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William Shakespeare resurges

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Medical school accredited, on probation

BY ASHLEIGH HILL
THE PARTHENON

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will remain fully accredited, but under probationary status. The Liaison Committee

on Medical Education has denied Marshall's appeal of accreditation probation.

LCME recommended the School of Medicine be put on probation in June related to diversity.

"Much of the community

is rural here in Appalachia. Within that, we have our own cultural diversity, but everyone looks at that a little differently. All of our students have an incredible ability of taking care of people from different

backgrounds," said Aaron McGuffin, senior associate dean for medical student education in July.

According to a press release, Dr. Robert C. Nerhood, interim dean of the School of Medicine, said they have

been worked to address the issues raised by the LCME since they learned of the possibility for probation.

"The LCME provides two years to satisfactorily address the areas of concern that resulted in the

committee's decision. We will use this challenge as an opportunity to exceed the accrediting body's standards, and we expect to be in full compliance before the

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TOMBLIN WINS GOVERNOR RACE



BY JOHN GIBB
THE PARTHENON

After what was considered a tight race, democrat Earl Ray Tomblin defeated republican Bill Maloney in Tuesday's special election in West Virginia to fill the vacancy of now Senator Joe Manchin's gubernatorial term.

According to the W.Va. Metro News, at 11 p.m., 100 percent of voter precincts throughout the state had Tomblin on top with 50 percent of votes, compared to Maloney's 47 percent.

Campaign spokesman for Tomblin, Chris Stadelman, said the basis for Tomblin's campaign is to welcome more jobs in West Virginia and cut taxes for consumers and businesses.

Tomblin was elected to the House of Delegates in 1974 while being a student at West Virginia University. He then served in the W.Va. Senate and is the longest-serving senate president in W.Va. state history.

Stadelman said Tomblin's campaign was issue-based, and they defended Tomblin from republican criticism and attacks by letting citizens

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Acting Governor Earl Ray Tomblin defeated challenger Bill Maloney in Tuesday's special election. Members of republican and democratic parties gathered at various locations to wait for election results.

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Some republicans disappointed by election results

BY TYLER KES
THE PARTHENON

A day that began with optimism ends in disappointment for West

Virginia's Republican party. Acting Governor Earl Ray Tomblin defeated challenger Bill Maloney in Tuesday's special election.

"It's disappointing, you know?" said Aaron Ryan,

the president of Marshall's College Republicans. "Bill Maloney represented a change in West Virginia from the leadership that kept us at the bottom for so long. We're 49th or 50th in all the polls

that matter nationwide, and to bring in a change, to get out some of the politicians that have been in there for 36 years, as Earl Ray Tomblin had. It would have been a nice change for West Virginia

to get us out of the bottom and move us up on a nationwide scale."

Local members of the Republican Party gathered at Mac Reedo's, a Huntington restaurants, to watch as the

results from around the state come in.

"I just felt like Bill Maloney was the candidate that could put West Virginia in

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Freedom Tour stops on Marshall's campus

BY RACHEL HUNTER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall students and faculty gathered in the Memorial student center Monday evening for a free showing of a new environmentally focused documentary.

The documentary, "Freedom", was shown at Marshall as part of a 30-plus city clean energy tour in

North America by the filmmakers Josh and Rebecca Tickell, according to a press release.

Along with the premiere of the film, tours of the Freedom bus, a 40-foot, 23-year-old sustainable biofuel efficient bus were given to the public.

"Freedom" highlights the journey of filmmakers Josh and Rebecca Tickell on their inquiry to

find the best addition to break the country's addiction to oil, in the wake of the devastating Gulf oil spill.

Ethanol, a biofuel that is a renewable form of energy shown from corn and other crops, is shown in the documentary as being the best possible solution in a move toward a more environmentally friendly fuel.

In an email statement, director and producer, Josh Tickell, said, "A greener future is available if we work with our farmers and demand their fuel now. Farmers are much willing to serve America than oil companies. 95 percent of American farms are still family owned," he said.

According to the documentary, ethanol is becoming more

prominently used as fuel. The production of flex-fuel cars, cars that run on large amounts of ethanol, and the price of ethanol, which is cheaper than gasoline, have made the biofuel more popular. Some gas stations in the United States have started putting in ethanol blender pumps, which blend a

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Drinko to now offer drop-in sessions for students, faculty

BY ALIANNA TELLES
THE PARTHENON

The John Deaver Drinko Library is now offering drop-in sessions to help students and staff during the research process.

"Drop-in sessions are hour-long sessions open to all students, faculty and staff focusing on a specific element of the research process," said Kelli Johnson, assistant professor and

librarian.

With the help of experienced librarians, the hour-long sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from now through the rest of the semester in hopes of helping Marshall University students and staff meet their research needs.

The sessions satisfy a wide range of research needs by helping the people who attend get comfortable with

Marshall's resources. One of the planned sessions is called "Catalog Searching."

"This session will show the people in attendance how to successfully navigate the online Marshall Libraries Catalog," Johnson said, "as well as locating the resources they need that the university owns."

Some of the other sessions will explore Google Scholar, Wikipedia and many other reference sites.

An additional session expected to bring many students will be about how to properly cite sources to avoid plagiarism.

"The purpose of these sessions is to show how to effectively search and evaluate an online source that one might use while researching a topic," Johnson said.

The drop-in sessions are just one of the many free resource and research programs Marshall has to offer.

"I'm really looking forward to attending the citing sources session to help me get familiar with the resource databases like EBSCOhost," said Jessica Ferrick, junior accounting and finance major from Centreville, Va. "Most professors do not allow popular media material to be used as sources so this would be a great advantage."

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Exhibit documents environmental change

BY BRITINI BROOKS
THE PARTHENON

"The Wasteland" exhibit opened Sept. 30 at Gallery 842.

The exhibit, containing work by artist George Bedell, displays a series of landscape photographs representing man's impact on our surroundings.

"Overall, more of my work today deals with

environmental issues," Bedell said.

The photographs in this exhibit document changes society made through construction, pollution and land-management policies.

The exhibit also documents the way natural systems respond and do not respond with these environmental issues.

Bedell said art is about expressing important things through pictures, and this

exhibit helps to display that.

"I've tried to make images that express a sense of frustration about the world we live in," Bedell said.

Bedell said he tries to use photography as a form of expression in a nontraditional way.

Bedell is a professor of photography at the College of Southern Maryland.

He has a bachelor's degree from Georgia State University and a master's

degree in fine arts from Florida State University.

Students and faculty are welcome to attend. Admission is free and open to the public.

"I think this exhibition will be of interest to most of the Marshall community in addition to the artists," said Jaye Ike, College of Fine Arts special projects coordinator. "George Bedell's photographs will likely appeal to those who

work in the sciences, humanities and beyond. His photographs deal with the environment, and that is an issue that affects all of us."

The show will run through Oct. 28.

Gallery 842 is located on 842 Fourth Ave. The gallery is open from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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House Democrats join Republicans to pass spending bill

BY DAVID LIGHTMAN
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS
(MCT)

WASHINGTON—An unusual bipartisan coalition in the House of Representatives Tuesday passed legislation to keep the government running through Nov. 18, but the opposition of dozens of Republicans signaled that more bitter budget clashes loom this fall.

