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University receives an upgraded bond rating

BY EDEN ADKINS
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's strong financial standing is reflected in its recent bond rating upgrade.

Fitch Ratings, an international bond rating system, has upgraded the university's bond rating from A+ to AA-, allowing the university to pay less to finance future capital projects.

"In this economic climate, for anyone to get an upgrade in bond rating is almost unheard

of," Marshall University President, Stephen Kopp said in a recent interview. "We are very pleased that Fitch has recognized all of the hard work that is going on to improve the financial stability of the university."

Kurt Dettinger, general counsel of the Office of Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, said the upgrade is a reflection of university's implementation of a prudent, long-term approach to fiscal management and to expanding the University's programs, student population and auxiliary facilities.

"President Kopp and the Board of Governors should each be commended for making responsible, and sometimes tough, operational and governance decisions," Dettinger said. "Their leadership and vision in managing the university's affairs, as evidenced by Fitch's recent upgrade, will translate into better and more efficient access to the debt."

The university has made many efforts to improve its financial health in recent years, including taking on debt responsibly, Kopp said.

"It is important for the university to manage its indebtedness strategically," Kopp said. "That means that you will take on some debt, but the debt needs to align with the strategic goals of the university so that they are mutually supported."

The board expects to use \$50 million in bonds for capital projects to improve various facets of the university. The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission gave the Marshall University Board of Governors permission to

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THE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- > biotechnology incubator and applied engineering complex
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- > soccer stadium complex
- > fine arts incubator—visual arts project
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finance the bonds on Oct. 13. The university is going, the growth in student enrollment "These projects that we are proposing to do really align with the direction that

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BREAKING A CYCLE



MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Above: Students listen at the opening lecture for the 25th Anniversary Symposium hosted by the Society of Yeager Scholars on Wednesday night. Right: Jackson Katz, featured speaker at the symposium, lectures about gender issues in his presentation, "The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help."

Internationally-recognized speaker discusses gender violence, its prevention

BY MEAGAN EARLS
THE PARTHENON

The opening lecture of the 25th Anniversary Symposium "Gender in Society" was hosted Wednesday night by The Society of Yeager Scholars.

Jackson Katz, one of America's leading anti-sexist male activists, was the speaker for the lecture. He is an educator, author,

cultural critic and filmmaker. Katz also is internationally recognized for his ground-breaking work in the field of gender violence prevention education and critical media literacy.

Katz delivered a lecture titled, "The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help."

"This lecture is about how society, media and stereotypes create this idea of masculinity, how that leads to domestic violence and what we can do to stop that cycle," said Shelby

"We are trying to get people thinking about things they can do ... about the perceptions they have about stereotypes and gender violence. If we can do that, hopefully in the future there will be some big changes on campus."

> TIMMEKA PERKINS

Brewster, co-chair of the Yeager Symposium.

The senior class and co-chairs from The Society of Yeager Scholars are responsible for choosing the theme.

"During the past symposiums they have been talking about sustainability and agriculture, so we wanted to do something completely different than past topics," said Timmeke Perkins, co-chair of the Yeager Symposium. "We really felt like the social sciences weren't included."

Perkins said because it is the 25th anniversary of the Society of Yeager Scholars, they wanted to bring in a big name speaker and increase attendance.

"I feel like gender in society is something that college students see on a daily basis in how gender stereotypes are

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Recycling program begins in Cabell County

BY RACHEL HUNTER
THE PARTHENON

The city of Huntington and Cabell county residents now have the opportunity to be a little greener.

The ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday morning at the Cabell-Huntington Health Department marked the beginning of the use of four new drop off locations throughout the county.

The four new recycling bins are located at the Cabell-Huntington County Health Department, behind the Big Sandy Arena, Adams Trucking in Barbooursville on Rt. 60 and the Perry Morris Square in Milton.

"We need to make it more convenient for our residents to recycle, or they won't participate," said Ralph Taylor, executive director of the Cabell County Waste Authority.

Taylor said, frustrated by the lack of recycling in the community, the Cabell County Waste authority collected \$10,000 and challenged the city of Huntington and the county to come up with \$5,000 each for the placement of the new recycling bins in the area.

Taylor pointed out that the lack of residents recycling is because of its inconvenience. Before the new initiative, the only recycling opportunity for county residents was the Goodwill Industries located on the West-End of Huntington.

"We wanted to bring the

bins closer to homes and work places," Taylor said.

Taylor said he anticipates the program growing over time, as more residents become aware of its convenience and availability.

Those present at the ceremony included members of the Cabell County Solid Waste Authority, City of Huntington Mayor Kim Wolfe, representatives from the Cabell County Health Department, Goodwill Industries and Rumpke Recycling.

Margie Phillips, Marshall's Sustainability department manager, said, like Cabell county's recycling program, the recycling program at Marshall will expand as well.

"We will continue to expand the recycling program on campus as needed," Phillips said. "Currently, we are hoping to see a glass recycler for the area."

Phillips also said that Rumpke Recycling is now accepting milk and juice containers, noting that it is a great addition to the program on campus.

Phillips said she encourages students to become involved with the recycling program on campus, whether by using the bins located on every building floor or volunteering as a student recycler for the sustainability department.

"Recycling saves our earth for future generations," Phillips said.

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"My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth."

