for continuing public service.

In March, The New York Times released a poll that showed 42 percent of Americans believed that racism was more of a problem than sexism.

While it is true that electing a black president might fix the problem of race in society, it is important that this nation take the time to reflect on its treatment of women who tried to achieve the same position.

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'Partly sunny,' 'flurries,' other complex weather terms explained

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Here comes the weather report. Sometimes it is clear as can be, but other times what does the forecast really mean? Meteorologists organize and report these weather forecasts, and they use weather terms and sometimes difficult to understand. For instance, the National Weather Service is predicting scattered showers for this week. What does the term "scattered showers" really mean? And the same with some of the other frequently heard weather terms, like snow flurries or high-pressure system. Some weather terms are only vaguely clear to viewers and might even be misunderstood by many such as the difference in a tornado warning and a watch.

Chris Bailey, WSAZ meteorologist, was willing to share some of his knowledge, and said weather terms are easy to explain.

"A scattered shower means you may have rain in part of the forecast area that you are covering, and not in another and that the showers are scattered on the radar," Bailey said.

Next, what is the difference between weather that is partly cloudy and weather that is partly sunny?

Bailey said there is not a big difference in the two terms, but the term used depends on what part of the day the forecast is given.

"Usually in the mornings, I would predict partly sunny because people want the day to be sunny, but at night it is always partly cloudy," Bailey said. "The difference between the two is very minor."

Bailey said the wording of the forecast plays a role in whether or not it will be partly cloudy or sunny that day.

As winter weather comes closer, the forecasts will include expected snowfalls and the likelihood of snow flurries.

Is that a precise term directed to a specific quantity of snow on the ground?

Bailey said the term snow flurries means snow is expected but there will be little or no accumulation on the ground.

In some parts of the country there is a real worry about hurricanes, and

Weather

Cloudy skies are in the forecast for Tuesday along with the chance of rain for the remainder of the week.

The National Weather Service predicts mostly cloudy skies with a high of about 52 degrees for Tuesday. Tuesday night will be cooler with a low near 36 degrees.

The chance of rain is predicted starting Wednesday and continuing into the weekend.

"A better shot of rain will move in from Wednesday through Friday and this could bring a nice little soaking to the region," said Chris Bailey, WSAZ meteorologist.

while West Virginia gets some delayed effects from these terrible storms, the more pertinent worry is about tornadoes. Many reports try to provide advance notice of tornadoes and speak of tornado watches and warnings.

The National Weather Service reports that a tornado watch is an indication that conditions are right for the possible development of a tornado or other severe weather in a given area, and a warning is an alert that a tornado has been observed in the area.

Finally, what about high and low pressure systems and the weather?

According to The Weather Channel Web site, a high is an area where the air's pressure is higher than the pressure of the surrounding air. A low pressure system is where it's lower.

As air descends it warms and this explains to some degree why high pressure systems bring good weather, and then as air rises it cools creating conditions that lead to rain or snow depending on the surrounding temperature, according to the weather channel.

This is not an exhaustive treatment of weather terms, but is intended only as an attempt to clear up what is meant by some terms that seem to be used a lot.

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Police Blotter

The following information is provided by the Marshall University Police Department.

BY ERICA J. DUFFIELD | THE PARTHENON

Pipe down

David E. Tackett, 37, of Chesapeake, Ohio, was arrested Oct. 29 after officers observed Tackett walking through Gullickson Hall in a suspicious manner. The officers stopped Tackett and conducted a pat down. The officers found a glass pipe in Tackett's left pant pocket. He told officers it was used to smoke crack cocaine. Tackett was issued an arrest citation in connection with drug paraphernalia and a no trespassing warning.

DUI

Brandon Michael Smith, 26, of Huntington, was arrested Oct. 26 after he was observed speeding in a blue Pontiac in the 1700 block of Fifth Avenue. When police stopped the vehicle at 19th Street and Fifth Avenue, Smith had slurred speech, red glassy eyes and the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath. Police administered three field sobriety tests. Smith failed all three. He registered a 0.111 percent blood alcohol content level in a preliminary breath test. The legal limit is 0.08 percent. Smith was arrested in connection with DUI first offense and taken to the West Virginia State Police barracks where he registered a 0.103 percent BAC level on the Intox EC/IR II, a secondary breath test. He was transported and lodged at the Western Regional Jail.

