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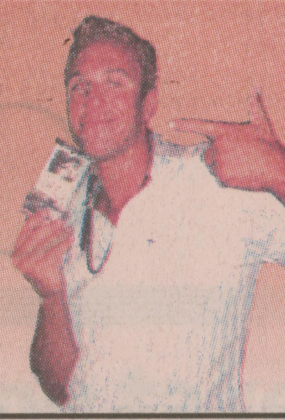
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Exchange scholar dies



PHOTO COURTESY OF YU HONGWEI

Lei Jin, known as Leila, was a Chinese research scholar at MU.

BY ZZ OZTURK
THE PARTHENON

Chinese exchange research scholar Lei Jin, known as Leila, died Nov. 24 at Cabell Huntington hospital.

Cabell Huntington Hospital would not disclose the official cause of death but the attending physician Dr. Mumtaz Zaman said Jin died from liver failure.

"We are all greatly saddened by this loss," Clark Egnor, director of the Center for International Programs, said.

Jin graduated from Hangzhou Medical Academy in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in clinical medicine and worked on blood type analysis for eight years at the Zhejiang Blood Center.

One year later she met Li A-Zhong who also worked at the Blood Center. They were married

in 2001 and had a son, Xiao Kai Xin, meaning "Little Sweetie."

In 2004, she passed the national entrance exam and entered Zhejiang University, first as a Master's student then a Ph.D. student.

Jin came to Marshall as a graduate student in September to conduct a joint research project under the mentorship of Hongwei Yu, associate professor of biochemistry and microbiology.

Yu said he met Jin in June 2007 while giving a research seminar in Hangzhou, China. After the talk, he said Jin approached him and introduced herself as a Ph.D. student at Zhejiang University.

She asked if she could study at Marshall for two years before returning back to her university to defend her thesis. Jin applied for a scholarship

from the Chinese government to sponsor her stay at Marshall and arrived in September.

"Leila enjoyed life and work," Yu said. "She was a diligent student and a traditional Chinese mother. She was a loving wife, daughter, colleague and medical doctor. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her during her life."

A memorial service has been created in Jin's name to help her family pay part of the medical expenses. Donations can be mailed to the Jin Lei Memorial Fund, P. O. Box 2642, Huntington, WV 25726-2642 or directly deposited into an account at the Huntington Federal Savings Bank.

Jin leaves behind a husband and a 6-year-old son.

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MCTC students will not pay fee for rec center

BY KATLYN GOOTS
THE PARTHENON

Marshall Community and Technical College students will not be required to pay the \$150-per-semester fee for Marshall University's new recreation center.

During the MCTC Board of Governors meeting Nov. 21 members unanimously voted to make the fee optional. For MCTC students, only those who want to use the new recreation center will have to pay. The center is scheduled to be completed in February 2009.

The board made the decision after receiving results of a survey of 331 MCTC students. The majority responded that an additional \$300 per year would be an economic burden. Students were split on desire to use the fitness center and all but 10 of the students said they would want the choice.

"I think you can see our student population strongly desires to have an option," MCTC president Keith Cotroneo said.

Cotroneo said making the fee optional is important because it is not known where the community college will eventually be located.

"If MCTC is located off campus, I don't think they'd ever utilize this," board member Mike Herron said.

Legislation passed earlier this year, which gave the state's community and technical colleges independence from sponsor schools and the MCTC separated from Marshall University. Cotroneo said discussions with Marshall University regarding the separation of assets and liabilities are in the early stages, but the deadline has been extended to April 1. MCTC currently occupies three buildings on Marshall University's campus.

The MCTC is looking at possible location sites and they have developed a matrix that will guide the decision making process, Cotroneo said.

Cotroneo updated the board about focus group results regarding the preferred location for MCTC. It was decided that the campus criteria matrix divide choices between a new or remodeled facility, with each falling under three categories: a location adjacent to Marshall University, in downtown Huntington or near Interstate 64.

Focus group results showed there was a strong preference for a location by the interstate, whether in a new or remodeled building. The focus group included two students, two staff members, two members of administration and six members of administration.

"Access in terms of affordability and location are key concerns," Cotroneo said. "Distinctiveness and identity was clearly a factor."

Some board members expressed a

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United Way Bringing the Tri-State together

Editor's Note:

As a public service to our readers who volunteer and donate money to charities and others who just want to keep informed, The Parthenon staff has produced a series of stories about United Way of the River Cities' fundraising campaign and profiles of many of the 31 agencies benefiting from its allocations of those funds. "Live United" is the campaign's latest slogan. The Parthenon is concerned about where the money goes and who benefits from the campaign. The series also will include stories about a few charities not affiliated with United Way. This series will run during most of our remaining editions this semester, and we encourage readers to provide us with feedback about this service.

Children's Place offers nutrition, education

BY TAYLOR KUYKENDALL
THE PARTHENON

Stephanie Vlahos, director of Children's Place, Inc., will stack her program up against just about anybody's.

"There are a lot of good programs, but also a lot of not-so-hot programs in the region," Vlahos said. "I think reputation precedes us."

Around since 1980, Children's Place serves 104 children between the ages of 6 weeks to 5-years-old, and children up to 12 are served whenever the school system is not open. Children's Place is one of about 30 local agencies funded by contributions to United Way of the River Cities.

"The kids here get a real chance to develop mentally, physically and socially," Vlahos said. "They get to move around and participate in so many different programs with the other children. They get to write, use new technology, play with music and writing, and so much more. The kids have a chance to do things many kids do not get to experience before they go to kindergarten."

Children receive breakfast, lunch and snacks at the day care center. A single cook prepares every meal for each student.

"Our nutrition program is very good," Vlahos said. "A lot of programs around here serve packaged meals — we cook."

Nutritional meals are not the only health concern of Children's Place. It also partnered with Cabell Huntington Hospital and the YMCA to develop a program to battle childhood obesity.

"We received a grant for \$25,500

which allowed us to work on childhood obesity," Vlahos said. "We also worked with parents to get involved. We think if parents will buy into the idea, the children will too."

Vlahos said the program also uses a very high standard in their hiring process. Teachers are required to have at least an associate's degree in child care, but a bachelor's degree is preferred.

"We go through an FBI check and random drug screening, which a lot of programs don't do," Vlahos said. "We think checking that out is very important if we are going to have these people dealing with kids. It has resulted in an incredible staff."

Jennifer Conkle, who has worked as a teacher for 13 years at Children's Place, said she never thought she would be a teacher. She was an intern at the center when she was attending Marshall.

"It is very rewarding to work here," Conkle said. "It is one of the few jobs where you get so much back from what you put in."

Penny Burcham, who leads the "baby room," said she has watched kids grow up and "leave the bird's nest."

"I am used to seeing them grow up and leaving the center," Burcham said. "It was hard, but now I just enjoy seeing them grow up and develop."

Burcham said her job is to listen to the room. When the babies are loud or noisy, she knows she's not "hitting the right note." She provides services ranging from feeding to changing children's diapers every day.