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Marshall student develops mobile app for visually impaired

BY MEOLDY FITZGERALD
THE PARTHENON

Ricky Kirkendall, sophomore computer science major from Charleston, recently received national recognition at the Federal Communications Commission's AAA conference for a mobile app that was created for the American Foundation of the Blind's online publication, AccessWorld.

"Ricky Kirkendall is an intern at the American Foundation of the Blind, the organization to which Helen Keller dedicated

over 40 years of her life," said Darren Burton, accessibility consultant for the American Foundation of the Blind. "When we at (the foundation) decided to develop an app to allow blind and visually impaired people to easily access our AccessWorld magazine on their mobile devices, we thought it would take several months to develop."

Kirkendall said since most of the development was done over the summer, the foundation had plenty of time to dedicate to creating a great product in an



"We take pride in the software we build, and it's nice to know that we can provide a user experience that is worth this kind of attention."

> RICKY KIRKENDALL

impressive amount of time.

Kirkendall owns FloCo Apps, West Virginia's largest mobile app development company, which helped greatly in the development of the app. The free app allows people to browse and read the entire AccessWorld collection up to the latest

issue. The app also allows users to access the contact information for any member of the AccessWorld team if they have any questions or comments. The app is optimized for VoiceOver and is compatible with iPhones and iPod touch devices.

AccessWorld is an online

magazine that publishes reviews of today's technology and reports on how well manufacturers and retailers are doing at accommodating the needs of the nearly 20 million Americans that have significant vision loss.

"Ricky and his colleagues at FloCo Apps LLC burned the midnight oil and delivered an app in a matter of weeks instead of months," Burton said. "In less than a month, the app has already been downloaded nearly 1,000 times, so it is obvious that the app is a hit in our community."

"This is great recognition," Kirkendall said. "We take pride in the software we build, and it's nice to know that we can provide a user experience that is worth this kind of attention. We are excited about all of the hype, but we're really looking forward to what's next. We're currently working on something very innovative and I think we have a real chance to revolutionize the accessibility technology industry. We're just getting started."

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River Valley to host fourth annual children's art auction

BY DWIGHT JORGE
THE PARTHENON

Children from Enterprise Child Development Center and School Age Connections will have their own artwork auctioned off Friday.

River Valley Child Development Services is hosting its Fourth Annual Children's Art Auction from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Viewing of art and silent auction items begin with a wine reception at 6:30 p.m., with the auction following from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WSAZ's Tim Irr will be the auctioneer. The auction will feature artwork drawn by the children at the center, an after-school program.

"The kids are always excited to display their art each year," said Candice Mullins, director of the center. "They work really hard on making pictures throughout the year and

then carefully choose which ones they want professionally framed to go into the auction."

River Valley's mission is to be a leader in providing high quality early childhood care and education services for children, families and communities.

Sarah McIntyre, marketing and development specialist at River Valley Child Development Services said she is excited for the upcoming event.

"The live auction, which is when the children's art is auctioned off, is great because the children and parents like seeing their art being displayed," McIntyre said. "The silent auction is also important because it features professional work from local artists and other items from businesses."

Some items from local business will include Marshall tickets and memorabilia, ski tickets to Winterplace Ski Resort,

Blenko Glass Company glass, fall and winter decorations and more.

The auction will also feature artwork from Debra Richardson, Ron Haeberle, Larry Sumpter, Laura Moul and others.

The proceeds from this event will go toward video surveillance cameras at the center.

Proceeds also benefit School Age Connections with their cost of summer field trips.

"These are both worthwhile projects, so being able to raise money towards these causes is important to (River Valley)," McIntyre said.

The event is open to the public and free child care will be provided during the event.

The Marshall University College of Fine Arts is sponsoring this event.

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BOOK CLUB

Women's studies committee hosts book club, focuses on racial issues in the South

BY SHAINA CARTER
THE PARTHENON

The women's studies committee had its book club Wednesday evening in Drinko Library.

The committee has a book club reading once a semester.

The committee read two books of women fighting for freedom and justice in the middle of turmoil events in Mississippi: "The Help" and "Coming Of Age In Mississippi."

Laura Diener, assistant professor of history and part of the Women Studies Committee, led the discussion.

"The Help" was a best-seller," Diener said. "I knew a lot of people were reading it and thought it

would appeal to students."

They discussed how society affected the characters in each book and the harsh realities of racism.

"I knew 'Coming Of Age In Mississippi' was written by an African American woman, and it absolutely exposed the horrors of living in Mississippi at the time," Diener said. "I thought they would read very nicely against each other."

Lauren Whisman, freshman psychology major from Ona, W.Va., said she was offered extra credit to attend the book club, but she had already read one of the books discussed.

"I've already read 'The Help,' so I was already sort of interested,"

Whisman said. "I wasn't so sure about the Coming Of Age book, but after I read it I thought even if I didn't get extra credit, I'm going."

Diener said the committee wanted to get more people involved in women's studies.

"We just wanted to get the faculty and students talking to each other," Diener said. "We read a huge variety of books once a semester, and if the students were interested, I can talk to their professors about getting extra credit."

Next semester's book and date will be posted at a later time.

