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A DINING EXPERIENCE



before



after

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS WELLMAN | FOR THE PARTHENON

The grand opening for Towers Marketplace is slated for Sept. 16. Towers Marketplace is a full-service dining hall open for meals five days a week. More than \$2 million was spent on total dining renovations across campus, which were part of a 10-year contract with Sodexo.

Grand opening next week for Towers Marketplace

Full-service dining hall part of campus renovations, additions

BY KÁTIE OLSZESKI
THE PARTHENON

The grand opening for Towers Marketplace is scheduled for next week.

President Kopp is slated to speak at the ribbon cutting ceremony Sept. 16 for Towers Marketplace, the new full-service dining hall in Twin Towers.

The changes to dining options in Twin Towers is another addition to the renovations students have seen on campus food service in the past year. Marshall now has an on-campus Starbucks, an updated food court in the student center and now Towers

Marketplace, which features several more options than offered to students before.

Cheryl King, general manager for all food services on campus, said she thinks students have responded well to the renovations.

"It has brought more of a modern feel to Towers. We now have a pizza and pasta station and the new 360 Grill, which has become very popular among students. We try to bring things to campus that the students will enjoy."

The renovations were part of a 10-year contract that Marshall has with Sodexo that called for new

DINING HALL HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

Breakfast 7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Continental N/A
Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Late Lunch 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Dinner 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Late Night N/A

SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Brunch 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Dinner 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

HARLESS

7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
N/A
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
N/A

TWIN TOWERS

6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*
8:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.*

*Monday - Thursday only

renovations, including Towers Marketplace, the Student Center and Starbucks. The total cost of campus dining renovations

is approximately \$2,750,900. The Twin Towers dining hall closed for renovations last April. The construction lasted until Aug. 5 when

it was renamed Towers Marketplace.

Yvonne Combs, the

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ChiliFest slated for Sept. 17

BY DWIGHT C. JORGE
THE PARTHENON

A local news station and restaurant are working together to raise money for a Huntington charity. WSAZ and Chili Willi's will be hosting ChiliFest 2011 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17 in downtown Huntington.

ChiliFest is an all-day chili sampling event that consists of live music, eating contests, Kids Korner and more.

"Twenty or more Peoples Choice Chili Teams and many national teams belonging to the International Chili Society will participate," said Roger Rash, director of development of Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Tri-State. "Each of the teams will compete for top prize in their division."

The Kids Korner activities include face painting, inflatable slides and bounce houses, games and an opportunity to take a picture with Ronald McDonald.

Ron Smith, owner of Chili Willi's in Huntington, said "It's just gratifying to see the community come together and have such fun at an event that we were able to host and develop. I think that it's a event that is really embraced by the entire community."

Admission to the event is free, and chili sample tickets can be purchased for \$1 and used to sample chili at the booths. Also there will be a raffle for a 2011 Toyota Camry LE. Those tickets can be purchased for \$10.

All proceeds from ChiliFest will go to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of the Tri-State.

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Students can connect with alumni through 1837 Society



SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM TALBOTT | FOR THE PARTHENON

By making a donation of \$18.37, students will receive a free 'iGive' T-shirt and become active members of the alumni association through the 1837 Society.

BY EDEN ADKINS
THE PARTHENON

Students now can add another Marshall University-inspired T-shirt to their collections for less than 20 dollars.

The 1837 Society allows students and recent alumni give back to the university by making a donation of \$18.37 or more to receive a free "iGive" T-shirt and

become active members of the alumni association.

"It is a way for students to give back to their own college," Tish Littlehales, executive director of the alumni association, said.

"We've never incorporated students into our base before," Littlehales said.

All current students and recent graduates (those who have graduated within the past 15 years) who make a

monetary donation to any university fund will become members of the 1837 Society.

"I feel it is important to give back to the university," said Jenna Devoss, senior general science education major from Hurricane. "The 1837 Society offers a way to share with the university, and it connects students and alumni."