Children's Place is partially funded by United Way of the River Cities. Accord-



AUDREY HAMOY | THE PARTHENON

Trista Esque, age 4, and Brooklyn Watt, age 5 put together puzzles at Children's Place.

ing to its allocation report, United Way provided the center with \$8,292 this year. Vlahos said it also provides a lot of literature and services for the center. Educational posters from United Way cover the hallway walls of the center.

Vlahos also said United Way periodically checks on how the program is doing and assesses its operations.

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Academic festival proposed to increase functions' attendance

BY DEVEN SWARTZ
THE PARTHENON

For those wanting to increase attendance at their academic functions, the Faculty Senate has a solution.

The Senate's executive committee unanimously agreed to have the full Faculty Senate vote to endorse an annual campus-wide festival that will showcase the talents of students.

Karen McNealy, communication disorders professor and individual sponsor of the recommendation, said the idea of the festival is to draw a large crowd to one big event as opposed to draw little to no crowd at the many small events currently held around campus.

"It's a shame that this work is being seen by three

professors and five students," McNealy said. "Even (the) Drinko (Symposium) doesn't have great attendance. Why not combine some of these events?"

McNealy said a festival can also help student retention at Marshall because students leave after losing interest in their major and fail to see anything else that captures their interest.

McNealy said she would like to make a statement to the legislature and the Board of Governors to show off the student body's best work.

McNealy has been working on the festival idea for more than two years and she said she has had the support of Marshall President Stephen Kopp from the beginning.

In 2006 Kopp approved a recommendation for the Faculty Senate to form an ad-hoc committee to discuss the idea, and McNealy said the preliminary

work they did was "promising."

McNealy said the idea has returned again to the Senate because Kopp wanted new Marshall provost Gayle Ormiston to be on board and Ormiston provost on-the-record approval from the faculty in order to better set themselves up for funding.

However, McNealy said her main concern was the wording of the recommendation "so that Faculty Senate members would not think, 'Oh great—something else I have to do.'"

If the recommendation passes the Senate, McNealy said a permanent committee would be formed through either the president's office or academic affairs. The first festival would also be set for April 2009 if the recommendation passes.

Faculty Senate Chair Cam Brammer also announced Monday that Kopp approved three recom-

mendations passed by the Faculty Senate: the 2009-10 and 2010-11 academic calendars, endorsing a two-year moratorium on PEIA premium increases, and the speaker and honorary doctorate recipients for the May commencement. The Senate vote will take place Dec. 11.

The committee allowed three of the other four recommendations to go to the Faculty Senate floor for the vote.

Only one it disapproved was calling for changes to the current class attendance policy. Problems with the proposed new verbiage, mostly of a technical nature, led to its tabling. The recommendation now goes back to the Budget and Academic Policy committee.

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EDITORIAL

Must show improvement

On a cool evening this past Saturday, the Marshall football season came to an end with a close 38-35 loss to Tulsa. The game mirrored the progression of the season in a way: a fast start and then not enough momentum to finish strong.

With a 4-8 overall record, helped by the Thundering Herd losing seven of its last eight games, means once again post-season bowl aspirations are gone. The loss capped the fourth consecutive losing season since Marshall left the Mid-American Conference in 2005 and entered Conference USA. These four losing seasons coincide with the coaching tenure of head coach Mark Snyder.

Many fans who are tired of losing and want to get back to playing for championships were asking for a change once this season ended. Not wasting any time, however, Athletic Director Bob Marcum released a statement saying Snyder would be the head coach for next year's 2009 season.

"To avoid any speculation concerning our football program, Mark Snyder is and will remain our head football coach," Marcum said.

Some think Snyder's 16-31 coaching record speaks for itself. Others can argue that he deserves at least one more year for a variety of reasons. No matter what one believes about the situation, it appears Snyder has received a new bill of confidence from the university higher-ups.

That is fine. If Snyder has one more year, he better show major improvement as there are few excuses left after five seasons. Getting to the postseason would be nice, but just attaining bowl eligibility with a 6-6 record may not be enough of an improvement. Snyder said after Saturday's game that Tulsa head coach Todd Graham will probably look at Marshall as the team to beat in 2009.

If that is not the case, it may be time to try something else.

Parthenon online poll

Did you go shopping on Black Friday?

Answer 1 Yes
Answer 2 No
Answer 3 Don't care

Last week's poll: Did you like the new look for Marco, Marshall University's mascot?

Yes 12%
No 84%
Don't know 6%

vote at marshallparthenon.com

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JAY ROUDEBUSH | The Common Cause

Bush continues expansion of executive power

The Constitution remains under attack by lame duck President George W. Bush, but will President-elect Obama save the situation? George W. Bush is planning to order 20,000 uniformed active duty soldiers to help with law enforcement inside the United States.

Although the Posse Comitatus Act has for 130 years restricted the military from taking a role in domestic law enforcement this does not seem acceptable to the lame duck administration, which has been working on this plan, according to the Washington Post since 2001.

There is major concern for the average citizen when the military of the United States is turned on the American citizenry. Even if the thought behind the soldiers role in domestic defense is in good intention this does not stop



JAY ROUDEBUSH
The Common Cause

have, do we need military men with assault rifles? Many modern countries don't allow all of their police officers to carry firearms full time. In the United States we have police departments with mobile war machines.

They come with assault rifles, riot gear, hand guns and helicopters. The police officers in some cities have been found abusing the authority they cur-

the thought of walking down your local city street and seeing military soldiers with M16s on a corner.

As a free nation of free people, why with all the firepower that local police officers

"There is major concern for the average citizen when the military of the United States is turned on the American citizenry."

rently have. Are we prepared to add war soldiers to the mix of our daily lives?

After all we don't have a war at home. There are no approaching tanks. Where are the soldiers marching into our cities from a foreign enemy? If there is no foreign force preparing to attack America, then why are the soldiers here? Is the enemy the citizens of the United States of America?

Even if we take this to a homeland security only stand, how do we feel about a soldier opening fire on American soil, because they believe they see a threat? If the argument is they aren't going to do that, then

why are they using infantry and combat specialists? Why not intel personnel only? If the soldiers aren't meant to raise their firearms in the free nation of America why will they have their guns here?

The scariest thing to an American should be loss of freedom. True freedom. We have the right to be free in our own nation, to travel freely and express ourselves openly.

I just don't understand how our right to express ourselves will be so openly done on the streets of our cities when soldiers with assault rifles are standing beside of us. What will be next when soldiers are already on our street?

YOUR THOUGHTS | Letters to the Editor

Gender pay inequality

Every year Forbes compiles a list of the 500 biggest companies in the United States. For 2007, this list only includes 13 women! The average take [compensation] including salary and bonuses, for all 500 CEOs was \$12.8 million — double the female average of \$6.5 million. According to Management Today, in 2006 the mean pay gap between men and women rose to 17.2 percent.