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Obama demands passage of jobs bill but, again, it's not likely

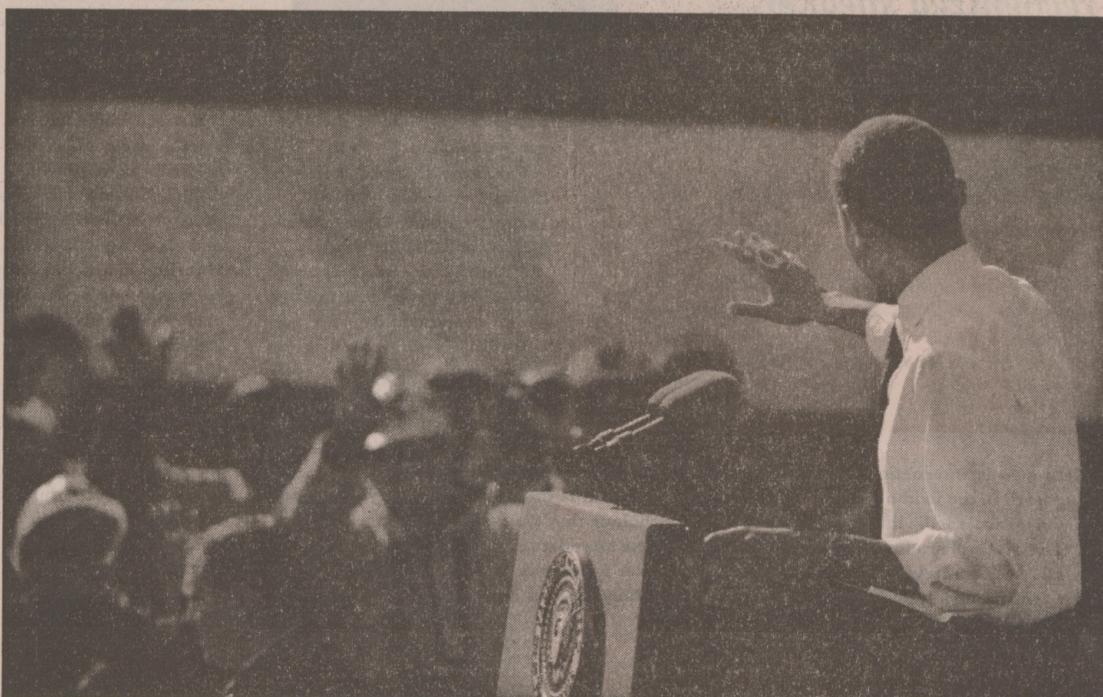
BY DAVID LIGHTMAN
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(MCT)

WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama stood Wednesday before an aging Washington bridge and urged a bitterly divided Congress to approve his plan to boost infrastructure spending, but the effort is likely to be blocked Thursday in the Senate.

That would be no surprise to Obama, who since unveiling his \$447 billion jobs package two months ago has seen his ideas rejected, largely along party lines. The partisan schism was evident again Wednesday, as both sides embraced long-held philosophical stands and saw political gain from their refusal to budge.

Democrats want higher taxes on millionaires to pay for the infrastructure plan. Republicans don't. Republicans in the House of Representatives have led the way in passing a series of bills to provide private-sector initiatives aimed at creating jobs. Democrats vow to keep pushing the Obama package.

There was little evidence that the two sides are taking serious steps to reach consensus on efforts to bring down the nation's 9.1 percent



President Barack Obama greets supporters before speaking on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, in Washington, D.C., about the urgent need to repair the infrastructure of America which is part of his \$447 billion job package.

unemployment rate.

Obama, standing next to the Key Bridge, which spans the Potomac River to link northwest Washington with northern Virginia, tried to be both presidential and partisan.

"Infrastructure shouldn't be a partisan issue," he said.

He quoted President Ronald Reagan in citing

infrastructure initiatives as "an investment in tomorrow that we must make today."

Obama asked, "Since when do we have Republicans voting against Ronald Reagan's ideas? There's no good reason to oppose this bill, not one, and members of Congress who do, who vote no, are going to have to explain why to their constituencies."

At one point, he ridiculed Congress for digressing by debating smaller matters, such as a House measure reaffirming the nation's "In God We Trust" motto.

"That's not putting people back to work," Obama said. "I trust in God, but God wants to see us help ourselves by putting people back to work."

Republicans insisted they're eager to create jobs, too, and urged Obama to stop campaigning and reason with them.

"While the president is out doing campaign events all over the country, what he could do is to actually come to Washington and be focused on trying to help pass bills that would create

a better environment for job creation and help put the American people back to work," said House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio.

Senate Democrats' infrastructure package would be funded by a 0.7 percent surtax on millionaires.

"It (asks) millionaires and billionaires to contribute just a little bit more than they do now. A little bit more," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

"It was paid for," Obama said Wednesday of his package, "and yet they said no. The truth is the only way we can attack our economic challenges on the scale that's needed is with bold action by Congress."

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky found the Democrats' plan misguided.

"It's not exactly a state secret that Republicans, and yes, some Democrats, don't think we should be raising taxes right now on the very people we're counting on to create the jobs we need to get us out of a jobs crisis," he said. "And yet the one thing that every single proposal Democrats bring to the floor has in common is that it does just that."

The Rebuild America Jobs Act being debated by

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Tulane	1	4	2	7

Herd using bye week to get healthy

BY ADAM ROGERS
THE PARTHENON

Following a 59-14 beat-down of the University of Alabama-Birmingham Saturday, the Marshall Thundering Herd football team heads into its first bye week of the season.

Marshall has played in nine straight games with an end result of a 4-5 overall record and 3-2 in Conference USA.

During the lopsided win against UAB, Marshall exploded on offense and defense for a total of eight touchdowns (two defensive).