Even passage of the six-and-a-half-week budget, which the Senate approved last week, wasn't the quick, routine task it should have been.

It was delayed first by discord over federal disaster aid, most Republicans said it should be offset by cuts elsewhere, Democrats thought otherwise, and then by conservative protests that it didn't cut enough.

In the end, 170 Democrats joined 182 Republicans in voting yes, while 53 Republicans and 13 Democrats voted no, for a final tally of 352-to-66.

The bill wound up as the latest chapter in a prolonged

Washington drama, one likely to resume in a few weeks as conservative Republicans demand more budget cuts and liberal Democrats try to preserve funding for safety net programs like home heating aid.

"Potentially, it's a problem," Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, a senior House appropriations committee member, said of the dissenting Republicans.

In the last six months, partisan gridlock over the budget has threatened the government with two shutdowns, one in April and one last week. In addition, the government came close to default in August, avoiding that fate only when lawmakers approved a last-minute agreement to increase the nation's debt limit.

Looming now are two more budget deadlines: Nov. 18, when the current spending authority ends, and Dec. 23, when Congress must act on

recommendations from the bipartisan super committee studying ways to cut the federal deficit over the next 10 years.

Failure to act by Nov. 18 would probably mean a partial shutdown of the government. Failure to act on the super committee plan would lead to automatic spending cuts starting in 2013.

Conservatives have shown little appetite for much more compromise. The 242-member Republican caucus includes 87 GOP House freshmen, many of whom were elected with the vocal backing of the "tea party" and are loath to agree to higher spending or increased taxes.

"We have an independent streak about as wide as America is, and that's the way America's supposed to work," said Rep. Mike Kelly, R-Pa.

Republicans who voted no Tuesday did so largely because they thought the measure had not cut

enough. They noted that earlier this year, the House budget set spending levels, which were generally not followed in the bill passed Tuesday.

"We need to get more serious about budget discipline," said Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz.

The biggest budget battle is likely to come within the next six weeks. Spending policy and plans are supposed to be contained in a dozen separate bills, all to be passed by Oct. 1, the start of the fiscal year.

None has been approved, and lawmakers could try to wrap up spending for the rest of the fiscal year, which runs through Sept. 30, 2012, into one big bill.

But there are serious disagreements on how to spend the money. For instance, House Republican appropriations committee leaders said last week they want to deny the Obama administration funds to

implement the 2010 federal health care law. Democrats will fight that idea.

Conservatives insist there need to be spending cuts far more dramatic than in the past.

"We hate omnibus (catch-all) bills. We came here to change the way we're doing business, not to just cut some money here and some money there," said Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah.

And despite Tuesday's bipartisanship, conservatives believe they have the political momentum. Analysts think they could be right.

"Republicans are either true believers on the tea party right or worried tactically about a challenge from this quarter," said Burdett Loomis, professor of political science at the University of Kansas. "If everyone is looking right, no one is looking toward the center, where formerly normal political deals were made."

Police Blotter

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

Larceny

On Sept. 26, a victim reported that the hubcaps had been stolen off of their car some time between 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on the 500 block of Maple Ave. There is no suspect at this time.

A 20-year-old man was arrested at 8:41 p.m. Sept. 26 at the northwest side ramp of Joan C. Edwards Stadium for breaking and entering, receiving and transfer and underage possession. The arrest came after a call from the athletic department. The suspect was found with four cases of beer, eight single beers, two bottles of wine, four packages of sausage, one pack of hotdog chili, one pack of ham and 26 assorted bags of candy. The items were stolen from a Big Green Room concession storage area.

On Sept. 30, a woman reported that the Mercedes Benz emblem was stolen from her car some time between 8:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. There is no suspect at this time.

Vandalism

On Sept. 29, a victim reported that a window had been broken on his car between 7:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. on parking lot F on Third Ave. The victim reported that nothing had been stolen. There is no suspect at this time.

A suspect cut a Dr. Pepper graphic logo outside of the Henderson Center some time between 4 p.m. Sunday and 9:20 a.m. Monday. There is no suspect.

Possession

On Saturday, a 21-year-old male and a 19-year-old male were issued citations at 10:05 p.m. in Holderby Hall. A report was made that the smell of marijuana was coming from the suspects' room. When police arrived, the suspects admitted to smoking marijuana and surrendered the remaining marijuana, a grinder and a pipe.

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Study: One fifth of war veterans have mental health issues

BY DAVID GOLDSTEIN
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(MCT)

WASHINGTON—Nearly 20 percent of the more than 2 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from mental health conditions, according to a new report.

They amount to more than half of the 712,000 veterans from both wars who have sought medical treatment since leaving military service. Nearly a third of those veterans

may suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, one of the signature injuries of the conflicts.

Veterans for Common Sense, a nonprofit, non-partisan activist group for veterans' interests, and health care issues in particular, compiled the statistics from a raft of government reports.

In whittling them down to just the bare data, the group created a grim shorthand for the toll the wars have taken on a generation of young men and women.

"A large number of

people serving overseas have mental health impacts, and more and more are coming home," said Democratic Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. "I am deeply concerned that we are not ready."

The Department of Veterans Affairs, which is trying to grapple with the wave of new and damaged veterans, has been under considerable stress. In a related development this week, an internal VA survey

requested by Murray's committee found that its staff doesn't think it has the resources to handle the growing demand from new veterans for mental health services.

Paul Sullivan, the executive director of Veterans for Common Sense, said that in 2003, the government expected that the VA would see about 50,000 new patients from both wars. With nearly three-quarters of a million Iraq and Afghanistan veterans already in the

VA system, he said, the long-term estimate was "ominous."

"More than 1 million total patients from the wars by the end of 2013," Sullivan predicted.

His group summarized health care data on veterans based on reports by the VA, the Department of Defense, congressional testimony and its own work over the years.

Of the 109,000 casualties since combat in Iraq and Afghanistan began, 6,200 troops have been killed. Among

those were 298 war-zone suicides, according to the study. Overall, it reported 2,300 active-duty suicides since 2001.

Suicides have been a persistent problem, underscoring the stress that 10 years of war have placed on the troops as a result of multiple deployments. In 2009, suicides exceeded deaths in combat.

The study said that nearly 1 million troops, 42 percent of all service members sent to the combat zones, have been deployed at least twice.

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	W	L	W	L
Marshall	3	0	2	3
East Carolina	1	0	1	3
Southern Miss	1	1	2	2
UCF	0	0	2	2
Memphis	0	1	1	4
UAB	0	2	0	4

WEST DIVISION	CUSA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
SMU	2	0	4	1
Houston	1	0	5	0
Tulsa	1	0	2	3
Tulane	1	1	2	3
Rice	0	1	1	3
UTEP	0	2	2	3

Former Herd athletes match up in the NFL

BY BRANDON ANICICH AND JAKE SNYDER
THE PARTHENON

While the only green at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati on Sunday afternoon might have been the turf, there were two players on that field who had each donned Marshall green throughout their collegiate careers. Former Thundering Herd athletes Lee Smith and Chris Crocker never played alongside each other at Marshall, but the two faced off Sunday afternoon as Crocker and the Cincinnati Bengals hosted Smith and the Buffalo Bills.