Another study by Industry Week found the average manufacturing management salary in 2007 differed between women and men by 35 percent and nearly \$40,000. The issue at hand is gender based pay inequality is a reoccurring problem that is in need of immediate changes. Gender pay inequality

is an issue that should be further studied and resolved. Gender discrimination is a lifelong tax on women's self-esteem and capabilities.

It thwarts women's aspirations and restricts their opportunities. Societies that are more equal are more cohesive, have higher levels of trust, better public services, greater social mobility, cleaner politics and happier people. The situation has improved over recent years but is not up to cultural and ethical standards.

The United States government should take a stronger role in regulation. Larger corporations should also consider taking the lead to equal compensation for both men and women.

Sarah Lynch
Huntington, W.Va.

Help with health status

I agree that our leaders, both local and state, need to grasp the seriousness of the latest Associated Press health release; though, perhaps we are viewing this situation in the wrong light. First, I've had a hard time referring to both our state and local leaders as "leaders." Constantly we see our "leaders" dropping the ball, whether it be based around partisan politics, or self-interest voting. Whatever the case, we have to dig deep to find the root of our health and obesity problem in Huntington. The surface, obvious reason, would be poor diet and exercise, but I believe the question needs to be asked: "Why is Huntington so much worse at eating and exercising than the rest of the country?"

According to city-data.com, Huntington ranks higher in most pov-

erty level categories than the state average. Considering the state of West Virginia ranks fifth highest in the Union with residents living at or below the poverty level (according to census.gov), Huntington out-doing this unflattering statistic is a sickening thought. Perhaps this could be a source to our health problem.

It is understood that it costs more to follow a more healthy diet. Maybe, just maybe, when our "leaders" in the legislature grasp the concept that our current business tax system is unattractive to business, we can move forward. Perhaps if/when that happens we will start to see a healthier Huntington and state as a whole.

It is up to us, the voters, to put in leaders that understand the seriousness of poor legislation.

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Inauguration ticket requests being taken

BY JESSICA WINTZ
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Arianna Price, a junior broadcast journalism and political science major from Gerrardstown, W.Va., will be one of the millions of people who will watch President-elect Barack Obama be sworn in as President of the United States on Jan. 20, 2009.

Price has the opportunity to attend the event through the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, an honor society that invites high-achieving students who have a GPA of 3.4 or above and rank in the top 20 percent of their class to join. The organization sent out invitations to group members last year who met specific requirements to attend a week long conference in Washington D.C. The conference allows members to attend not only the inauguration, but also the inaugural ball and to listen to speeches from high ranking politicians.

"It's just going to be a huge experience," Price said. "I get to watch history being made. To watch the first African American president getting inaugurated is a huge deal."

Price has a ticket, but those who want a ticket for the inauguration may not be so fortunate. A number of groups automatically get tickets, including members of Congress, former lawmakers, Supreme Court justices, Medal of Honor winners and the president-elect, vice president-elect and their families. The remaining tickets are distributed to lawmakers on Capitol Hill. The Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies Web site states that tickets to the inauguration ceremony are free and distributed through the newly elected and re-elected members of Congress. Congressional offices will get the tickets about a week before the swearing-in ceremony in January.

Anyone who wants to attend may contact his or her senator or congressman to request tickets, but each member is allotted a small number of tickets. Jonathan

Coffin, press secretary for Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), said that the office has received 4,000 ticket requests but only has 200 to give to the public. While it will be impossible to fulfill every ticket request, Coffin said Capito's office is still taking requests. Thousands of ticket requests have also been filed with Sen. Robert C. Byrd's (D-W.Va.) office and with Sen. Jay

Rockefeller's (D-W.Va.) office. Both offices are continuing to take requests for inauguration tickets.

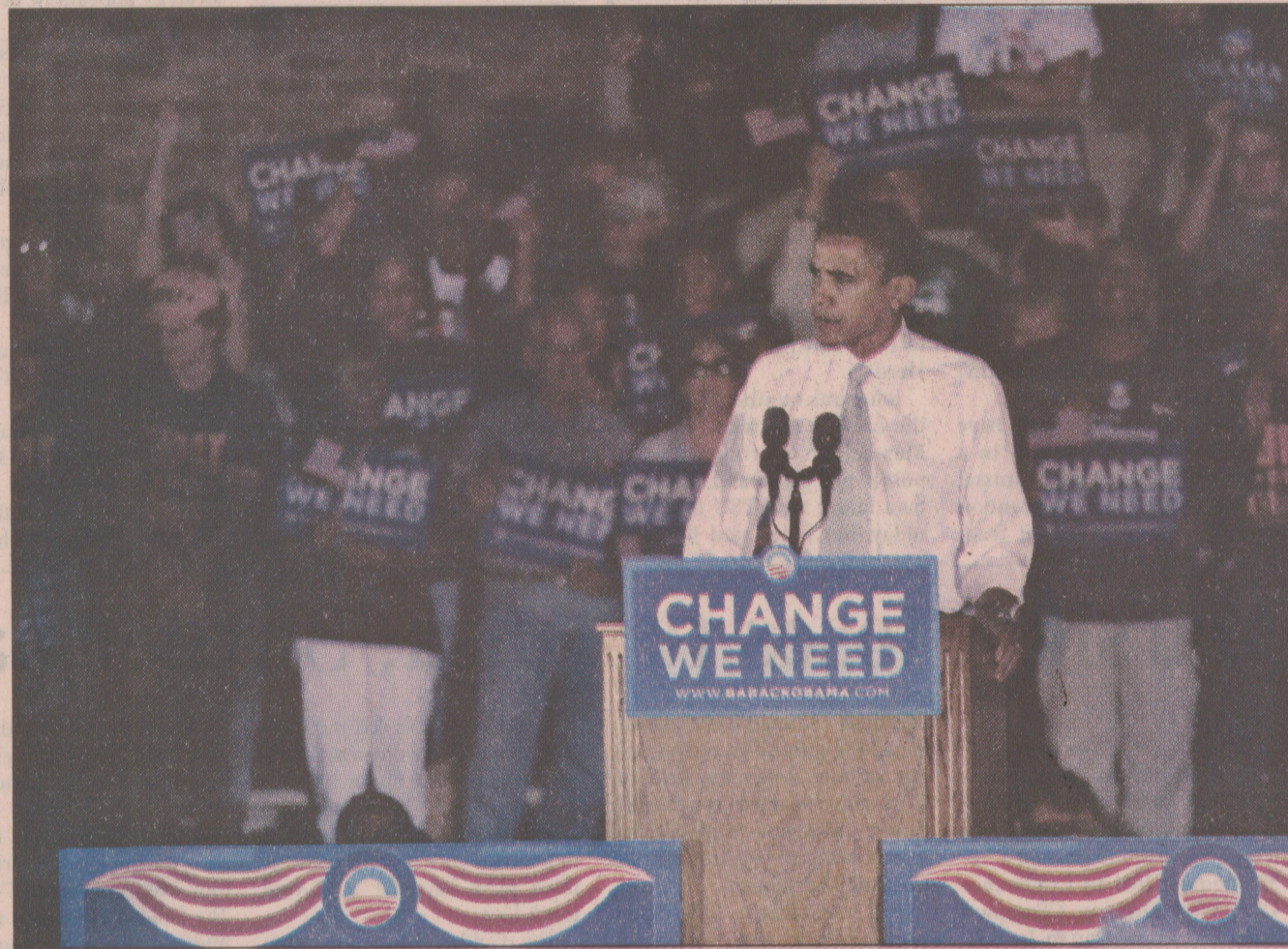
Coffin said those interested in attending the event should be wary of any Web site or broker claiming to sell tickets.