Five of those scores came from the arm of redshirt quarterback A.J. Graham, who saw his best outing of his career with 239 yards through the air.

One of the two defensive touchdowns came via an interception return by senior safety Omar Brown, the first of his four-year career in a Thundering Herd uniform.

Graham and Brown said this off week is right when they needed it.

"This is a time for everybody that's banged up a little bit to get their legs back," Graham said. "We can watch film from the beginning of the season and see what we need to correct."

"It will get a lot of guys back to 100 percent that were playing banged up and nicked up," Brown said. "Having these days off, away from football and contact, allows us to recover our bodies."

Marshall Head Coach Doc Holliday said this bye week gives his coaching staff and players an opportunity to self-scout.

"It gives you a chance to see what you're doing in certain situations," Holliday said during his weekly press conference. "You can see your down and distance tendencies and that type of thing as you go back and look and see where you are. You go back and break our stuff down and it gives you an idea of what Tulsa is seeing from us as far as our stats are concerned."

The Herd has been working diligently this season to improve upon last year's 5-7 record, and it began back in May of this year.

Senior defensive end Vinny Curry said the off week has been a long time coming.

"I've been here since nine o'clock this morning getting treatment," Curry said Monday during media interviews. "Yesterday I was here in the morning as well,



Herd captains (from left) Omar Brown, Ryan Tillman and Vinny Curry gather at midfield before the start of Saturday's game against UAB. The Herd enjoy an off-weekend before taking on Tulsa Nov. 12.

so it's really helping us out. It's totally a blessing, and we've been waiting for this."

Marshall is one of 21 teams out of 120 NCAA programs to have played nine straight weeks.

Curry said although the Thundering Herd is on a bye week, the team is still in prep mode.

"Preparation never stops for us," Curry said. "Guys were in here yesterday

(Sunday) watching film and seeing what they did wrong against UAB and again today (Monday) watching Tulsa. That's what you like to see around here."

Next up on the schedule

for Marshall is the Tulsa Golden Hurricane on Nov. 12 at H.A. Chapman Stadium.

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Marshall volleyball team strikes back

BY SHAINA CARTER
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall volleyball team is hoping build momentum for the rest of the

season after their three-match win-streak last week.

The Herd's record this season is 7-16 and they will strive to turn around that this weekend during their

conference play games.

Head Coach Mitch Jacobs is in his tenth season at Marshall and hoping after recovering from several health concerns with his

team, they can strive to the best of the teams ability.

"We've had a really tough time with injuries," Jacobs said. "Now that we're getting healthy, we just need to keep feeling good about the way we're playing."

After a rocky start this season, the Herd took victory in their last three matches at home. Friday they travel to Houston to play conference games and hopefully to continue their winning streak.

"Every conference game is important and Houston is number two in the league," Jacobs said.

The team is coming along now after they found a set line up.

"The last three weeks are the first three weeks we've had the same line-up on the floor," Jacobs said.

Jacobs feels Sammie Bane and Cameron Yoho help lead the team by their positive attitudes on and off the court.

"As a freshman, Sammie is the fiery leader and making sure she is prepared before the games," Jacobs said.

Bane is not only the team's setter, but she is the newest setter after four years. After achieving many accomplishments in high school, she was voted as a high school All-American, which helped pave her way as the primary setter for The Herd volleyball.

"We've had a lot of set backs, but everything is coming along at the right time," Bane said. "We're working hard everyday and getting better."

Another player that shines on the court is senior Cameron Yoho.

"Cameron takes care of everything off the court and keeps everyone in line and keeps the responsibility up," Jacobs said.

Yoho is the only senior on the team and her position is middle blocker. During

her freshman season, she played in 23 matches with a .236 hitting percentage and posted 28 blocks.

In her sophomore season, she added 77 more blocks and recorded 131 kills for a 1.25 kills/set average. Yoho's junior season, she started in every match as middle blocker.

She had a .268 hitting percentage, which was 18th in the Conference USA. As a senior, she hopes to lead the team and turn around their record.

"I want to enjoy my senior year," Yoho said. "I wanted to come out and lead my team. As a team, I hope we win out the rest of our games and turn around our conference record."

The team's main goal is to stay strong and work together to win the rest of the seasons games and to do well in conference play.

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Abby Tomas earns a kill in the Sept. 16 match against East Carolina. The team has won three straight matches and looks to keep the streak alive this weekend against Houston.

Jets' Holmes denies he's dissatisfied with role

BY RODERICK BOONE
NEWSDAY (MCT)

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. —Santonio Holmes isn't posting the typical numbers of a top-flight wide receiver, the usual eye-popping statistics associated with a team's No. 1 target.

Holmes doesn't lead the Jets in any of the main receiving categories, posting a modest 311 yards and three touchdowns on 22 catches through their initial seven games of the season. For someone who's considered a game-breaker — Denver, Detroit and Cleveland witnessed it first-hand a season ago with his late-game heroics — and inked a five-year, \$50-million deal to return to the Jets as one

of their main weapons, Holmes' numbers seem a tad bit low.

He's registered more than three receptions in a game just twice this season, with one of those efforts coming in the season opener against the Cowboys. But if Holmes isn't thrilled about his lack of opportunities to make plays, he didn't exactly voice that displeasure on Wednesday.

"We're winning ball games," he said. "We're 4-3 right now and that's pretty much all I can ask for up to this point. What? touchdowns on the season. I think that's a pretty good ratio — 22 catches, touchdowns. It fits well in my book right now."