Smith was stepping onto the field for his first career National Football League game. The former Marshall tight end was drafted in the fifth round of 2011 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots before being cut in early September. He was claimed on waivers the following day by the Buffalo Bills.

"Well, you know that's part of it," Smith said. "That's the NFL. I got welcomed into the NFL quickly — New England released me and then I ended up here, and it was band-aid. Now I'm playing on Sundays for the Bills so it has been a blessing in disguise. It seemed like a bad thing at the time, but I am very happy here and excited about my opportunities here in Buffalo."

Smith's college career started off on a rocky note as well. Before coming to Huntington to play for the Herd, Smith played at the University of Tennessee. Smith transferred to Marshall in 2006. Due to NCAA regulations, he was forced to sit out for the following season.

"My family always kids me and says at Tennessee I got ran off to the buffalo, and I got ran off to Buffalo again," Smith said.

Once Smith was allowed to take the field for Marshall, he served four years in a Thundering Herd uniform,

playing special teams early in his career while learning under another NFL tight end, Cody Slate. Once Slate began playing on Sundays, Smith became the prominent tight end for the team.

Smith's final two years at Marshall were his most successful, racking up over 20 catches and 300 receiving yards in each season. Smith was also named team captain during his senior campaign.

Smith said he still keeps up with the Marshall team and community each week, and expressed gratitude for his time in Huntington.

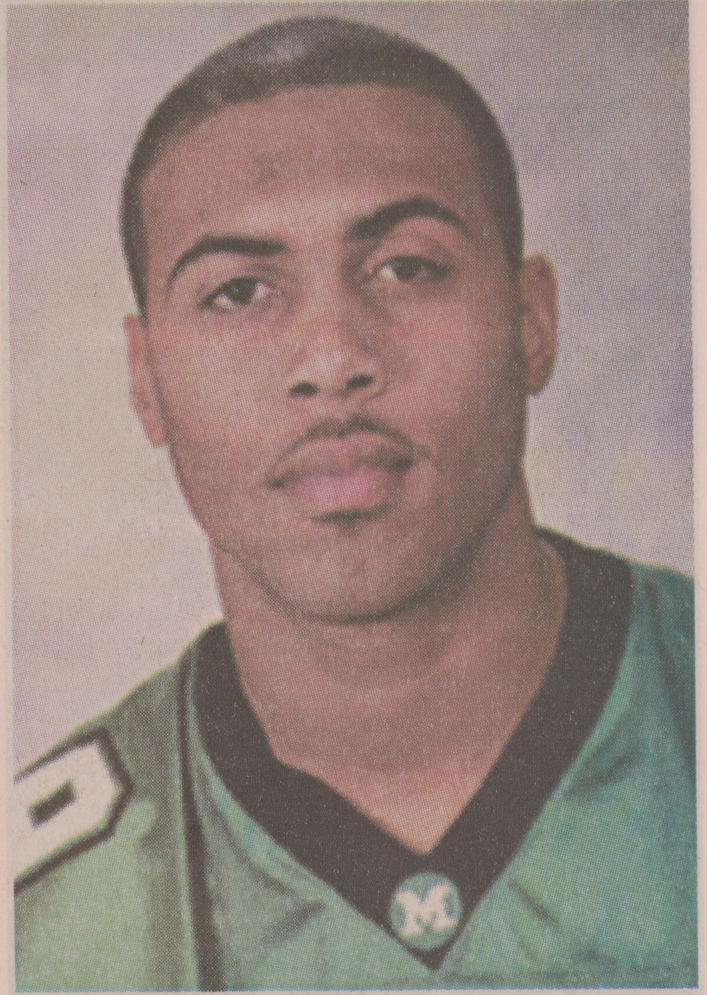
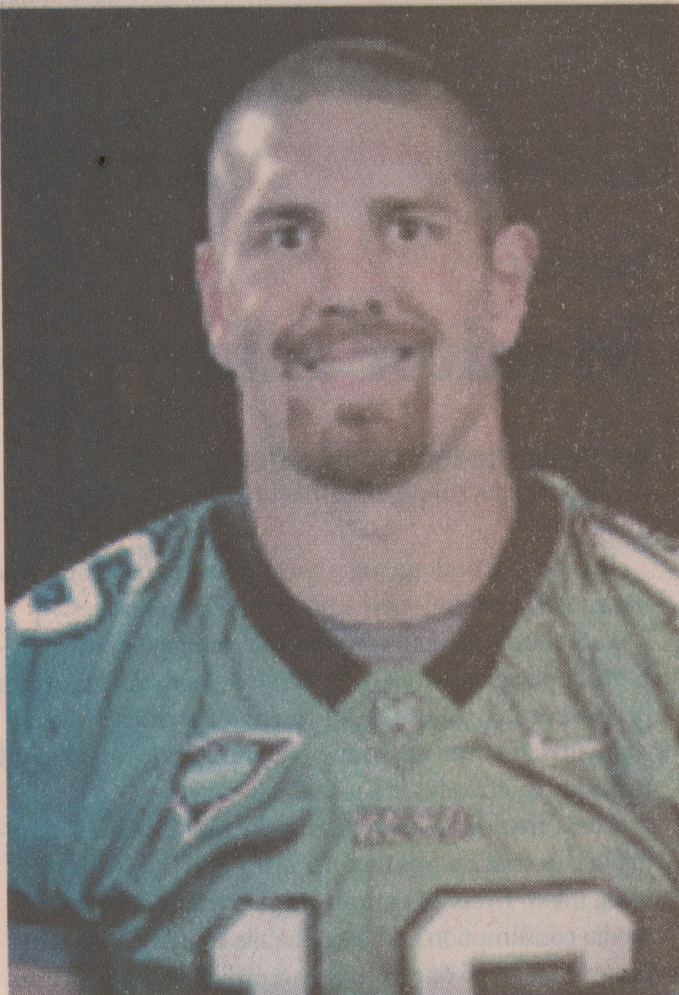
"I keep up with those guys every week," Smith said. "Coach (Mark) Gale makes sure that I get my Parthenon every week so that I can keep up with what's going on. It's great, man, I'm so happy for Coach (Doc) Holliday. I talk with Coach (Phil) Ratliff every week too. I see how they're doing. He sees how I'm doing. Marshall's always going to be in my heart — I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Marshall University and the coaching staff and the people, and the community."

Smith said he spent the first months following the NFL lockout training with the New England Patriots before being released Sept. 3rd, but was picked up immediately by the Bills the following day.

"I love it here," Smith said. "They're doing things right, from the coaching staff to the players. The chemistry is there. We're around a bunch of good guys who are very helpful to us young players. Guys that help us to know what to expect, what to look forward to in this league, and I'm very excited."

Smith said arriving in Buffalo and playing with the Bills has been a constant adjustment, learning to fill a role in a game plan each week as the season unfolds.

"Each week I just need to know what I'm doing for that particular game plan,"



Former Marshall football players Lee Smith (left) and Chris Crocker (right) faced off Sunday in the NFL contest between the Cincinnati Bengals and the Buffalo Bills. Smith, a Bills tight end played in his first NFL game Sunday. Crocker, a safety for the Bengals, is a nine-year veteran of the league.