"People shouldn't be fooled when they see that tickets are for sale," Coffin said. "The tickets are for sale, they are free

to anyone who wants them."

Coffin said if people are unable to obtain tickets, there will be various locations throughout Washington, D.C., and The Mall where the public can stand and watch the inauguration on a huge screen throughout the area.

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President-elect Barack Obama speaks at a rally in Portsmouth, Ohio on Thursday, Oct. 9. Obama will be sworn in as President on Jan. 20.

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Local stores to close doors

BY MEGAN ARCHER
THE PARTHENON

As shoppers search for the perfect gift, residents of Huntington should know that many local retailers are closing their doors before and after the holiday season.

Local retailers such as Linens 'n Things, Steve and Barry's, and the Value City Department Store have declared bankruptcy and announced plans to close remaining stores.

Huntington Mall Marketing Director Margi MacDuff said Steve and Barry's closed its doors two weeks ago after filing for bankruptcy in mid-July. MacDuff said although she does not know of any prospective stores that will take its place, she has faith that the mall's real estate department is working on it.

"Steve and Barry's was a nice addition to our diverse tenant mix," MacDuff said. "However, I don't see this hurting our mall considering we have 150 other stores to choose from."

MacDuff said the loss of the store Linens 'n Things was harder for her personally.

"I'd like to see another home décor store such as Bed, Bath and Beyond come to Huntington Mall," MacDuff said. "Right now we have no prospective businesses coming in."

In a news release from the Hilco Organization, which is one of the joint venture groups responsible for the stores' closing sales, said the Linens 'n Things closing sales began on Oct. 17 at the remaining 371 stores in the United States.

Huntington manager of Linens 'n Things Lynn McKnight said she was surprised when the store filed for bankruptcy last May.

"We're hoping to stay open until the end of the year during the Christmas season," McKnight said. "We've noticed our sales have drawn a different crowd of people that may not have shopped here before."

Leah Bowling, office associate at Value City Department Store in Huntington, said there is no definite date for closing the store, but the estimated time frame will be between Dec. 15 and Dec. 21.

"The community was shocked when they found we were closing and many wished we would stay open," Bowling said. "We would like to stay open until Christmas, but we don't know what will happen for sure."

Dan Van Dyke, senior finance graduate from Parkersburg, W.Va., is working toward his masters in business at Marshall University. Van Dyke said he doesn't think the store closings will affect the economy of Huntington. He said he believes it will have a greater effect on those who live in larger metropolitan areas because housing and consumer merchandise markets haven't shown huge declines like the rest of the country.

"I think the profit margins have declined drastically due to the increase in costs of buying and

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United Way Bringing the Tri-State together

Service project rewarding for student

BY ARIANNA PRICE
THE PARTHENON

Amber Webster, senior criminal justice major from Cross Lanes, W.Va., has always felt the need to pay back her grade school teacher, and through a class service requirement, she has been able to do just that.

Webster's juvenile justice class required 12 service learning hours to help students apply book skills to everyday situations. Members of this class chose from different organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Cabell County Youth Programs and Child Assault Prevention Program, Webster said.

Webster chose to participate in the school-sponsored mentoring program based by Big Brothers Big Sisters and has been rewarded by being able to "pay it back."

"I want to set good examples

for my little (sister) and I hope that someday she aspires to go to college or seek higher education," Webster said. "Spending an hour or so a week with your little means the world to them."

Webster meets with her little sister for about an hour every Tuesday and Thursday, as her schedule permits. That hour is split between scholastic activities and socializing time, Webster said.

Occasionally, Webster and her little sister attend activities outside of school.

"We went to a West Virginia Power baseball game over the summer," Webster said. "BBBS paid for everything except for the few extras I chose to purchase at the concession stand."

Webster also said Big Brothers Big Sisters sponsors activities for her and her little sister to participate in that are free to those in the program.

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AMBER WEBSTER

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS VOLUNTEER

Webster and her little sister are able to enjoy these activities because of money raised through Big Brothers Big Sisters and the United Way of the River Cities.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a partner agency of the United Way of the River Cities and receives \$25,000 each year from the organization.

But Big Brothers Big Sisters, which serves between 175 and 200 children a year, cannot operate only with funds given to them by the United Way.

Patti Price, executive direc-

and office supplies. It helps with recruiting, screening, training and matching volunteers to children."

Price said many of the campaigns are going more slowly than the organization would like. "Our primary campaign is going very slowly and I blame that on the state of the economy," Price said. "We never get enough money, but we are very concerned right now."

Without the funds, Webster would not be able to have some very rewarding experiences.

"My little (sister) was drawing a picture of her family and I was included," Webster said. "At this time, I had only been her big for about six weeks. It was very rewarding to know that in such a short time my little (sister) held me in such high regard."

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Economy affects charities

BY DIANA CALLE
THE PARTHENON

As the economy is slowly trying to recover, charities will be facing a decrease in donations.

A new GuideStar survey conducted online Oct. 6-20 had 2,927 participants representing at least 2,730 charitable organizations participated. It showed that the proportion of charity representatives reporting decreased donations nearly doubled between 2007 and 2008 and almost half of the participants from nonprofits that rely on end-of-year donations expect a decrease in the last quarter of 2008.

The survey also revealed that in 2008, 38 percent of participants reported increased contributions, 25 percent said increased contribution levels had remained the same, 35 percent reported a decrease and 2 percent did not know. This is remarkably different to 2007 when 52 percent of participants said contributions had increased, 25 percent said they remained the same, 19 percent said they had decreased and 4 percent did not know.

Laura P. Gilliam, executive director of United Way of the River Cities, said at the moment donations for the charity are about equal to what they were in 2007 but a decrease in individual dona-

tions is definitely visible.

"If you look at it in an individual level you can see donors and companies that have decreased their donations but fortunately other donors are making up for the decrease," Gilliam said. "We hear people say that they won't be able to donate what they used to but we'll just have to wait and see."

Kim Bradley, junior, liberal arts student from Beckley, W.Va., said she usually donates to the Salvation Army but won't be able to do as much this year.

"Every time I see the men and women that collect donations for the Salvation Army I try to donate at least \$5 but I know that I can't do that now because I am not making as much money as I used to and on top of that the holidays are coming up," Bradley said.

Gilliam said United Way usually receives most of its donations in the last two or three weeks of the year, but it is difficult to tell if they will receive as much.