Or does it? An internet

report surfaced last week indicating that might not be the case. The report suggested Holmes was "thoroughly dissatisfied" with his role in the Jets' offense.

"Never heard that one," Holmes said. "I didn't talk to anybody about it, never heard about it."

But asked for clarification purposes if he was pleased with his role, Holmes said: "We're here winning ball games right now."

That, if you ask Mark Sanchez, is what's most important. It's not about massaging egos or making sure one particular player, such as Holmes, gets his fare share of chances. The quarterback admittedly struggled with that last

season, but now understands he's not going to be able to completely keep all his playmakers happy.

"We're not in the business of keeping people smiling," Sanchez said. "We're in the business of winning."

Sanchez hasn't been looking for Holmes a whole lot lately. After being targeted a season-high 12 times against the Patriots on Oct. 9, he's been targeted a total of 13 occasions in the last three games, including getting just three looks versus the Chargers.

"I think teams know these guys study hard and they have good coaches," Sanchez said, "so they know '10' is just a baller and they want to keep him from getting the ball. So they do

their best to do that and we do our best to get him the ball. Sometimes it happens, sometimes it doesn't. And when it does great, we'll probably win. And when it doesn't, hopefully we're still winning."

Rex Ryan said: "The great thing about Tone is he never gets caught up in the numbers. If you ask anybody in this league who the top receivers are, his name will always come up because that's who he is. He's an explosive guy and I'd love to see him catch a few more balls. There is no doubt."

Holmes, perhaps in an effort to shy away from saying anything controversial in the aftermath of his critical comments about the offensive line two weeks

ago, tossed the word "winning" around seemingly more than Charlie Sheen.

"In all actuality, man, we're here to win ball games," he said. "The numbers speak for themselves."

... All we can do is hope that we continue winning ball games. We can't worry how many catches, and yards, and touchdowns we put up each game. We just know we have to do what we have to do week in, week out to help this team continue stacking wins on top of wins."



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EDITORIAL

Going to class sick is disruptive, ill-advised

BY THE VOLANTE EDITORIAL BOARD
THE VOLANTE, U. SOUTH CAROLINA VIA UWIRE

Welcome to cold and flu season. This is the time of year when health becomes an issue for universities. Students and professors have daily contact with hundreds of other people, and if one person is sick, it is possible for dozens to catch whatever germ the sick person has.

Widespread illness makes people miserable, can threaten their lives and makes going to class and doing homework even harder.

Everyone can take steps to help stay healthy and prevent the spread of illness, should they get sick.

Make sure you practice good hygiene. You don't know who was sitting at your desk before you were, so wash your hands after you touch surfaces that might be contaminated with germs.

If you're feeling sick, don't go to class. Coming to class sick doesn't do any favors for the professor, and you probably won't learn much if you're hacking and coughing the entire hour.

Don't take this as an excuse to skip class and tell the

professor you're sick. If you think you're sick, go to student health. Office visits are free for all students, and most professors will allow you to make up work you miss because of illness if you don't give them reason to believe you're faking it. Email your professors in advance, tell them you're sick and tell them you're going to student health to make sure you don't have the flu.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends everyone over the age of six months get a flu vaccination. Students can receive a flu vaccination from Student Health.

With the dense population of students in the dormitories and close proximity to students in classrooms, a flu outbreak on campus would significantly damage the learning environment.

There's no reason for widespread illness to hit the university. Vaccinations and good hygiene can prevent the majority of illnesses. Some people are going to get sick no matter what precautions are taken, but it is those people's responsibility to make sure the rest of campus doesn't share in their suffering.

COLUMN

INTERNET CENSORSHIP A LOOMING DANGER

BY SAM BOUGHT
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Internet censorship isn't just a problem in China anymore.

The United States government is attempting to evolve its control over internet communications with a new bill: The Stop Online Piracy Act (aka E-Parasites Act). Sites accused of infringing copyright will be blocked by internet service providers in the U.S.

A site can be blocked without prior notice and without a trial if deemed "infringing" by the government or the internet service provider. That's right: Comcast or Quest could be banning you from website access in the future. An accusation is enough to ban an entire website from United States access.

"It is quite a scary scenario," said Kyu Ho Youm, U. Oregon Law School professor and Jonathan Marshall First Amendment Chair. "Instead of trying to strike the right balance, they just try to restrict too much. It is rather un-American."

Critics argue that the use of copyrighted material is often not illegal under fair use laws and that E-Parasites is too overarching. Websites could be blocked without warning and without known cause.

"How do you know what is illegal versus what is not illegal?" Youm said. "Just because you are using someone's copyrighted material doesn't mean you are violating the law until it is found to be violating the law by — not the government, not the copyright holder — the mutual, impartial, independent securities."

Indeed, the lack of due process is reason enough for concern. In addition, this bill would severely undermine the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, a bill that fights copyright infringement online while still protecting host sites like Youtube and Twitter from their users' illegal activities. E-Parasites would make these sites responsible for the content of their users, promoting self-restriction and further censorship on some of the United States' most popular websites.

Youm attributes some of the enthusiasm behind

this new bill to the success of the U.S.'s restrictions on Wikileaks.

When companies like Paypal and Visa disallowed their users to donate to Wikileaks, many accused the companies of violating free speech laws. These accusations changed little, however, and Wikileaks is now announcing its impending bankruptcy.