Smith said. "And later on, I can make sure that I learn the whole offense and get prepared in the offseason. In New England, you know, you're learning the whole offense. Here in Buffalo, with the situation I was in, I get to learn it in pieces."

"I get to learn each game plan, I get to learn what's going in that week and make sure I am prepared," Smith said. "So I can learn each thing slowly through the season, but as long as I know what I am doing from week to week, everyone understands that I haven't been here very long, and that is what it is."

Playing opposite Smith was Cincinnati's Crocker — former son of Marshall and nine year veteran of the NFL.

In 2008, the Miami Dolphins signed Crocker to a one-year contract before releasing him on Oct. 21 of that

year. On Oct. 30, Crocker was signed to the Bengals for the remaining half of the season, signing an extension with Cincinnati in February 2009.

Crocker was drafted in the third round of the 2003 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns and played through 2005 for Cleveland before being traded to the Atlanta Falcons before the 2006 season.

When asked if he had any advice for rookies like Smith or athletes attempting to break into the league, Crocker said he believed the NFL finds talent on merit, regardless of background.

"You know, put your best film out there," Crocker said. "That's all you can do. I think if you look at guys that get into the league, it doesn't matter where you play. You just have to put your best foot forward. You could be coming from the Canadian

Football League, college like me at Marshall — it doesn't matter. If you can play football — they'll find you."

Crocker has a career 426 total tackles with 10 interceptions. He recorded three tackles in the game against Smith and the Bills.

While Smith and Crocker each had a connection through Marshall, the two became opponents Sunday, as Cincinnati's late field goal pushed the Bengals over the Bills 23-20. Smith's Bills took a 17-10 lead into halftime, but Crocker and the Bengals took over in the second half — outscoring the Bills 20-3, including a last-second field goal to seal a win at home for Crocker and his team.

"It's a good win," Crocker said. "Anytime you can win — just win — and keep building wins, it's big. Each Sunday is big. Especially beating a team that was

coming in here undefeated. It's an AFC game — so it is going to count."

Although this might have been just another Sunday for the nine-year veteran Crocker, for Smith, it was the first opportunity to play an official league game in the NFL.

"This was my first time so it was fun," Smith said. "I had played in all the pre-season games, and my father played in the NFL so I've been around it most of my life. But actually playing in an NFL game was surreal, and I'm thankful for my family to get to enjoy it with me. It's a lifelong dream for every guy in this business — and it's awesome."

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Napoli's hot postseason continues as Rangers top Rays

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — What does Mike Napoli need with something as picayune as an MVP award?

The man now has a whole year named for him.

With no plaudits left to offer about the destruction Napoli has left in his wake, including a two-run homer that gave the Rangers control of Monday's 4-3 AL Division Series win over Tampa Bay, Series manager Joe Maddon declared this the "Year of the Napoli."

If not the year, it's certainly been the Week of Napoli. In his last five games, dating back to the final two games of the regular season, Napoli has hit five homers, driven in five, won the Rangers home-field advantage in the AL Division Series and delivered the go-ahead hits in the Rangers' two wins in the first three games. The Rangers can clinch a berth in the AL Championship Series with a win Tuesday today.

On Monday, he went 2-for-3 with the seventh-inning homer that gave the Rangers the lead, stole a base and threw out B.J. Upton on a perfectly-executed pitchout that helped stem the tide in what was becoming

a disastrous eighth inning. He's only the first catcher to ever homer, steal a base and throw out a runner in a postseason game.

Take that, Yogi Berra. "This has just been — it's been the Year of the Napoli, man," said Maddon, who worked with Napoli as a coach when both were in the Los Angeles Angels system. "He's always had great power. He has invented himself as a hitter."

He's done it by improving his two-strike approach immensely.

Both of Napoli's hits on Monday came with two-strikes. That comes as no surprise. Napoli was second in the AL in two-strike batting average this year (.291). His on-base-plus-slugging percentage of .887 qualified him as the biggest two-strike threat in the majors. How about this for improvement? A year ago, he hit .149 with two strikes and had never hit above .200 for a season.

"I had a lot of strikeouts early in my career," Napoli said. "I just want to shorten up my stroke, see the pitch to contact and do whatever I can to help the team with it. I don't feel uncomfortable at all up there with two strikes."

Said hitting instructor

Scott Coolbaugh: "He will just battle you until you make a mistake."

A couple of examples: The eight-pitch at-bat that resulted in his game-breaking homer in Game No. 161 against Los Angeles; or the nine-pitch at-bat on Saturday in which he delivered the go-ahead single; or the seven-pitch at-bat Monday that ended with the game-changing homer.

He fell behind 0-and-2 against David Price, who threw him far more off-speed pitches than to other hitters. But he fouled off two more off-speed pitches, took a fastball in the dirt and got just enough of a change-up to foul it off into the seats near first base. Then Price, a fastball pitcher, finally went back to the fastball. Napoli drove it into the left field seats with Adrian Beltre on baseto send Adrian Beltre home with the go-ahead run. The Rangers added to the lead with Josh Hamilton's two-out, two-run single off J.P. Howell.

"He's gotten so many big hits for us," said Nolan Ryan, club president. "I shudder to think where we would be without him."

All the Rangers know is this: With him, they are on the brink of going back to the ALCS.



Texas Rangers relief pitcher Neftali Feliz (left) and Texas Rangers catcher Mike Napoli (right) celebrate the team's 4-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 4 of the American League Division Series Tuesday.

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THE FIRST AMENDMENT

The Constitution of the United States of America

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

COLUMN

So long, Solyndra

BY DAVID MURDTER
 CORNELL DAILY SUN, CORNELL U. VIA UWIRE

I was back in my native Bay Area last summer, driving north on I-880, the first time I saw it. Shortly after passing the Dixon Landing Road exit, I noticed on my right a huge building that hadn't previously caught my attention. It was a spectacular site at night — its sharp white walls accented with dark blue, dramatically lit by the floodlights of the round-the-clock construction effort. Huge glass windows revealed its clean, metallic infrastructure.

Though not yet completed, the building already conveyed a sense of modernity and grandeur. I wasn't yet sure what the purpose of the building was, but I distinctly remember thinking: "This is what the future looks like."

As it turns out, I wasn't exactly right. The building belonged to a company by the name of Solyndra, a solar technology manufacturer that produced arrays comprised of cylindrical (as opposed to flat) solar panels. On Aug. 31, less than a year after opening the plant, Solyndra ceased all operations, laid off all 1,100 workers and filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. That same stunning factory now lies dormant.

Solyndra wasn't just unprofitable; it was hemorrhaging money. While the price of Solyndra's panels was hovering at more than \$3/watt, a number of competitors were able to produce conventional or thin-film solar arrays for significantly less. But Solyndra's underperforming sales didn't stop its extravagant spending. Remember that factory that so strongly captured my attention? It cost an equally stunning \$733 million to build. So while Solyndra's failure was breaking news for some, others had predicted it for some time.