According to the Marshall University Foundation

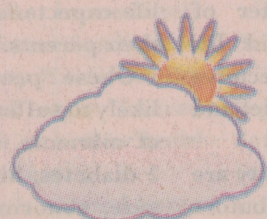
website, most universities have a 15 percent rate of giving from alumni, whereas to Marshall which receives support from approximately 8 percent of alumni.

Each member of the 1837 Society receives recognition on the Marshall University Foundation website and becomes an active member of the Marshall

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Tutoring services available on campus

BY SHAUN FRENCH
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University offers tutoring services to help students struggling in their college courses. Tutoring services coordinated by the University College are available to all students who are both full-time and part-time.

Patricia Gallagher, developmental advising specialist for the University College, said the services are paid for through student fees.

"Once you pay those [student fees], you should take advantage of it if you need it," Gallagher said.

Tutoring services are available Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the University College, Gallagher said.

Gallagher said the services provide drop-in tutoring where students can visit the center to see

who is available to tutor. Students have the opportunity to either check in with Gallagher or go to the tutoring lounge to check the drop-in tutoring schedules for business, math, modern languages, sciences and social sciences such as criminal justice.

These schedules contain the individual courses for each subject, the times tutoring is provided for the classes and the name of the tutor. Drop-in tutoring is unlimited and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Gallagher said the services also provide individual tutoring, but it is limited up to two hours and two subjects.

Gallagher said anyone is eligible for tutoring, but there are requirements to become a tutor.

"They have to have at least a 3.0 overall GPA and an A or B in any course they are tutoring," Gallagher said. "They also have to be

full-time students."

Hannah Meck, graduate biological sciences major from Huntington, tutors in most of the biology classes including biology for non-majors and nursing biology classes, chemistry, classics, math and Spanish.

Meck said she had started her tutoring job a couple years ago when she looked for employment to fit around her class schedule.

"I do enjoy it, and it is good preparation for teaching," Meck said. "I started teaching as part of my graduate studies here, and I fell ahead of the learning curve because I am able to interpret questions. Most students have questions but do not know how to ask them, so I feel like working here as helped prepare me to teach and improve my communication skills."

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Rental technology offered to students

BY MELODY FITZGERALD
THE PARTHENON

Technology is changing at a rapid pace. More technology is becoming available for purchase, but that can become quite costly.

John Deaver Drinko Library now offers a wide variety of products for students and faculty to rent.

Among the products that are available for students to rent are iPads, laptops, mini HD video cameras, headphones and many movies.

"We are taking a step towards deploying iPads for a more academic purpose," said Jan Fox, senior vice president for Information Technology for Marshall University. "The staff of Drinko Library wants students to become more aware of what resources are available to them."

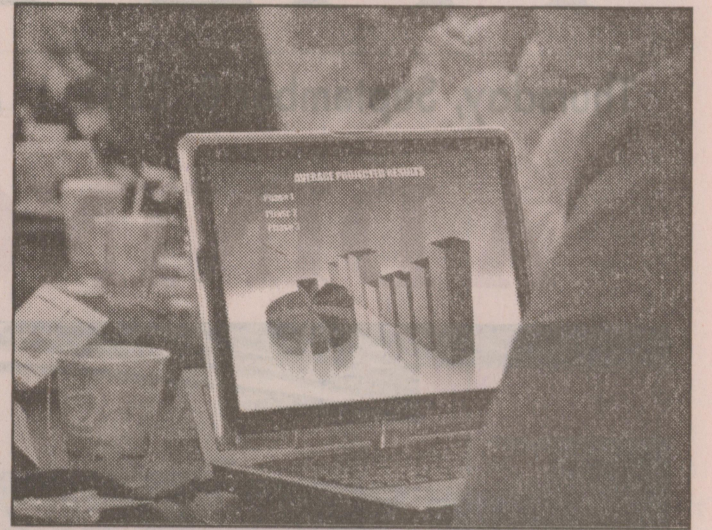


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Lila Mangus, freshman business major from Hurricane, W.Va., said she would be willing to rent these products.