"Some people are kind of waiting to see what their finances look like on the national and global level before they make their contribution," Gilliam said.

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Teams compete to design lounge

BY ARIANNA PRICE
THE PARTHENON

Learning how to sell a product is one of the main skills taught in the marketing department of the Lewis College of Business, and through a new project six students will get first-hand experience at applying these skills.

Split into two teams of three, the six students were given the challenge to design a management class.

"They are marketing students," Larry Templeton, director of development for the LCOB, said. "This project makes them sell their products and their ideas."

The project has been changed from its original intentions to include the students, Templeton said.

"We were just going to do a lounge, but we decided to give the students a voice," Ben Eng, graduate assistant and organizer of the project, said. "So we took Dr. Deanna Mader's class and they will present their ideas for the lounge."

These ideas will be presented in the form of a 15-minute presentation that will be judged by Marshall President Stephen Kopp, LCOB advisory board president Rick Slater, and Chong Kim, interim dean of the LCOB,

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BEN ENG

PROJECT ORGANIZER

on Dec. 5 at 10 a.m., Eng said.

This presentation has made things more difficult for the students involved, Templeton said.

"Nervousness is a big concern for the students right now," Templeton said. "But in the real world making a presentation isn't just for a grade; it is for your job, your living. It is dependent on your ability to sell what you have."

In addition to nervousness, several other constraints had to be addressed by the teams in order for the visions to come together.

The design had to be contained within a 15-foot by 11-foot-9 inch area and be within the budget of \$15,000. The teams also had to develop a solution to possible thefts as well as create a way to promote the LCOB, Eng said.

Promoting the college includes reaching out to the community and making the students more comfortable.

"We are focusing on retention and recruitment," Eng said. "We

need to be able to communicate with the students, and get them off the floor. The students are always sitting on the ground—the brick floor."

In addition to the LCOB, the Corbly Lounge Project is being used as a promotional vehicle for the Young Professionals Committee, which helped develop the project, Templeton said.

The YPC is a part of the Huntington Area Chamber of Commerce and consists of businessmen and women who are 30 years old and younger, Eng said.

"The lounge will be used for internship programs and long-term ideas," Templeton said. "There will be discussions with graduates from the areas about jobs that students can look forward to."

While the lounge is being built for the purpose of promoting the LCOB, it will be open to all students and will provide wireless internet access.

The lounge, which will be built in the northeast area of Corbly Hall, is scheduled to be built in the spring semester of 2009 and will be based on the vision of the winning team.

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AP TOP 25 Big East well represented

With Syracuse getting into the Top 25, a record eight Big East teams make the AP poll. (Records through Nov. 30)

RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS	PV
1.	UNC (72)	7-0	1,800	1
2.	UConn	6-0	1,723	2
3.	Pittsburgh	7-0	1,592	4
4.	Duke	7-0	1,526	7
5.	Gonzaga	5-0	1,489	9
6.	Oklahoma	6-0	1,437	11
7.	Notre Dame	5-1	1,359	8
8.	Texas	5-1	1,231	6
9.	Purdue	5-1	1,086	10
10.	Tennessee	5-1	1,016	12
11.	Louisville	2-1	1,003	3
12.	UCLA	4-1	966	13
13.	Michigan St.	4-1	946	5
14.	Xavier	6-0	902	16
15.	Wake Forest	6-0	736	19
16.	Syracuse	6-0	668	-
17.	Villanova	6-0	570	20
18.	Memphis	4-1	526	18
19.	Arizona St.	5-1	401	14
20.	Georgetown	4-1	388	21
21.	Miami	4-1	309	22
22.	Davidson	5-1	286	24
23.	Florida	5-1	281	17
24.	Baylor	6-1	272	-
25.	Marquette	5-1	221	15

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sooners jump to No. 2 in BCS poll, wins Big 12 South tiebreaker

A week before the final standings are released and the Bowl Championship Series is already ticking people off.

Oklahoma — not Texas — is headed to the Big 12 championship game with an inside track to the national title game by moving ahead of the Longhorns in the BCS standings Sunday.

Texas' victory against the Sooners in October wasn't enough to give the Longhorns the advantage in a three-way tie between the Red River rivals and Texas Tech atop the Big 12 South. And that's sure to leave many in Austin dismayed.

The Big 12 had to use its fifth tiebreaker, best BCS rating, to determine which team will play North winner Missouri on Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.

The Sooners (11-1), who lost to Texas 45-35 in October, barely edged the Longhorns. Oklahoma has a .9351 BCS average. Texas' BCS average is .9223.

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BCS standings

RANK	TEAM	BCS AVE.
1.	Alabama	.9713
2.	Oklahoma	.9351
3.	Texas	.9223
4.	Florida	.8851
5.	So. California	.8076
6.	Utah	.7844
7.	Texas Tech	.7805
8.	Penn State	.7373
9.	Boise State	.7034
10.	Ohio State	.6340
11.	Texas Christian	.5633
12.	Ball State	.5306
13.	Cincinnati	.4831
14.	Oklahoma State	.4276
15.	Georgia Tech	.4046
16.	Georgia	.3311
17.	Boston College	.3202
18.	Brigham Young	.3142
19.	Oregon	.3041
20.	Missouri	.2818
21.	Michigan State	.2550
22.	Northwestern	.1216
23.	Pittsburgh	.1012
24.	Florida State	.0768
25.	Virginia Tech	.0573

SOURCE: Bowl Championship Series AP

Young Herd faces old rival ETSU

BY TOM BRAGG
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The chips were down when Marshall returned from the Glenn Wilkes Classic in Daytona Beach, Fla., losers of three consecutive games. The Herd was able to get back on track against Old Dominion on Saturday with a 68-64 win and hopes to carry that momentum over to today's game against East Tennessee State.

Everything Marshall did wrong in Florida it did right against Old Dominion.

"Defense, rebounding and staying focused," sophomore Tirrell Baines said following Saturday's game. "Coming off last week (in Florida) we didn't have that."

A loss Saturday would have marked the Herd's fourth in a row and first since the arrival of sophomore guard Brandon Powell for a violation of team

policy, according to a news release from the Marshall University athletic department. Although he did not address the Powell situation following Saturday's game, head coach Donnie Jones said the ODU win was big for a team that was hurting coming off the trip to Florida.

"I'm as proud of this win as any win we've had since I've been here," Jones said. "It's great to win a game after the long Florida trip."

Freshman guard Shaquille Johnson came up big down the stretch for Marshall on Saturday, registering two steal in the last three minutes of the game and making two late foul shots to help seal the victory for the Herd.

Johnson's numbers are among the best on the team. He leads Marshall in scoring with 14.4 points per game and figures to be a target for ETSU defenders today, but Jones said Johnson's



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biggest contribution to the team is his defense.

"The reason (Johnson) got in the starting lineup at the start of the season was his defense, not his offense," Jones said. "As more teams play us it will be hard for us to focus on him. It will be harder for him to get shots."