If Solyndra had gone under with only private investments at stake, its

presence in the media spotlight may have been short. But the federal government's involvement in its funding has turned Solyndra into yet another talking point in the ideological battle over the role of government in the American economy. Hardly anyone — left or right — disagrees that the decision to fund Solyndra was a poor one; hindsight is 20/20, after all. But many conservatives have taken the argument a step further, concluding that Solyndra's outcome provides clear evidence that the government should never use taxpayer dollars to take sides in the market.

Fine — but let's take this argument to its logical extension. If Solyndra's failure is indeed evidence for why the government should resist investing in particular companies or industries — let's even say just energy companies — I would hope that this standard be applied equally. Unfortunately, it very clearly is not.

A little perspective can be helpful here. The \$535 million lost in Solyndra is no chump change, to be sure. But it's hardly a drop in the bucket relative to the money injected into oil, gas and coal companies annually in the form of special tax and regulatory exemptions — exemptions, bear in mind, that Republicans recently unequivocally refused to repeal.

And could there possibly be a more heinous example of industry cronyism than that enjoyed by oil, gas and coal companies? How curious that the same folks who are most vociferous with respect to the Solyndra scandal seem to be awfully quiet about the nearly non-existent oversight for conventional energy corporations. Solyndra's bankruptcy clearly demands that the government re-examine its approach to investing in clean energy. But to those who would use this example to conclude that the government shouldn't take sides in energy policy, I say this: Get real, or at least be consistent.

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EDITORIAL

Monitor marks you make on Facebook

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Facebook is undergoing some serious changes, and this has raised some concerns among privacy advocates.

Facebook's planned redesign will change the way third-party applications work by integrating them directly into a person's profile page. This means that Facebook will now share updates from applications automatically, as opposed to having to actively click to share updates.

Users are now going to have to be more careful regarding which applications they are using and how they are using them. Everything from exercise routines, private media consumption and other habits could end up being posted directly to one's profile, according to a report from the Washington Post.

A 2008 survey from Careerbuilder.com found that 20 percent of companies check the profiles of people's social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace. In 2009, that number jumped to 45 percent, according to a study conducted by Harris Interactive for Careerbuilder. After reviewing the content of a profile, 33 percent of employers decided not to make a job offer, according to the 2008 survey.

With all of the new purposes that Facebook now serves, it is critically important to stay abreast of how Facebook's new privacy settings work. Not understanding these settings could lead to not having a tidy Facebook profile, which more and more employers are now reviewing as part of their hiring process. Users could also unknowingly be giving

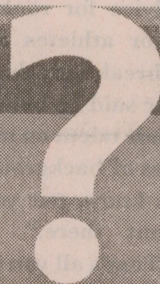
away information that they would rather not have people know about.

One new feature of Facebook has raised particular concern among privacy advocates. Timeline acts as a sort of digital scrapbook, showing all the information that a user has put on Facebook in chronological order.

Mark Rotenberg, executive director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, is opposed to Facebook's new changes. Rotenberg said the primary problem with Timeline is that this new change has been put in place after the company has already acquired user data.

Given these new changes and others that could potentially come in the future, it is important to know exactly what your privacy settings are and how to use them. Pam Dixon, executive director at the World Privacy Forum, has said that her organization has heard numerous complaints from consumers who are unfamiliar with these new settings. Facebook has new options in place that allow for privacy limitations on every post, as well as likes and comments.

Facebook is a social network with many advantages to it. It gives people the ability to reach out to long lost friends and to network with potential employers. Keeping an eye on your privacy setting is important, as not knowing them could affect your social or professional life. Even if you know your own privacy settings like the back of your hand, you could very easily have a friend who doesn't know his settings and tags you in less than flattering photos. Keep a close eye on your privacy settings as you continue to use Facebook.



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COLUMN

Human rights or political poker chips?



BY CALEB WHISENANT
 THE PARTHENON

For several years I have been a fan of the Human Rights Campaign and the work they do. This is, in part, because I feel a particularly strong personal attachment to the advocacy work the organization does. I have the organization's logo on my bumper, I follow them on Twitter, and I am a fan of their Facebook page to wit, I am a loyal devotee. But one of my professors recently brought an incident that occurred in 2007 involving the HRC and United States Congressman Barney Frank, an openly gay representative from the fourth district of Massachusetts, to the attention of our class an incident that, perhaps because of the naiveté of my age at the time, I seem to have overlooked until now.

In 2007, a piece of legislation known as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act was being considered for a vote in the U.S. Congress. The bill had a chance to be passed, that is, it was non-inclusive of transgendered people. Congressman Frank had this to say about ENDA: "We are on the verge of an historic victory that supporters of civil rights have been working on for more than thirty years: The passage for the first time in American history by either house of Congress of declaring it illegal to discriminate against people in employment based on their sexual orientation. Detracting from the sense of celebration many of

us feel about that is regret that under the current political situation, we do not have sufficient support in the House to include in that bill explicit protection for people who are transgender... I believe it would be a grave error to let this opportunity to pass a sexual orientation nondiscrimination bill go forward, not simply because it is one of the most important advances we'll have made in securing civil rights for Americans in decades, but because moving forward on this bill now will also better serve the ultimate goal of including people who are transgender than simply accepting total defeat today."

The HRC at the time supported the bill on such terms and later, faced with criticism, made this statement about their support of ENDA on said terms: "It's the policy of HRC that the organization will only support an inclusive ENDA. In 2007, House leadership informed us that there were insufficient votes to pass an inclusive bill so they decided to vote on a sexual orientation-only bill. We made a one-time exception to our policy in 2007 because we strongly believed supporting this vote would do more to advance inclusive legislation. We will not support such a strategy again."

My limited understanding of politics as a process is that it is give-and-take, a sort of justified (ironically) perverted twist on cronyism. I understand such a system requires compromises and concessions, and I am not so militant, so vindictively stubborn, as to suggest such an indiscretion should expunge the good work that both the HRC and Congressman Frank have done and continue to do. But I will go so far as to say it is an unfortunate blemish on their reputations and a discrediting factor in the esteem with which I have held them

in the past.

My personal opinions aside, however, I think this incident raises a pertinent issue in the advocacy of LGBT rights. Is the progress the HRC and Congressman Frank hoped to make in excluding transgendered people as a political move rightly classified as progress? Since when did the appeasement of bigots gain enough standing to be considered progress?

As I stated in my first column this year, I am not a politician, and the scope and focus of this column is not intended to be political in nature, a soap box from which to beg the presumed majority for rights LGBT people in the U.S. inherently deserve as Americans. But, as a close friend of people who are transgender, I take personal offense to the mindset of the HRC and Congressman Frank in 2007 at the time ENDA was being considered for a vote in Congress. No one is perfect. We all are susceptible to mistakes. The HRC issued (if only half heatedly) an apology. But the organization should be held accountable in the future for the ramifications of their advocacy as well as the authenticity of their claim of "Working for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Equal Rights."

I believe (idealistically so or not) the rights of one person or group should never be used as political bargaining chips. I am a gay man, and, as such, I am denied many of the rights the government sanctions for heterosexuals. I want to see progress, change, and equality, and for me those cannot come soon enough. Indeed, such rights are long overdue. However, if I can only obtain equality at the exclusion of another person or group, then that "equality" is futile and indeed a direct contradiction of the very meaning of equality.