DUI

Derek Catlin Fuller, 20, of Proctorville, Ohio, was arrested Oct. 26 after police observed Fuller speeding in a gray Chevrolet truck in the 1700 block of Fifth Avenue. Officers stopped the vehicle at 22nd Street and Fifth Avenue. Fuller had slurred speech, red glassy eyes

and the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath. He was administered three field sobriety tests and failed all three. Fuller registered a 0.168 percent blood alcohol content level during a preliminary breath test. Fuller was arrested in connection with DUI first offense. He was taken to the West Virginia State Police barracks where he registered a 0.158 percent BAC level on the Intox EC/IR II, a secondary breath test. Fuller was transported and lodged at the Western Regional Jail.

Pizza and pepper spray

Justin Scott Shaw, 20, a resident of Twin Towers East, was arrested Wednesday after a witness reported that a man had stolen two pizzas from the Memorial Student Center cafeteria and fled. Shaw led officers on a chase for several blocks. Once officers made contact, Shaw resisted by pulling away. An officer sprayed Shaw with Fox OC spray, and Shaw broke away and ran north toward 10th Avenue. Once apprehended, Shaw was issued an arrest citation in connection with shoplifting and fleeing. EMS treated Shaw for poisoning from the spray. He went before a magistrate and was transported to the Western Regional Jail.

Underage drinking sting

Police made 13 arrests during a sting operation conducted Oct. 31 in areas surrounding Marshall's campus. Joshua D. Applegate, 19, of Richmond, Ky.; Kamar Rashard McDowell, 18, of Beckley, W.Va.; Matthew R. Rowsey, 20, of Ramond, W.Va.; Joshua Scott Errett, 18, of Point Pleasant, W.Va.; William Gregory Garrison, 18, of Huntington; Michael A. Narino, 19, of Winfield, W.Va.; Matthew Scott Meadows, 19, of Cross Lanes,

W.Va.; Joshua Carlton Barrett, 18, of Beckley, W.Va.; Alex Joseph Diedrich, 19, of Frazier's Bottom, W.Va.; and Brian J. Yuhus, 19, of Jamesburg, N.J., were issued arrest citations in connection with unlawful drinking under 21. Bryan Stephen Goodson, 29, of Pocahontas, W.Va., and Ray Haskel Lynd, 24, of South Point, Ohio, were issued arrest citations in connection with possession of marijuana. Jamore Coles, 31, of Huntington, was issued an arrest citation in connection with passing on the right and no driver's license.

Man accused of being hamburglar

Darnell Ryan Washington, 22, a resident of Twin Towers East, was arrested Oct. 31 in the Harkers Dining Hall after a witness asked officers to stop a man for stealing hamburgers. As the officers approached Washington, he began to run east out of the dining hall. Officers apprehended Washington at the corner of 17th Street and Sixth Avenue. He was taken before Magistrate Daniel Goheen and issued an arrest citation in connection with disorderly conduct.

No pay, no tray

George Grant Moore, 24, of Huntington, was arrested Nov. 3 after a witness reported that a man had filled up a to-go tray, did not attempt to pay for the food and walked out the door. Moore told police he did not pay for the food. He tried to pay for the food after he was stopped. Moore was issued an arrest citation in connection with shoplifting first offense.

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LGB

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distributed to all minority groups. However, this social justice policy omits any reference to sexual orientation.

As a member of the multicultural commission, Evans has tried to amend the area of sexual orientation within the social justice policy.

"During a meeting, I made a suggestion regarding sexual orientation and it was placed under the heading of 'miscellaneous and other suggestions,'" Evans said. "But when we reviewed the recommendations, all of the issues regarding sexual orientation were skipped over."

As a gay man researching sexual orientation within Appalachia, Evans said the motive behind his research was the belief that LGBT individuals in Appalachia are under served and poorly represented. When he realized there were two policies written by the Board of Governors that neglects to include lesbian, gay and bisexual students at Marshall University, he knew the reason for his research was legitimate. Transgender is excluded from this policy because the provisions of the policies state that no discrimination would be based on gender.