Johnson ranks third on the team with 26 minutes played

per game, just behind senior Markel Humphrey (29 mpg) and fellow freshmen guard Damiere Pitts (27 mpg). Jones said he has been hard on Pitts in practice, even going so far as to describe it as "tough love". The strategy appears to be working, for now at least.

Pitts had seven assists compared to one turnover to go with seven points on 3 of 5 shooting against Old Dominion, made even better by the fact that he played a team high 36 minutes the Monarchs.

Jones said it was good to be able to have freshmen play at a high level in the Thundering Herd backcourt.

"That's the backcourt of the future," Jones said. "It's also the backcourt of now."

East Tennessee State comes into the game with a 3-3 record following 82-69 senior Bradley on Saturday. Loss at Guard Courtney Pilgrim leads the

Buccaneers with 19.8 points per game and 5.8 assists per game and leads the team with 36.8 minutes played per game. Pilgrim became the first player in the country to record a triple double in a Division I game this season with his 21 point, 10 rebound and 10 assist effort on Nov. 20 against Wingate.

The meeting between Marshall and East Tennessee State will be the 46th in the series, with ETSU holding a 24-21 edge of the Herd.

The teams met twice last season with each team defending its home court. Marshall beat ETSU 84-83 at the Cam Henderson Center in overtime on Nov. 20, 2007, while the Buccaneers defeated Marshall 79-73 in Johnson City, Tenn., on Dec. 4, 2007.

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Marshall loses to Tulsa; Snyder back in 2009

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Marshall racked up a season-high 437 yards of offense, including 260 on the ground, but it wasn't enough to prevent a 38-35 shootout loss to Conference USA West Division Champion Tulsa on Senior Day in Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

It was the Herd's seventh loss in eight games. Athletic Director Bob Marcum said in a statement head coach Mark Snyder will remain the head football coach at Marshall University.

The Herd (4-8, 3-5 C-USA) got a combined 185 yards rushing on 18 carries from Darius Marshall and Chubb Small, including a career-long 69-yard touchdown run from Small. Freshman Terrell Edwards tacked on 53 yards and a score on just three touches.

Brian Anderson started his first game of the season for the Herd and completed 14 of 19 passes for 177 yards and three touchdowns.

Tarrion Adams led the Golden Hurricane with 123 yards on 30 carries and a career-high three touchdowns. Quarterback David Johnson completed 21-of-33 for 313 yards and two touchdowns.

Marshall's defense forced Tulsa to punt on the game's opening possession and the Herd took over at its own four-yard line.

Marshall immediately established the ground game, pounding its way down the field on a 14-play 96-yard touchdown drive. Anderson touched the march with a 19-yard pass to Courtney Edmonson.

The Golden Hurricane stormed back with two quick touchdown scores of its own. Adams punched in both touchdowns from one-yard out to give Tulsa a 14-7 advantage.

Small evened the score once again on the Herd's next play with a career-long 69-yard touchdown run right through the middle of the Tulsa defense. It was the longest run given up by the Golden Hurricane all season.

Adams led the way once again on Tulsa's next possession, rushing the ball on five of seven plays to set up a 15-yard touchdown strike from David Johnson to Damarius Johnson.

The two sides traded punts and Marshall took over in Tulsa territory. After going backwards on its first three plays, Marshall went for it on fourth down and Anderson hit Passmore in stride on a 42-yard bomb to tie the game at 21-21.

Tulsa stopped Marshall's first drive out of the locker room and jumped back on top as Johnson found Charles Clay for a two-yard score on third and goal.

Anderson led the Herd back down the field to once again tie the game. The junior hit Slate on a gorgeous 37-yard completion to the sideline and found Passmore in the corner of the endzone three plays later for a 12-yard touchdown.

The Golden Hurricane again came right back to retake the lead. Johnson connected with Brennan Marion on a 37-yard pass down the middle and Adams capped off the six-play scoring drive with his third touchdown of the game.

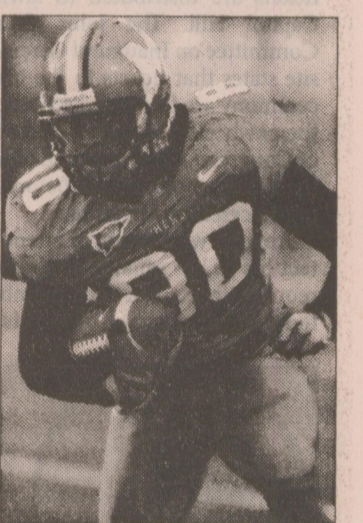
Marshall then scored on another huge run, this time from Edwards, who bowled over a Tulsa defender during his 53-yard touchdown scamper.

Tulsa looked to be in position

to take the lead in the fourth quarter but Jarod Tracy's 46-yard field goal attempt came up well short.

After Marshall was forced to punt on the ensuing drive, Tulsa took over on its own 27-yardline. The Golden Hurricane moved to midfield after a Johnson pass intended for Trey Johnson deflected into the air and was caught by Marion. A 15-yard penalty on the Herd and a pair of rushes by Adams set up a 22-yard game-winning field goal from Tracy.

Marshall took over with 3:42 remaining and moved the ball to midfield, however, Small was denied on a fourth-and-one try, allowing Tulsa to run out the clock.



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Receiver Courtney Edmonson scores a first half touchdown against Tulsa.

UT Arlington takes on women's hoops at Henderson Center

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The Marshall University women's basketball team will be back on the floor playing host to the University of Texas at Arlington at 4 p.m.

The game will be the first game of a doubleheader with the men's team, who will take on East Tennessee State at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the women's game is free with a ticket to the men's game.

Marshall enters the game with a 4-1 record following last week's 56-51 victory over Morehead State. Junior Chantelle Handy is coming off of a career game that saw her score a career high 16 points while grabbing a team high eight rebounds. Handy was an impressive 6 of 7 from the free throw line in the win.

Angelica Harris, the most accurate shooter in Conference USA, recorded 13 points in the game and was 2 of 2 beyond the arc.

Defense was the story against the Eagles. Marshall was held to just 18 points in the first half and faced an 11-point deficit early on in the second half, but the defense would step up, creating seven turnovers over a span of four minutes en route to a game-changing 15-0 run that helped the Herd to the win.

UT Arlington is currently 2-3. The Mavericks faced Morehead State on Sunday, falling by a 70-65 score. Leading the

way for UTA is senior forward Erin Dixon, who is averaging a double-double per game with 17.2 PPG and 11.6 RPG.

Last season marked the first meeting between the schools and it was a memorable one. The Herd came away with a 97-91 win in triple overtime in Arlington, Texas.

Kizzy Hart scored 24 while Casey Baker had 22 points. That contest also marked the first double-double for Tynikki Crook, who had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

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Holiday train, tree exhibit on display

BY KAYLA QUEEN
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A holiday celebration at the Clay Center opened Nov. 28 with "Trains, Trees and Treasures."