Study uses Twitter to find biological rhythms



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A Cornell U. study published Friday in the journal *Science* used Twitter to study changes in peoples' moods, discovering that seasonal variations in day length affect people in similar ways across cultures, indicating there is an underlying biological rhythm at work.

The authors of the study, Scott A. Golder grad and Prof. Michael Macy, sociology, analyzed two years' worth of tweets by 2.4 million people around the globe. In total, the

researchers analyzed 509 million messages.

While Macy notes there have been other studies that use Twitter to assess moods, he said many of these studies tended to focus on individuals' moods on particular dates such as holidays, or instead "take the pulse of the entire population." They do not provide insight into the daily rhythms of an individual, he said.

Golder said that the team assessed the moods of millions of twitter users by using Linguistics Inquiry and Word Count technology, which measured the percentage of positive and negative words at each hour of the day.

The study finds that across cultures, there are peaks in positive tweets in the early morning and late at night, while tapering occurs in the late afternoon. The research notes that overall moods were

lowest at the beginning of the workweek and rose as the week continued, peaking at the weekend.

"People have a tendency to say, 'Of course, these findings are obvious,'" Macy said. "People probably look at the morning peak of positive moods and how it deteriorates throughout the day and attribute that to working all day. But in fact, what we found is that a hard workday is not enough to explain the trend."

The study also found that as days get longer, moods tend to be more positive. They become increasingly negative as days shorten.

"We found that it is not the absolute length of the day that was associated with mood, but whether the days were getting longer or shorter," Macy said. "With regards to seasonal affective disorder, it is not the amount

of sunlight that is correlated with mood. It is the amount of daylight relative to surrounding days."

Macy said that even during the weekends, the same mood patterns hold true, signifying that factors including sleep patterns or underlying biological rhythms contribute to these findings.

Macy said that one of the most important implications of his research is the use of innovative methods to study human behavior.

"The methods in the past included surveys, field research and lab experiments that either failed to record human behavior in real time or were based on extremely small samples," Macy said.

"What Twitter and other social media make possible for the first time is the chance for social

scientists to observe human behavior in real time with an enormously large scale," he said. "That is really an extraordinary opportunity."

Golder echoed this sentiment, adding that the study reflects larger changes in real sciences research.

"Really what this study says to us is that more and more of the future of social science is going to be involving data from the Internet," Golder said. "There will always be room for surveys and interviews, but these new methods of using Internet data are going to start to become really important. Students studying sociology, economics or political science have the incredible opportunity to enter these fields at a time when they're completely changing."

Alpha Xi Delta raises funds for Autism Speaks

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's sorority, Alpha Xi Delta hosted their second annual Xi Saw on Tuesday at Buskirk Field.

"We have the Xi Saw to raise awareness for our philanthropy, Autism Speaks," Abigail Woods, of Huntington, W.Va., philanthropy chair for Alpha Xi Delta, said. "Our goal was to see-saw for 12 hours without stopping"

The Xi Saw was from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Alpha Xi Delta's also had a bake sale at the Xi Saw to raise funds for their philanthropy.

"Overall, we raised over \$300 for Autism Speaks," Woods said.

Alpha Xi Delta is still accepting donations for their philanthropy.

"You can either go through our chapter or make a donation which we then send to Autism Speaks, or by contacting Autism Speaks directly," Woods said.

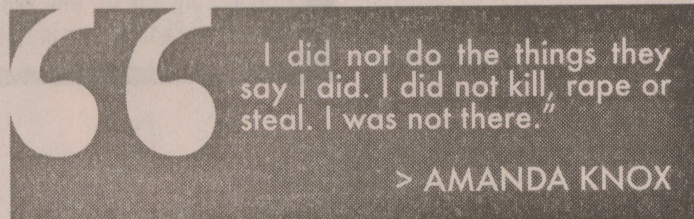
"We are also planning some future events for Autism Speaks," Woods said. "In the spring, we will have our 2nd annual Xi Man talent show, and a possible 5k. We were very happy to see that many people from the Greek community came out to support us."

Amanda Knox freed in appeal of 2007 murder case

BY NATALIE CHAU
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Former American college student Amanda Knox was freed after an Italian court determined she was not guilty in an appeal Monday of murdering her former roommate.

Knox and her former boyfriend Raphael Sollecito, 27, were cleared of an earlier



> AMANDA KNOX

conviction for the murder of Meredith Kercher, a British student also studying in Perugia, Italy, in 2007.

"I did not do the things they say I did. I did not kill, rape or steal. I was not

there," Knox said in her final appeals statement to the court.

The case had garnered international attention from media outlets that were drawn to the prosecution's

story of what happened to Kercher, who was 21 at the time of her death. Lawyers for the state argued that she had been killed in a sex game gone wrong, while Knox and Sollecito maintained that they were not present at the time of the murder.

In a separate trial, jurors had convicted a drug dealer named Rudy Guede for the murder on DNA evidence found at the murder site.

Prosecutors claimed Knox, Sollecito and Guede had attempted to involve Kercher in an orgy but that Kercher had resisted.

Kercher and Sollecito were both immediately freed. Knox broke down in tears after the verdict was read.

"We are thankful that Amanda's nightmare is over," Knox's sister, Deanna, said in a statement afterward.

ELECTION

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know the truth.

Following the results, Tomblin addressed citizens of the state at a gathering at the Charleston Marriott. Tomblin was with his wife, Joanne, as well as this son and his parents.

Tomblin's Campaign Co-Chairman, Tom Heywood, said Tomblin has demonstrated his leadership through his 37 years of public service to the state.

"Tonight, we celebrate West Virginia for making a great decision for the future of the state," Heywood said.

Tomblin said this election is proof that West Virginia values experience and wants the state to move forward.

"This victory is not about me, it's about you," Tomblin said.

"We came together to tell outside groups that no one, no one, is going to tell us what to do in West Virginia because West Virginia might be open for business, but it is not for sale," he said.

Tomblin said he wants to cut food tax and provide better care for seniors. He said pensions are becoming secured so teachers can have their retirement checks.

"I want to better our education system, increase graduation rates and award teachers for their dedication," he said.

In addition, Tomblin said that although the

unemployment rate is below national average and the bond rate is the highest it has been in decades, the state has still generated surplus.

"We have the passion, the power and the people to do what it takes...for the next few months and hopefully the next five years, we have lots to accomplish," Tomblin said.

Tomblin said he will be working on making coal mines and businesses safe so men and women can go home safe each night.

Tomblin has traveled all over the state throughout this campaign, and he said he will go anywhere and do anything to bring jobs to West Virginia.

Matt Sowards, member of the Marshall University Young

Democrats, said he liked Tomblin's platform of attracting more jobs and lowering taxes.

"I want to see West Virginia prosper, and with Tomblin's track record, this can be achieved," Sowards said.

Jay Roudebush, leader of the Marshall University Young Democrats, said this election was closer than the party had hoped.

"I am glad that a proud Appalachian with a strong legislative history will hold office of the great state of West Virginia," Roudebush said.

Tomblin will have little time to enjoy this victory before he will have to campaign for the governor position in 2012.

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committee's next site visit." Said Nerhood.