"Many of those things can come in handy and we are all able to use them both academically and for entertainment," Mangus said.

Like rental books, the technology products have a return date. If an

item is lost or not returned on time, a fine must be paid. Students should know the loan period and fine rates when leaving with the technology. If the technology is damaged, there is a replacement fee that has to be paid off as well.

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Students who sleep in get bad grades, drink more

BY EMILY POTTS
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VIA UWIRE

Campus classes are full, and with a huge influx of students this semester, many students were forced to take that awful 7:30 a.m. class. Though the early mornings might seem like a pain now, new research suggests that students taking earlier classes perform better in school and lead more organized lives. While taking a late afternoon class, spending the evening napping and going out at night might seem like the student dream, being lazy during the school day can lead to less study time and more booze consumption.

New research in a St. Lawrence U. study suggests "undergrads whose classes started later were more likely to binge drink and get lower grades."

"Students who had later class start times tended to stay up later, were not as

well rested, had more daytime sleepiness and earned slightly lower grade point averages," according to the study. In addition to the lazy daytime schedule, students "also reported more alcohol use and more binge drinking."

While those 2:30 p.m. classes allow for sleepy mornings and late nights with friends, leaving the morning lessons off a class schedule can hurt more than help when midterms roll around. Many students who take afternoon classes justify late nights with not having to wake up early, leaving less time in the day to study and prepare for upcoming tests. While you might plan on studying after class ends, that study hour can easily turn into happy hour with friends when the evening rolls around.

With a booming bar scene just minutes from campus, the idea of skipping that boring test review to throw some back with friends can be tempting. The structure

of getting up in the morning and hanging out for hours until class can be useful for some, but with work schedules, a mountain of errands to run and friends who want to see you, it is more tempting to skip a class when it is not the first thing on the to-do list.

Having a structured day that starts with class is a positive for many students. While waking up before the sun rises isn't the most exciting way to start the day, finishing classes early and having the remainder of the day to go work, study and see friends is a recipe for success.

"Though most of my classes are only offered for one session, I prefer early classes so that I can do other stuff with the day," said Allie Mertz, a U. Arkansas senior majoring in food science. "I perform equally well in both morning and afternoon classes, but afternoon classes are easier for me to skip, especially if it is

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Men's soccer searches for win against Wolverines

BY SHAINA CARTER
THE PARTHENON

The men's soccer team is searching for their first win Friday against the University of Michigan.

After three consecutive losses, the soccer team is looking for a win as they travel to Ann Arbor, Mich., to play the Wolverines. Sunday, they were defeated at their home opener

against Eastern Tennessee State University 2-0. After three games, the team has yet to score a goal, which made the team set their goals higher for this season.

"In practice, we've had a goal in mind — an objective that we want to achieve, get after and remain positive even though we've lost three games," said Kyle Sniatecki, senior midfielder.

"First and foremost, to win a conference championship and make NCAA, is the team's ultimate goal," said junior midfielder, Peter Bulat.

To get to this goal, the team said it needs to win.

"We've put in a lot of effort and a lot of work, obviously not scoring goals doesn't help," Sniatecki said.

The team said hopefully the goals will work themselves out so they can attain a conference championship. Set apart from the team's goals of scoring and winning, they also have personal goals for the season as well.

"I want to have a positive impact on the team," Sniatecki said.

He believes having a positive impact on the will make them strive and work harder

to play well in the games and come out with a victory.

"Also, to do what I can on and off the field to lead the guys to a successful season."

He hopes his senior leadership will affect the players leading them to follow in his footsteps.

"We need to win, finish and score some goals," Bulat said. He said this is what the team needs to do for the upcoming game and to come out on top this season.

He said if the team does this, then it will help them reach their goal for a conference championship.

Neither Marshall, nor Michigan have yet to win a game so they will be battling for their first win at 5 p.m. this Friday.

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Widespread obesity costs states billions

BY KELLY SCURRY
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VIA UWIRE

Packing some extra pounds comes with a hefty cost.