"It's an indirect way to regulate foreign companies," Youm said. E-Parasites is mostly aimed at foreign sites outside of U.S. law, such as the file-sharing hub ThePirateBay by major media companies in the U.S. against these foreign entities are often useless, and E-Parasites is a means of putting up a firewall on those companies before they appear in the U.S. through a citizen's monitor.

Youm said, "It's more First Amendment-restrictive than necessary. It is an overblown approach. The ramifications are quite difficult to predict."

The fact is this bill is not about the moral ramifications of stealing digital products. It is about money and hidden regulations restricting American rights in the name of business and foreign competition. It is urging censorship in roundabout ways while claiming to be better protecting copyrighted material and media-industry jobs.

But no amount of censorship is acceptable, and the supposed goals of this bill do not justify such a blatant disregard of the first amendment. The U.S. should not be associated with web pages reading, "We're sorry; the content on this website is not available in your country." It is a huge and unnecessary step toward a negative outcome, one of information filtering and government- and corporate-regulated knowledge.

Evolving technologies and the U.S. Constitution are both reasons to take the fight against copyright infringement slowly and one step at a time. Sites that provide popular services, like Youtube and Facebook, should not be punished for user-generated data, and internet providers should never have the power to regulate what sites a user can visit.

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Is Occupy Wall Street movement simply a novelty?

BY BISHOP NASH
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As a journalist, I keep up with the news pretty regularly. Most people do; it's nothing extraordinary. As a journalist, I've been noticing less and less stories of the Occupy movements being produced by the mainstream media. As a journalist, I can understand why.

There's no conspiracy to keep Occupy Everything out of the news to slowly draw the public's attention to some other arbitrary "news" story. The novelty of the movements are beginning to wear off, and it's going to take something beyond chilling in tents and sign-waving to hold America's attention for much

longer. In the months preceding the beginning of Occupy Wall Street's Sept. 17 launch date, everyone from the deepest rappers to the Internet were abuzz with the prospect of an "uprising." I believed every bit of the notion that America, if not the Western World at large, would catch-afire with protest. In hindsight, I believe that this would have happened without the inspiration of Arab Spring, but that it defiantly expedited the change.

Is this the great American uprising? If it is, I'm a little bit more than disappointed. Let's throw this out there: It is impossible to make a point if you can be ignored.

If all you're doing is sleeping in a tent on the side of the street, you can be ignored. Your sacrifice has the very real potential to count for nothing. You will lose.

Sept. 17: Roughly 700 normal people descend on Lower Manhattan with the intention of "Occupying Wall Street" for an extended amount of time. Novelty.

Oct. 15: According to the 18October.net, similar protests have than spread to 1,000 different cities in 82 countries. Size.

Oct. 29: 85 protestors are arrested in Oakland after officers fired tear gas, rubber bullets and flashbang grenades into the maelstrom. An Iraq War veteran

was severely injured by the police, causing the protestors to backlash in support. Blood.

More needs to be done in support of the cause if any of it is going to last until Christmas. Standing around and yelling isn't going to keep the world's attention, and it's certainly not achieving progression toward an already murky final goal.

Don't know what to do? Look at Oakland. In response to sustained pressure by the police, protestors have organized a citywide strike starting Wednesday. That's progressive. Do something like that.

This Occupation is not going to be won inside of a tent.

Forbe's top 10 most powerful people of 2011

1. U.S. President Barack Obama
2. Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin
3. Chinese President Hu Jintao
4. German President Angela Market
5. Bill Gates
6. King Abdullah of Saudia Arabia
7. Pope Benedict XVI
8. Ben Bernanke, Federal Reserve Chairman of U.S.
9. Mark Zuckerberg
10. British Prime Minister David Cameron

"I am not interested in power for power's sake, but I'm interested in power that is moral, that is right and that is good."

— Martin Luther King Jr.,
American social activist leader

Bill Clinton reflects on his economic record

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Students packed Gaston Hall at Georgetown U. Friday afternoon for a chance to see former President Bill Clinton and a collection of his closest advisors discuss the economic legacy of his administration and its relevance today.

Sponsored by the Clinton Foundation, the groups of panelists discussed the Clinton's achievements, including his elimination of the national deficit and the longest period of economic expansion in U.S. history that yielded the first federal surplus in over 30 years.

The discussion was designed to draw comparisons between the economic and political challenges during the Clinton era and the climate today.

"When I came here in December of 1991, the country has at that time manifestations of many of the underlying economic realities that are gripping us today," Clinton said.

The event consisted of two panel discussions, followed by an address from the former President. The panels mainly consisted of former aides and cabinet members, whom Clinton credited with the success of his administration.

"Basically I could have had a lobotomy and succeeded as president because of them," Clinton joked.

Former Secretary of the Treasury Robert Rubin offered background on the economic climate in which Clinton took office.

"He made the difficult decisions and worked

unceasingly to implement the decisions he had made," Rubin said.

Clinton was introduced by former Congressman Scott Murphy (D-N.Y.), who outlined the president's work toward globalizing America. To cap the symposium, Clinton described his vision for the future based on the economic realities of today.

"For a country that depends on the idea of opportunity, the idea of social mobility ... when we have unemployment at nine percent ... It's about more than just economics," he said.

He attributed his administration's fiscal success to eliminating overspending by the federal government.

"People ask me all the time, what great new idea ... did you bring to Washington? And I say, 'arithmetic,'" he said.