McGuffin said the citations issued did not directly relate to academics, and the medical school matched 95 percent of students into residency programs, and on the last two national clinical board exams they received a 97 and 99 percent pass rate on each.

The LCME website states, "Programs placed on probation retain their accredited status with all of the rights and privileges conveyed by such status, but are subject to withdrawal of accreditation if noncompliance issues are not satisfactorily addressed within a period of twenty-four months dating from the finalization of the decision as described above, unless the period of compliance is extended for good cause by the LCME."

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legend of the tunnel to each group that enters."

"This year's haunted tunnel is better than it has been in the past.

"It's scarier than ever," Caldwell said. "After thieves virtually destroyed it over the summer, the club members put in hundreds of hours of volunteer work to rebuild and re-imagine it. Our goal is to make it the best haunted attraction in the entire region."

The tunnel was originally built in the 1850s to quickly move goods in and out of Ironton. Caldwell said the tunnel was used as State Route 75 for many years until State Route 93 was built to replace it.

"The lions have been operating it for about the past 20 years as a one-of-a-kind haunted attraction and fundraiser every October," Caldwell said. "And it is closed throughout the rest of the year."

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REACTION

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different direction," said Kelli Sobonya, a District 16 delegate to the West Virginia House of Delegates.

"When you have an officeholder who's been there for 36 years, for nearly four decades, and we have such dismal results, we have our young people leaving our state to find better opportunities, we have the lowest per capita income in the nation, we're high in poverty, and I felt like Mr. Tomblin has had that opportunity for almost four decades to make a difference, and I was hoping that Bill Maloney

would be the new Governor, but it is what it is."

Maloney pulled to within 3 percent with 80 percent of the precincts reported, but that was as close as he got.

"Obviously I am a member of the state legislature and I have worked with the current acting Governor," Sobonya said. "I just would have thought we could have made a difference."

The special election may be over, but that doesn't mean the Republicans get to take a vacation.

The next election is in November 2012.

"It's a short term, it's only for a one year term, so I think that it

really presents us with a unique opportunity to start building momentum now," Ryan said.

"To get behind a candidate, to go ahead and figure things out and go from there and try again here in another year and get a Republican candidate in there."

"I'm just hopeful that we can do great things in West Virginia," Sobonya said. "We have a great state, great people and they deserve better."

Ryan said he will continue to lead the College Republicans, while Sobonya will spend the year preparing for her upcoming election.

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FREEDOM

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percentage of ethanol with gasoline.

Freedom bus driver, Boise Thomas, was among the speakers at the Q&A following the film showing. "Let's cause a revolution in how we fuel our country," Thomas said. Brazil is exporting fuel and they are having a revolution, they have jobs and education and healthcare because they are exporting fuel. They aren't having a recession."

During the Q&A, the topic of West Virginia politics and coal was brought up.

"You have an opportunity as a small state, we all know that fossil fuels are dwindling and you either have your head in the sand, pretending that it's not happening or turning the other cheek and saying 'well, we'll deal with that when we come to it, we've come to it, now is the time, we have no more time,'" he said.

Thomas encouraged the crowd to make a difference, despite acknowledging the state's dependence upon coal, which is one of the biggest contributors to carbon dioxide pollution.

"This is our planet, this is our opportunity," Thomas said. "We're America, we kick ass.

We can do whatever we want. Where's that spirit, where's that fire to take a stand and say we can do this? And the small states lead, the people always lead the leaders and we know it's not going to happen with our politics."

Biofuel is not going to replace coal, it's a building block or stepping stone."

"Slavery existed and somebody said 'no more', and it ended," Thomas said. "And today we are enslaved to oil, and we can say no more and you can make that change," Thomas said.

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| 4: The "not so cow" patty - Fat Patty's | 9: Eggplant sandwich - Huntington Prime |
| 5: Chana Masala - Nawab | 10: Vegan burrito - Black Sheep |

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If you put out 150 percent, then you can always expect 100 percent back. That's what I was always told as a kid, and it's worked for me so far!"

- Justin Timberlake

Mossburg performs free concert on campus

BY RACHEL FORD
THE PARTHENON

A contemporary, Christian artist performed a free concert on Marshall University's campus Tuesday night.

Anthony Mossburg is the winner of a singer and songwriter competition hosted by Chris Tomlin and Rebecca St. James at the Indie Ignite Conference held in Nashville, Tenn., in August.

"We want to show the campus that there is a generation of people here who love Jesus and want to live for Him," said Laura Der, sophomore advertising major from Clarksville, Ind. "It is a different kind of opportunity to share the gospel at Marshall University."

Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsored the

concert and Baptist Campus Ministries, Campus Crusaders for Christ, Flood and Revolution were involved in hosting the event.

"Anthony has an awesome testimony," said Tyler Warner, senior exercise physiology major from Parkersburg, W.Va., and a student leader for Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Warner said he approached Mossburg about performing at Marshall and said he was overjoyed by the invitation. Warner then talked to other members of the fellowship who were more than happy to host the concert.

"I wanted him to come here because I knew this would not only be a great opportunity for Anthony to have a concert and get his name out there but also a great opportunity for Marshall and

its students to have an opportunity to hear the Word of God," Warner said.

Mossburg, 24, is from Parkersburg, W.Va., and has released two albums.

"I want to be transparent in my music," Mossburg said. "This is something for people who are broken and who don't have their lives together - people who mess up constantly."

Mossburg said his music is the kind that all people, not just Christians, will listen to.

"There are a lot of things that can be learned through Anthony's music," Warner said. "He gets a lot of his music through scripture."

Others said Mossburg's music is similar to Christian artists like Jeremy Camp.

"He is young and can relate to college students with music that they like," Der

said. "It is also a different kind of opportunity to share the gospel at Marshall University."

Der and Warner said they hope this event will spark interest for other similar concerts on campus.

"A concert is a good way to get people to come out and enjoy a great evening away from the books and everything else," Warner said.

The concert started at 8:30 p.m. and was on Buskirk Field. Free pizza and drinks were available at the event.

"Anthony is a great singer with a great message," Der said. "This is a time of close fellowship and a chance to see new faces and meet new people all for the glory of God."

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Mossburg performed at Buskirk field Tuesday. Mossburg is a singer and songwriter from Parkersburg, W.Va. who won a contest at the Indie Ignite Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

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COLUMN

Music on the rocks

Mute Math's new album 'Odd Soul' provides good time for listeners



BY PAIGE FRAZIER
THE PARTHENON

Just as I was settling for dising the new New Found Glory album in this week's column, I stumbled upon Mutemath and quickly shifted focus.

Mutemath is an alt-rock band out of New Orleans. Originally formed in 2002,

vocalist and keyboardist Paul Meany led the group to one Grammy nomination in 2007. They have played to crowds of thousands at Bonnaroo, Lollapalooza, Van's Warped Tour, and other music festivals, where they drew attention with a very high-energy stage presence.

With past Mutemath albums, I've kind of grouped them in with Ok Go and Vampire Weekend, in that their music is really fun and quirky, with colorful, energetic music videos, but not really pushing the envelope as far as substance. For the most part, Mutemath still fits this definition, but

their sound has evolved considerably. This new album has edge. "Odd Soul," the title track, is simple, bluesy, and wicked, not at all unlike the Black Keys.