As co-director of the LGBTO student office, Evans is required to defend students and provide visibility, resources and a safe environment for all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students. Evans said the LGBTO works to create, sustain and strengthen an open, equal and inclusive campus community for students, faculty and staff of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Shari Clarke, vice president of multicultural affairs as of June, said she was not familiar with these policies because she was not working at Marshall when they were written. Clarke said any discrimination can be hurtful on a college campus and everybody has the right to be represented.

"The vision of multicultural affairs is that this is an inclusive office and an inclusive environment that welcomes all people rich in their cultures and traditions," Clarke said. "We certainly want to create an environment where everyone feels welcome."

Michelle Douglas, director of Equity Programs at Marshall, said she has never had a student come to her office to report any acts of discrimination concerning their sexual orientation. She has held this position since July 2007.

Evans said although no complaint has ever been made to the LGBTO regarding any acts of discrimination, that doesn't mean it has never happened. Marshall alumna Lena Tudor was president of the Lambda Society in the 2007-08 academic year. Tudor said she thinks students are afraid to come forward when targeted because of their sexual orientation.

"The university has no policy to defend our students which creates a power differentiation: professor versus student then student versus university," Tudor said. "I am sure that if a situation like this occurred, the university would side with the student, but the fact is that they are within their right not to and that's a problem."

The LGBTO and student organizations such as the Lambda Society claim they are not represented in the grand scheme of things. The LGBTO is not even listed under Student Affairs, but instead, is given a budget from Student Health. Evans said it has been considered a student health organization since the AIDS crisis became apparent in the 1980s, and it has not been moved since.

Stephen Hensley, dean of student affairs, said the allocation of these funds was established many years ago when he was an associate dean in the student health department.

"When I worked with student health, we were concerned about the high rate of depression, suicide and anxiety among our gay students," Hensley said. "We wanted to create an outreach office and the only funds available were through the student health service."

Hensley said whether the budget comes from student affairs or student health, Marshall students are still the main source of the money.

Evans said once more people know about this issue, he hopes they will support the LGBTO and its initiative toward a change in the policy.

"The university has expectations for students to behave in a way that is non-discriminatory, but they lack expectations for themselves as an institution," Evans said. "For once, it's not students, but rather the university that is turning its back on us."

John Proctor, Marshall alumnus and a lawyer for Underwood and Proctor Law Offices in Huntington, has dealt with personal injury cases pertaining to discrimination. He said the West Virginia Human Rights Act specifically covers employment discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, blindness or disability. The act does not include sexual orientation.

"Last year, an amendment was proposed to include sexual preference as a protected category, but it was defeated in legislature," Proctor said. "Sexual orientation should be protected, but it's not."

Proctor said it was possible that Marshall looked at the West Virginia state law to adhere with its own institutional policies.

"I don't agree with this, especially not in a day and age when we should be past this," Proctor said. "I would hope Marshall would go above and beyond state law, but do I expect them too? No, I don't."

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Trip abroad planned for credit

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THE PARTHENON

Talking to former Irish Republican Army members in Belfast, Northern Ireland, following the trail of "Jack the Ripper," in London and visiting the London Metropolitan Police at New Scotland Yard are just a few of the events on the agenda for the criminal justice study abroad trip occurring May 11 through 22.

Students of any major can earn three credit hours of criminal justice by participating in the study abroad program. The course includes two parts — classroom instruction in April and learning abroad in Ireland and England.

The courses in April are organized to give the students attending the study abroad background information so they will know proper questions to ask while in Europe, as well as to bring the students together, said Dhruva Bora, associate professor and graduate program director.

"There is nothing like a bonding experience more than throwing students in a foreign country and they are the foreigners," Bora said. "That is what brings them together. At first when I have student in this class, they are not really talking to each other because they don't know each other. But by the time they come back, they are the best of friends. That is part of the experience. It's not just about the academic component — it's about the experience of going abroad."