Clinton clarified that he believes President Barack Obama's economic situation is worse than the one he faced in 1993.

"Our economic strategy began but did not end with getting ahold of the debt and turning around the deficit," he said. "[However,] the particular solution we pursued is not applicable to this moment, because the problem is different."

The former president urged the Congress to come together and work to reduce inequality and accept the role of government and the value of that role in the economy.

"We're so concerned that we have too much government that sometimes we slip a gasket and then have to deal with the aftermath."

The first panel discussion preceding Clinton's speech

centered on the major legislative battles fought in 1993 by the administration over a deficit reduction plan.

"The country was hurting. Washington was broken and people wanted, to know, in specific terms, what are you going to do about it," Bruce Reed, former director of the Domestic Policy Council said.

Former Vice Chairman of the Federal Reserve Alan Blinder described his forecasts for the economic expansion under Clinton's policies.

"We were not forecasting a surplus in 1998. It never crossed my mind in 1993," Blinder said. He attributed some of this unexpected success to the technology boom of the 90s.

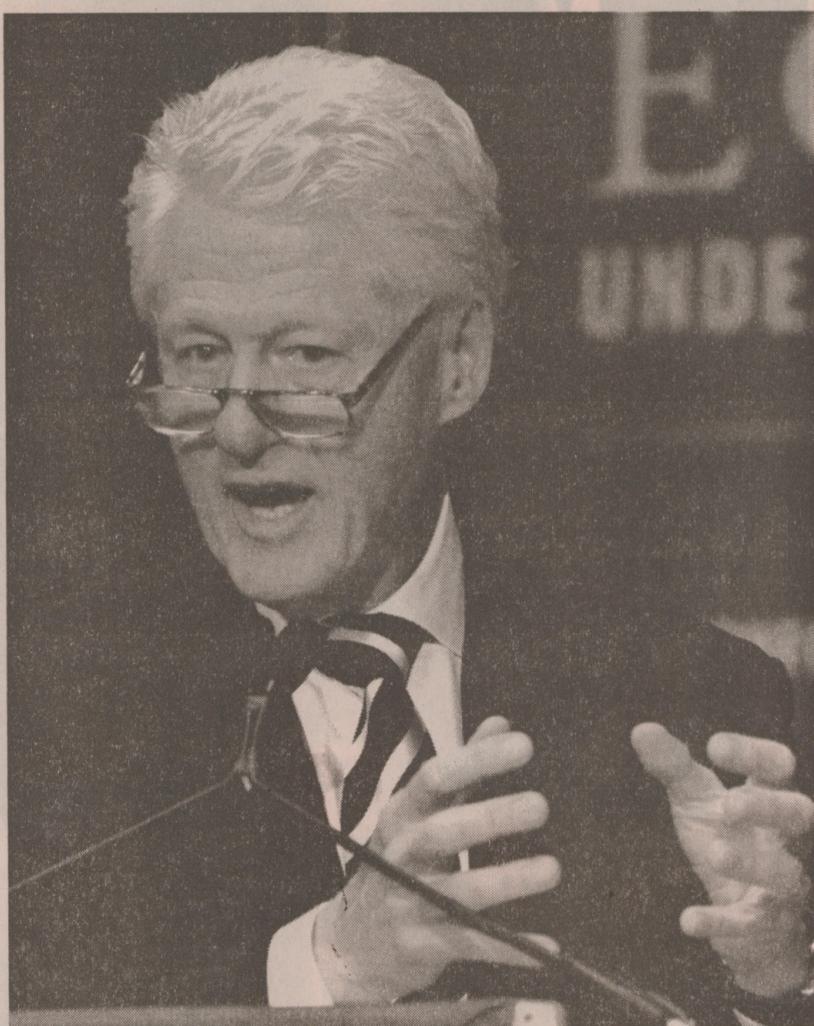
Other panel members including former Chair of the President's Council of Economic Advisers Laura Tyson, former Congresswoman Marjorie Margolies and former Cabinet Secretary Thurgood Marshall Jr. also recalled Clinton's commitment to bipartisanship and the challenges of passing acceptable fiscal reform.

The second panel, chaired by former White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles, focused on the funding priorities of the administration and how they remain relevant today.

"He wanted to balance the budget. But he always told us, we have to balance it the right way, with our priorities," Bowles said.

Former Secretary of Commerce Mickey Kantor explained the ultimate goal of the Clinton platform.

"We were going to engage the world," Kantor said. "We are now the greatest trading



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nation on earth. We weren't when he started."

Other panelists including former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros, former Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater, former Associate Director for Domestic Policy Neera Tanden and Former Director of the National Economic Council

Gene Sperling described their roles in tailoring policies to fit both priorities and budget constraints.

They focused specifically on Medicaid, children's health insurance and education.

"He thought it was his job to make America a better place. He wanted to do something positive. And it

was leadership," Bowles said.

In closing, Clinton laid out one goal that he said should trump all others when making decisions.

"All that matters is whether people are better off when you quit than when you started ... the rest of this will all seem like a passing experience," Clinton said.

Economist Laffer talks taxes, politics

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To Arthur Laffer, taxing the working people and giving the money to the unemployed is like flunking the "A" students while giving "F" students scholarships.

On Monday afternoon, Laffer — inventor of the economic model called the Laffer Curve and supply-side economics — spoke to a crowd at Penn State U. as part of Truth Week 2011, a series of lectures on the economy.