This exhibition features model railroads and train memorabilia from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Historical Society and the St. Albans C&O Depot Museum.

Katrina Harmon, marketing and communications manager for the Clay Center, said the train section of the exhibit will feature four model train set-ups with memorabilia throughout.

"The train memorabilia will include working train parts, uniforms and an original sign from the C&O depot," Harmon said.

Harmon said another interesting part of the train section of the exhibit is a complete collection of calendars from 1934 to 1959 featuring the mascot for C&O railroad, Chessie.

"This is the first time this collection has ever been displayed," Harmon said.

The treasure section of this exhibit includes things that make people think of the holidays such as menorahs, nutcrackers and tin toys, Harmon said.

Linda Happy from South Charleston included her collection of 568 nutcrackers in this exhibit that she has collected for over 24 years.

"I went to a friend's home and had never seen one before," Happy said. "I was just enamored with it and then my son bought me one for Christmas."

Happy said she decided to start collecting after an acquaintance came to visit her.

"She said 'Oh, I like your nutcracker. I think I'll start collecting,'" Happy said. "I thought 'You can start, but you'll never catch me.'"

Happy said she went from getting one or two nutcrackers a year to about 20 a year.

"I don't have any two alike except for a pair of bookends," Happy said. "I only buy kinds that I know I don't have a duplicate of."

Different from Happy, husband and wife Don and Connie Bowes have some duplicates in their porcelain doll collection that they included in the Clay Center exhibit.

"The dolls are either originals that Connie has made and some are duplicates she has made of other dolls," Don Bowes said.

Don Bowes said the two have been collecting for about 30 years and started collecting through Connie Bowes's mother.

"Her mother had collected the dolls and up until recently had a museum," Don Bowes said. "(Connie) wanted to do it all her life."

Happy said her collection consists of more than just the original soldier nutcrackers. She has one for every season and holiday, includ-

ing Halloween, which is her favorite.

Don Bowes said it would be very difficult for him to choose a favorite from his collection.

"That's kind of like having a favorite son or daughter," Bowes said.

In addition to the actual nutcrackers, Happy said she has nutcracker dishes, placemats and sweaters.

Don Bowes said he collects antique carriages as well, which are used to display the antique dolls in the exhibit at the Clay Center.

"Most of the carriages are circa 1900," Don Bowes said. "There are obviously more dolls than carriages, though."

Harmon said the tree section of this holiday exhibit features eight different Christmas trees designed by local artists who have used them in their decorating.

"One uses vintage game pieces and one is made entirely out of balloons," Harmon said. "One is made out of neckties, too."

Harmon said this exhibit gets everyone ready for the holiday season.

"This exhibit really gives visitors a feeling of holiday spirit," Harmon said.

"Trains, Trees and Treasures" will be open at the Clay Center through Dec. 31.

The Clay Center also features additional hours for the holidays, Dec. 22, 23, 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Students awarded legislative internships

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The Frasure-Singleton internship, a one-week legislative internship, was awarded to seven students from Marshall University.

The internship takes place at the Capitol in Charleston and accepts a total of 51 students from various universities to split for a span of two weeks.

The internship allows students to shadow a legislator by attending committee meetings, working in their office and attending floor sessions with them, said Marybeth Beller, College of Liberal Arts associate dean.

"It's just a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about state government in a way that we cannot provide inside a classroom because this is live, this is face-face and so this process is very exciting," Beller said.

Jason Wazelle, director of the Frasure-Singleton internship, said as part of the program students get to see the private side of politics by meeting lobbyists and press members.

Jessica Wintz, senior public relations major, said she is looking forward to have the opportunity to do an internship at the Capitol again.

"I really enjoyed my experience as a journalism intern last spring and I feel that in the Frasure-Singleton, I will see a completely different perspective of the West Virginia Legislature,"

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Wintz said. "Instead of writing columns and press releases for delegates and senators like I did in my last internship, I'll get to work along with them in a different capacity and that experience will just enrich my knowledge of politics and the legislature."

Other students who received the Frasure-Singleton internship are Laura Mitchell, senior psychology major, Jesse Ogden, junior marketing major, Josephine Peters, junior political science major, Vanessa Rogers, junior political science major, M. Aaron Ryan, junior political science major and Robert Richardson, sophomore political science major.

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International soccer team seeks recruits

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Two Marshall University seniors are recruiting students for an international Marshall soccer team.

Mathew Smith, a management information systems and finance senior from Pocahontas, W.Va., and Lance Shelton, an international affairs senior from Princeton, W.Va., are looking for international and American students to join their new soccer team called International Marshall Soccer or IMS.

"I would love to see an official club," Smith said. "We had so much playing last spring. I would really love that to continue after I graduate."

Shelton said the idea to form a team began in 2006 when he was living on the international floor in Twin Towers. He had transferred to Marshall from another school and had to wait a year before he could join the Marshall men's soccer team so he began practicing by himself. After a while there were so many others who wanted to play that they began to have full games every Friday.

Smith said he began playing after he became a resident adviser on the international floor. He was asked by some friends to join in one of the games and has played ever since.

Shelton and Smith are in the process of getting the team recognized by the university. They have already approached the

Commerce Department about getting a sponsor. Molly McClellan, instructor and coordinator of the Learning English for Academic Purposes program, said she was very excited about being asked to sponsor the team.

"I think this is an excellent opportunity for both American and international Marshall students to have fun, get some exercise and meet new people," McClellan said.

Shelton and Smith have many goals for their team. They hope it will be one way to get international students together.

"It's kind of hard to get international students together," Shelton said. "They have their own cliques that they stick to."

Smith also said he would love to see more Americans playing soccer, and said he would like to have girls play on the team as well. He said the ultimate goal is to make new friends and have fun.

"But it's not that we don't compete," he said with a grin. "We all want to win."

The group is open to all skill levels, ages, genders and countries. Locations and game times are yet to be decided but Smith and Shelton said they hope to play at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays.

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US recession declared, Wall Street tanks

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WASHINGTON—Most Americans sorely knew it already, but now it's official: The country is in a recession, and it's getting worse. Wall Street bunched at the news — and a fresh batch of bad economic reports — tanking nearly 680 points.

With the economic pain likely to stretch well into 2009, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Monday he stands ready to lower interest rates yet again and to explore other rescue or revival measures.

Rushing in reinforcements, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who along with Bernanke has been leading the government's efforts to stem the worst financial crisis since the 1930s, pledged to take all the steps he can in the waning days of the Bush administration to provide relief. Specifically, Paulson is eyeing more ways to tap into a \$700 billion financial bailout pool.

On Capitol Hill, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., vowed to have a massive economic stimulus package ready on Inauguration Day for President-elect Barack Obama's signature.

That measure — which could total a whopping \$500 billion — would bankroll big public works projects to generate jobs, provide aid to states to help with Medicaid costs and provide money toward renewable energy development. Crafting such a colossal recovery package would mark a Herculean feat: Congress convenes Jan. 6, giving lawmakers just two weeks to complete their work if it is to be signed on Jan. 20.