Bora started the program in May 2005 because he wanted criminal justice students to have a study abroad program customized for the major.

"I started the program because for students to travel abroad for criminal justice, they had to go through political science, modern languages and international affairs," Bora said. "There was nothing directly in criminal justice, so I wanted to have something specifically for students."

The study abroad is meant to show students the comparison of the American criminal

justice system and the European criminal justice system, Bora said.

Cassie Jeffers, criminal justice graduate student, said she is looking forward to this aspect of the study abroad program.

"The American criminal justice system is so unique and a lot of our very beginning roots come from European countries," Jeffers said. "So I would like to compare those and see how we got started."

Bora said the students will make various stops throughout the trip including prisons and royal courts of justice, as well as sightseeing.

"We will usually spend time visiting various law enforcement agencies while there," Bora said. "When we go to London, we try to meet with the London Metropolitan Police. For students in criminal justice that is something that is a very interesting activity because the London Metropolitan Police were the very first westernized modernized police force in the world."

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Justin Swimm, left, and Scott Wilde from Fun Enterprises, Inc. airbrush T-shirts for students as part of the homecoming festivities provided by SAPB.

Professor named speaker for graduation

A noted Marshall history professor has been named speaker at the first university-wide ceremony for December graduates.

Montserrat Miller, Ph.D., associate professor of history, will speak Dec. 6 at the Convocation to honor December graduates at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

Miller was named the 2007 Professor of the Year by the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia. The competition put her up against professors from Shepherd University, West Virginia University at Parkersburg and Wheeling Jesuit University.

Her list of accomplishments does not end there. In 2007, Miller won the Hedrick Out-

standing Faculty Award, presented to one Marshall professor each year. Miller also won the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher Award in 2006 and received the Pickens-Queen Teaching Award in 1999.

Miller earned her first two degrees from Marshall — a B.A. in international affairs in 1983 and a Master's in history in 1988. Miller earned both a Master's and Ph.D. in European social history from Carnegie Mellon University in 1990 and 1994, respectively.

Miller has been a member of the Marshall faculty since 1996, and has taught the history department capstone class for several years.

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Holmes said the reason not every council knew each chapters' definition of a certain term was because every organization has nationally mandated ways of coordinating its chapters. She said after learning each council's way of doing things, she does not believe this will change her chapter's methods.

"We don't know how or why each organization does what they do," Holmes said. "That's why we have these discussions

so we can learn from one another."

Holmes said there is an underlying issue that has not been addressed in the two roundtable discussions, but she hopes in the next meeting everyone will cut the pretense, break the tension and build from there.

"Whatever problems have been created need to be put aside so we can become a community," Jones said. "Because at the end of the day, we're all Greek."

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Policies that neglect LGB students

Policy SA-2 on academic rights

3.1.1. The student shall be graded or have his/her performance evaluated solely upon performance in the course work as measured against academic standards. The student shall not be evaluated prejudicially, capriciously or arbitrarily. The student shall not be graded nor shall his/her performance be evaluated on the basis of his/her race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

Policy GA-3 on social justice

2.1 Marshall University is committed to mutual understanding and respect among all individuals and groups at the University and to eliminating all forms of discrimination as provided by West Virginia and federal law.

2.2 Consistent with its comprehensive mission, and in recognition that the development of human potential is a fundamental goal in a democratic society, the University promotes an education system that values cultural and ethnic diversity and understanding; that provides for the preparation of students for a full and meaningful participation in a changing world; and that promotes equitable and fair treatment in every aspect of campus life and employment for all persons regarding race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, veteran status or disability.

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Do video games cause teen violence?

BY ALYSSA SIEGELE
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Academics have argued for years about the impact of video games on violence in teens.

The Journal of Pediatrics recently described a relationship between more aggressive behavior in U.S. and Japanese children just a few months after consistently playing violent video games.

"In real life, there's no restart button," Valerie Farmer-Dougan, an Illinois State University psychology professor said. "Children don't have the same sense of what death means."

"If violence is the only thing they learn, it may become the way that they solve their problems later on," she said. "We learn by our best learned behavior."