Laffer greeted the crowd cheerfully, urging people to come toward the stage and to keep the mood light and informal. About half of the HUB Auditorium was

full when Laffer began his speech, focusing on economic concepts.

His discussion touched on a range of topics, and Laffer even dipped into his past to discuss his relationship with former Vice President Dick Cheney and former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, where he first explained the Laffer Curve.

The Laffer Curve refers to the theoretical relationship between government tax rates and individual taxable incomes. It states that taxable income will change if the rate of taxation changes.

Laffer used several hypothetical situations to illustrate economic concepts at work.

"If a guy receives a \$600 check, he will buy more

goods and services than he otherwise would have bought if he didn't receive the check," Laffer said, referencing a stimulus package.

The laws of economics, Laffer said, applies to a two-person world just the same as in a 300 million-person world. The 300 million-person world is just more complicated, he said.

In order to better understand how the economy works, Laffer asked students to imagine the economy is based on apple production: If the price of apples rises, the apple grower will be wealthier, he said. This means apple consumers will be less wealthy and have to spend more on apples, and this

is how price and income offset each other in today's economy, he said.

Laughter erupted during his discussion as he explained economics under different presidential terms.

"Barack Obama is an amazing person and was always at the top of his class. You got to be really good," Laffer said. "The only problem is he's always wrong."

After speaking for about an hour, he stopped to take questions from the audience.

Josh Crawford, chairman of the Penn State College Republicans, said Laffer's visit was a success.

"I thought the event went well," Crawford said. "[Laffer's] strengths were research ability and history."

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the Senate would spend \$50 billion in immediate investments on highway, transit, rail and aviation projects. An additional \$10 billion would help establish a national infrastructure bank that would help fund a number of projects.

No one expects Democrats to succeed Thursday. "Every Democrat knows it's not going to pass," said Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va.

Then why bother? "We get people focused on an issue where we can bring people together," explained Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.

BOND

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and the addition of high-demand academic programs," Kopp said.

The projects include a biotechnology incubator and applied engineering complex,

an indoor athletic complex, a multi-floor parking structure, a soccer stadium complex, a fine arts incubator-visual arts project, a modern academic instructional (high technology) facility and land acquisition and demolition.

"We have tremendous

potential," Kopp said. "We are acting on that potential, and we are seeing evidence that we are realizing that potential and it is manifesting in a number of ways."

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LECTURE

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reflected and acted out every day," Brewster said.

Katz gave a 90-minute lecture and interacted with the audience by prompting discussion within the audience by allowing time for questions.

"These lectures are open to the public and they are not just for elite scholar students," Perkins said. "These are topics that matter to people and

topics that people are interested in."

Brewster said the overall goal of the symposium is to raise awareness.

"We are trying to get people thinking about things they can do and just get them thinking about the perceptions they have about stereotypes and gender violence," Perkins said. "If we can do that, hopefully in the future there will be some big changes on campus."

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Before his cancer diagnosis, McMahon performs with his first band, Something Corporate. During the band's hiatus in 2004, McMahon found success in his side-project Jack's Mannequin. Jack's Mannequin has released three full length studio albums including "People and Things," which released last month.

Two years after the release of 'Dear Jack,' McMahon continues to work on his music and foundation

BY RACHEL FORD
THE PARTHENON

Singer, songwriter and former front man of Something Corporate, Andrew McMahon's life was consumed with music until it took a sharp, unexpected turn during his first tour with his new band Jack's Mannequin.

Five days later, McMahon was admitted to a New York City hospital after struggling with laryngitis. On June 1, he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

The day he was diagnosed with leukemia was the day he had finished mastering "Everything in Transit," Jack's Mannequin's first album.

"As I recovered there were a lot of fans who had done projects, like selling wristbands and donating the money back to organizations, which we ... found to be good research and awareness partners as it related back to the things like leukemia and lymphoma and adult cancer," McMahon said.

In 2006, in an effort provide a voice for his generation, McMahon founded a charity with a goal to raise money and awareness for young adult leukemia — the Dear Jack Foundation. The foundation focuses on patient's ages 15 to 35. The main beneficiaries of the foundation are the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the regents of the University of California, Los Angeles.

"We're always trying to find new organizations to partner with," McMahon said. "Our focus has really been that the young adult demographic, ages 18 to 35 haven't seen approval in their survival rates for 30 years."

Five years later, McMahon is leukemia free.

The name Jack comes from a friend of McMahon's who had been struggling in school and with his health. Jack was diagnosed with childhood leukemia at age five, and McMahon's band was named after him.

"(The foundation is) something that has made me aware of a world that is much bigger than I am," McMahon said. "I think any time you deal with something like this, it sort of wakes something up in you that makes you want to make it better for the people that have to deal with it like you did,"

McMahon said. "It's taught me a lot about giving. It's taught me a lot about making sacrifices, and I've gotten to meet a lot of really great people as a result of my work with the foundation."

McMahon said he has met a lot of people fighting for their lives who are still able to be positive, despite their struggles with the disease.

The Dear Jack Foundation helps The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with an event each year called "Light the Night." The event is a walk where participants receive donations for cancer research.

The foundation is currently in the process of becoming an official non-profit organization.

In 2009, Warner Bros. released a documentary chronicling McMahon's struggle with leukemia, titled "Dear Jack." It follows him through his struggle from the day he was diagnosed until 100 days after he received a stem cell transplant from his sister, Kate.

Jack's Mannequin recently released their third full studio album "People and Things."

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