The vocals are just wispy enough to give way to some powerful, soulful guitar wails. Previous Mutemath albums have been guitar-heavy, but this album is founded on it, emphasizing the solos and riffs to the point that they weigh on your ears (in a good way). Odd Soul has the classic rock feel reminiscent of Zeppelin, Clapton, and the Stones, but occasionally throwing in some synth or computerized tones that

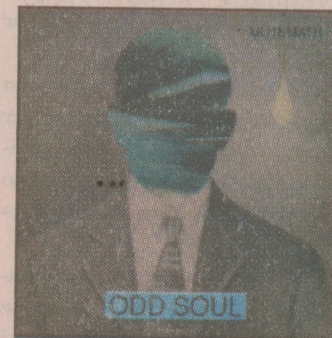
we tend toward in 2011.

As I mentioned, Mutemath isn't always lyrically thought-provoking. The ideas being developed in their lyrics - often the theme of either breaking down or trying not to - take you about 70 percent of the way and then cut straight to a repetitive chorus. And the lyrics that will catch your attention are typically more tongue-in-cheek than profound. For instance, listen to the lyrics in "Walking Paranoia": I am a nervous wreck / Jesus is coming back / I'm about to have a heart attack / Am I on hell's highway / Cause

I'm walking paranoia." You won't have an epiphany by any means, but this album is for sure a good time.

"Odd Soul" is available on iTunes. And for tour dates and other info, go to mutemath.com.

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'A Midsummer Night's Dream' premieres today

BY CAITLIN CONLEY
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William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will premiere this week with a modern twist, including British rock stars, beatniks and a guy in a dress. The Marshall University Department of Theatre will be performing their first fall production, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse for four nights starting this Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The play is a classic Shakespearean comedy to be performed with a new modern take.

The piece has been revamped by the director, Jack Cirillo, in the style of the hit television series, "Mad Men."

Cirillo said he admits to more than just a passing interest in the time period, as well as the television show.

"I love the look of it," Cirillo said. "I love what it says about that time period. I have a certain romantic view of it because I was a kid at that time so my earliest memories are all

of those men in short haircuts, ties, jackets and shiny shoes, and smoking cigarettes and making old-fashioned cocktails. Their wives are all dressed like Donna Reed. There was that kind of 'old-television look' to the whole thing. I've used that interest to fuel this production, and it has worked out quite well. It's been a lot of fun."

Set in the 1960s, the play offers a chance for students to experience Shakespeare without being intimidated by the thous and thees. Cirillo said he chose this particular time period because he thought it would be easy for modern Americans to relate to it as opposed to the Athenians, who were present in an era before Christ roamed the earth.

The historic city-state of Athens has been transformed into a modern advertising business.

Nathan Mohebbi, senior theater performance major, has been involved with theatre his whole life and has been in a number of Marshall productions. Mohebbi will be playing Oberon in "A Midsummer Night's

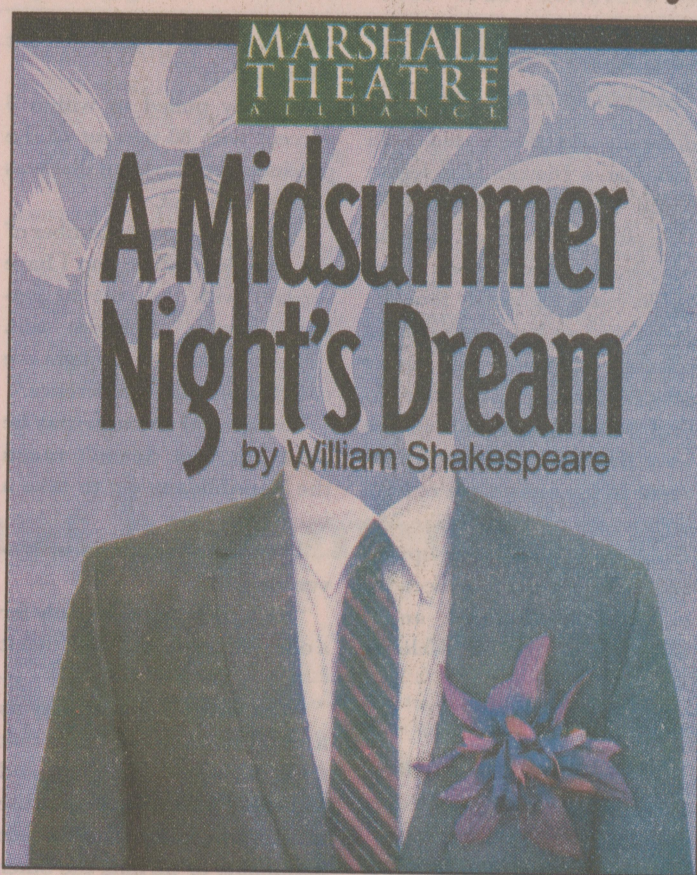
Dream."

Having performed other Shakespearean pieces, Mohebbi recognizes that the language used in Shakespeare's work can be difficult and put a damper on people's interest in the show, but he encourages people to still come out and give it a try.

"Even though it's language from the Renaissance period and can be hard to understand, it's really easy to interpret its meaning in our production," Mohebbi said. "It's really fun. There's a lot of dancing, good actors, a rotating stage, people coming down from the ceiling - it's just a ball."

Cirillo's twist on this Shakespearean classic offers a more visual experience designed for modern society. Whereas, the original piece was written for a traditional audience, primarily accustomed to receiving audio cues.

Cirillo said he encourages the experience of seeing a Shakespearean work and believes it is important that everyone takes an opportunity to share in the sense of



community that is live theatre.

"If a theatre piece is worthy, and certainly 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is, then hopefully we leave the theater knowing a little bit more about ourselves," Cirillo said. "Learning a little bit more about what it is to be human in this

world is a reason why Shakespearean works have been around for so long. He had a lot of good things to say about people in the sense of the good, the bad and the ugly. I don't think we see that enough."

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The Lions Club re-opens haunted tunnel

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A local organization is opening up a haunted tunnel in October, for a good cause.

The Ironton chapter of the Lions Club has converted the tunnel across from the Ironton Hills Shopping Center into a haunted public attraction.

"This is our club's biggest fundraiser, and every penny goes right back into the community," said Michael Caldwell, publisher of Ironton Publications, Inc. "We are all volunteers so all the proceeds are used to fund the Lions Club's charitable projects, which include: Supporting Ironton in Bloom, the Ironton-Lawrence County Memorial Day Parade Committee and the City Mission."

One of the major projects the Lions Club supports is geared toward the vision-impaired.

"We purchase eyeglasses for school children, and every so often, we make donations," said Joe Jenkins, president of the Lions Club. "We'll donate about \$8,000 to provide somebody with a Seeing Eye dog. It costs that much to train the dog and allow the owner to train with the dog as well."

The doors for the haunted tunnel will be open from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. each Friday and Saturday in October. The cost is \$5 per person. The tunnel opens for the first time Friday, Oct. 7.

"We fill it with volunteers dressed up as some of the scariest monsters around," Caldwell said. "The lions have built a maze inside the tunnel that goes in about 200 feet and comes out another 200 feet. And we have a storyteller who tells the