"I think it's the parents' responsibility to look for aggressive behavior and educate them on what's appropriate in the real world," Jeff Ueck, a Rock Valley College gaming major, said. "If their child has a violent game and starts acting different, they should look into it."

In the United States alone, 90 percent of kids play video games, and they play for more than 13 hours per week. Many studies have created a context for discussion on the topic of video game violence.

"It depends on how well learned and what else they know, so if they've only seen one violent episode, the response can be violence," Farmer-Dougan said.

"There is no doubt that there are aggression behaviors that are innate. It helps us get our food and protect our young, but today most humans aren't faced with the same threats," she added. "One tends to do what worked before."

Controversy often surfaces when courts override pleas to restrict teens under 18 years of age from playing mature-rated video games. The individuals' pretense for being overly aggressive played a part in the study.

At Iowa State University, Dr. Craig A. Anderson and his colleagues looked into the matter with a critically formulated experiment. They looked into a number of teens' past video game habits and

their current levels of self-assessed aggression.

Out of 181 Japanese students aged 12-to-15, 1,050 Japanese students aged 13-to-18, and 364 U.S. children aged 9-to-12, the majority of whom played many video games, all students with exposure rated higher in aggressive behaviors.

"You can change it by teaching them a different strategy and teaching them how the violent strategy doesn't work," Farmer-Dougan explained.

Some researchers disagree on the validity of the issue. Doctors and psychologists have asked that studies include less vague terminology, such as "violent video games" and "aggression," and instead define what these terms specifically refer to.

"The data (is) very hard to be conclusive; we're dependent upon the self-report from the students and parents," Farmer-Dougan said. "We have data that suggest it."

"Kids are much more likely to behave like real adults."

The human body remains instinctively aggressive, according to Farmer-Dougan.

"We can never be rid of our aggressive characteristics," Farmer-Dougan said.



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Film in review:

'ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORNO'

Despite great director, Zack and Miri falls short

BY ZACH DIONNE
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"Zack and Miri Make a Porno" has been dubiously shortened to "Zack and Miri" on marquees, cinema listings and posters across the nation. But it's more than just censorship; it's representative of the film. Throughout Kevin Smith's eighth effort as writer-director, it's unclear which title he aimed to create — the raunchy comedy with the no-no word in the name or the cliché love story about two average 20-somethings.

Zack Brown (Seth Rogen) and Miri Linky (Elizabeth Banks) are roommates. They've been platonic pals for ages, and now they're as broke as well, just about everyone in America at the moment. They lose their running water; they lose their electricity; they come up with a harebrained scheme to make a skin flick with each other and get rich. Bing, bang, boom, it's about that quick.

In short time, they're surrounded by a ragtag group amassed through acquaintance or auditions for the racy home movie. Craig Robinson — better known as Darryl from NBC's "The Office" or his bit roles in almost every Hollywood comedy of the last year — gets some of the best laughs as Delaney. Justin Long has an early cameo in an ab-



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Starring Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks, "Zack and Miri" tells the story of roommates who, upon becoming broke, decide to make a pornographic movie to pay their bills.

surdly unusual, entertaining role. Jason Mewes (the Jay portion of Jay and Silent Bob) is without his trademark golden locks, but fortunately his ridiculous quirkiness is intact.

Seth Rogen is dangerously close to the character that audiences have come to expect since "The 40-Year-Old Virgin." He's a gross-out dude with a cuddly side and a gravelly bear laugh. Elizabeth Banks is the chameleon here, diving into a sensitive role with a comedic bite only

weeks after a serious turn in theaters as America's first lady in "W." Rogen and Banks have unconvincing moments but tend to ride good chemistry for most of their screen time.

Even after an astronomical batch of F-bombs and some of the raunchiest material ever put on mainstream movie, "Zack and Miri" falters in its tendencies to cling to sugary sweetness. By the conclusion, dialogue along the lines of "Anything is possible if you dare to dream" is spouted off and expected to be believable. Smith isn't joking here, and it's laughable.

"Zack and Miri" has a fuzzy message and the characters and laughs are fun, but the means of delivery are skewed. This film should go down as a blip in the landscape of comedy and the career of Kevin Smith.

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