President George W. Bush, in an interview with ABC's "World News," expressed remorse about lost jobs, cracked nest eggs and other damage wrought by the financial crisis. "I'm sorry it's happening, of course," Bush said. The president said he'd back more government intervention.

None of the pledges for more action could comfort Wall Street investors. The Dow Jones industrials plunged 679.95 points, or 7.70 percent, to close at 8,149.09.

It was another white-knuckle day, punctuated by grim economic reports. An index of manufacturing activity sank to a reading of 36.2 in November, a 26-year low, the Institute for Supply Management reported. Construction spending fell by a larger than expected 1.2 percent in October, the

Commerce Department said.

Adding to the gloom, the National Bureau of Economic Research, a group of academic economists, concluded Monday that the country has been suffering through a recession since December 2007.

With NBER's decision, the United States has fallen into two recessions during Bush's eight years in office. The first one started in March 2001 and ended in November of that year.

The economy jolted into reverse in the final three months of last year. After a short spring rebound, it contracted again in the summer. Economists say it is still shrinking and will continue to do so through at least the first quarter of next year.

Unlike past recessions, consumers are bearing the brunt of this one. Clobbered by job losses, hard-to-get credit and hits to their wealth from sinking home values and plunging portfolio investments, consumers have cut back sharply on their spending, throwing the economy into chaos.

Watching customers' appetites wane, employers have throttled back on hiring. The unemployment rate in October zoomed to 6.5 percent, a 14-year high. So far this year, 1.2 million positions

have disappeared. The jobless rate is likely to climb to 8 percent or higher next year.

Against that backdrop, many economists believe the current recession will be the worst since the 1981-82 downturn.

To help ease the pain, Bernanke said additional interest-rate cuts are "certainly feasible," but he warned there are limits to how much such action would revive the economy, which is likely to stay mired in weakness well into next year.

The Fed's key interest rate now stands at 1 percent, a level seen only once before in the past half-century, and many economists predict Bernanke and his colleagues will drop the rate again at their next meeting on Dec. 15-16.

The Fed, for instance, could buy longer-term Treasury or agency securities on the open market in substantial quantities, he said. This might lower rates on these securities, "thus helping to spur aggregate demand," Bernanke said.

Obama picks Clinton, Gates for national security team

BY LIZ SIDOTI
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO—Barack Obama promised "a new dawn of American leadership" in a troubled world Monday, announcing a strong-willed national security team headed by Hillary Rodham Clinton, who fought him long and bitterly for the presidency, and Robert Gates, the man who has been running two wars for George W. Bush.

The president-elect said he hadn't changed his mind about bringing most U.S. combat troops home from Iraq within 16 months but added a cautionary note — he'll consult with his military commanders first.

While his new team may be a bit more centrist — some war opponents might even say hawkish — than many Obama supporters might prefer, he said the withdrawal timetable he emphasized in the presidential campaign is still "the right time frame."

Clinton, as secretary of state, and Gates, remaining as defense secretary, will be the most prominent faces — besides Obama's own — of the new administra-

"I assembled this team because I'm a strong believer in strong personalities and strong opinions. I think that's how the best decisions are made. ... So I'm going to be welcoming a vigorous debate inside the White House."

BARACK OBAMA
PRESIDENT-ELECT

tion's effort to revamp U.S. policy abroad.

At a Chicago news conference, Obama also tapped top advisers Eric Holder as attorney general and Susan Rice as ambassador to the United Nations. He named Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano to be homeland security secretary and retired Marine Gen. James Jones as White House national security adviser.

The choices had been telegraphed days earlier but were remarkable all the same — still another major turn in Clinton's extraordinary career, a show of faith in Gates and action to support Obama's frequent talk of desiring robust debate among seasoned, opinionated people in his inner circle.

Denouncing White House "group think," Obama signaled a break from President Bush's tendency toward an insular management style and go-with-the-gut diplomacy.

"The time has come for a new beginning," said Obama, flanked by flags on a stage with Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his six newest appointees. While Gates will stay at the Pentagon, Obama said the military's new mission will be "responsibly ending the war in Iraq through a successful transition to Iraqi control."

He said a newly completed agreement between Iraq and the Bush administration covering U.S. troops signals "a transition period in which our mission is

changing." He added: "It indicates we are now on a glide path to reduce our forces in Iraq."

Obama has now selected half his Cabinet, including the high-profile jobs at State, Defense, Justice and Treasury. A week ago, he named his economic team, led by Timothy Geithner as treasury secretary. And soon he plans to announce New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson as commerce secretary and former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle as health and human services secretary.

Obama's picks suggest he is mindful of his own relative inexperience; most of the appointees have decades more experience in government than he does as a former one-term Illinois senator. The selections also reflect his long-voiced desire to invite divergent viewpoints to chart the best course for the country.

"I assembled this team because I'm a strong believer in strong personalities and strong opinions," he said. "I think that's how the best decisions are made... So I'm going to be welcoming a vigorous debate inside the White House."

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transporting goods," Van Dyke said. "Most of the companies that won't have to close have been operating in the green for quite some time."

Circuit City is one of the companies that has cut back on its stores in an effort to return the nation's No. 2 consumer electronics retailer to profitability.

Ashley Brown, senior health information management ma-

for from Mink Shoals, W.Va., is a customer service associate at Circuit City in Huntington. Brown said they were worried the Huntington store would have to close its doors considering the most recent closings of other local retailers.

"Our store was not forced to close its doors because it is considered one of the top 100 stores in the country," Brown said. "In fact, no store closings are listed in West Virginia."

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desire for feedback from more people, including community members and area businesses. A public hearing will be planned in the near future. Questionnaires and invitations for partnerships will be sent out to businesses in hopes of gaining that data.

The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for Dec. 19.

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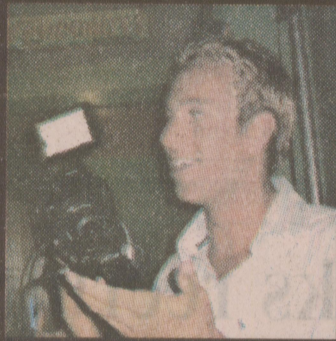
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Marshall student experiences **TRUE** I'm in a Summer Share 2 **LIFE**

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THE PARTHENON

Applying to be featured on a reality show started out as a joke for one Marshall student, but living life in front of MTV's production crew was the experi-

on the MTV Web site that read "Are you one of the thousands of young adults who hit the beach, lake, or mountains for the summer in a share house?"

"That description clearly fit us so we applied, but I never expected to actually get chosen," Cook said. "It was more of

"How many times in your life will you get asked if an MTV camera crew can follow you around all summer long?" Cook said. "I pretty much did it for the experience. I am always up for something new."

Cook said at first it was really strange

different VIP parties like the Maxim Magazine Party.

Cook said it was cool to have a portion of his summer caught on camera for him to watch in 10 years. He said the show affected his personal life when it came to his family because