According to a study conducted by researchers at think tank RTI International, Duke U. and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, health expenses related to obesity cost the state of North Carolina nearly \$5 billion in 2009.

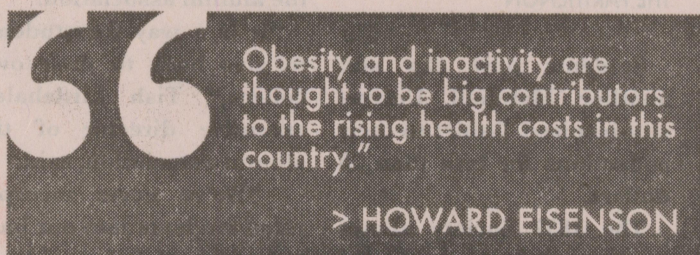
Obesity-attributable Medicaid and Medicare expenditures throughout the state were \$807 million and about \$1 billion, respectively. Medicaid supports those of low income and is governed by the state, and Medicare is a federal governed program for people 65 and over, or those permanently disabled.

The study found that North Carolina would save 9.9 percent on overall medical costs and 13.1 percent on Medicaid costs if all obese people in the state were at a normal weight.

Total expenditures in other states ranged from \$203 million in Wyoming to \$15.2 billion in California per year. Obesity-attributable Medicaid expenditures were the highest in New York at \$4 billion and obesity-attributable Medicare expenditures were highest in California at \$3.4 billion.

The figures confirm earlier findings that obesity accounts for a significant and preventable portion of the nation's medical bill, according to an RTI press release Aug. 18.

The study was published in the online research journal



Obesity. The study updates the state-by-state estimates of obesity-related medical expenditures originally reported in a 2004 study, but uses data from a 2006 survey of national and state medical expenditures to predict costs in 2009 dollars.

Researcher Joel Cohen, a co-author of the report, said that the public and private sectors definitely have an incentive to have healthier people, as is shown by this study.

"States are spending a lot [of money] in public programs in expenses for people

who are obese," Cohen said, "This certainly has an economic impact on business owners who are paying for health care of their workers."

Obesity is a matter of national concern, said Dr. Howard Eisenson, executive director of the Duke Diet and Fitness Center.

"Obesity and inactivity are thought to be big contributors to the rising health costs in this country," Eisenson said. "In addition to promoting better health and longevity, it's costing more money to deal with inactivity."

Obesity is considered

the second leading cause of preventable deaths after smoking and tobacco use, he added.

"We usually talk about [the dangers of] obesity in conjunction with a sedentary lifestyle," he said. "There are some experts who are expressing concern that if certain trends continue, this may be the first generation of young people with a life expectancy shorter than their parents."

Obese people are most likely to suffer from a variety of ailments, including Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, abnormal cholesterol, sleep apnea and osteoarthritis, Eisenson noted. Research has also noted an association of obesity with uterine cancer in women, cancer of the esophagus and colon cancer.

The number of people diagnosed with these conditions has risen and is also starting to appear among young obese patients. Eisenson added that certain cancers may also become more common with an increasing percentage of obese people.

Despite wanting to fight obesity, the proper steps necessary to reverse the trend are unclear, said Frank Sloan, the J. AlexMcMahon professor in health policy at the Fuqua School of Business.

"Everyone sort of knows that being obese is bad for you. It's more of a problem [of] keeping people motivated," Sloan said. "Some people suggest putting a tax on food, but it could be highly regressive."

"Dreams feel real while we're in them. It's only when we wake up that we realize something was actually strange."

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| 5: Pulp Fiction | 10: Inception |

Students travel to China for study abroad

BY RACHEL FORD
THE PARTHENON

Students within the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business went to Beijing, China, over the summer for a two-week study abroad experience.

Last spring, Ryan Warner, study abroad adviser at Marshall, was approached by the business department to help develop a study abroad experience in Asia for international business majors.

The program was developed through the CAPA International Education, which has a center in Beijing.

On June 9, Susan Waldie and Noelle Kivett traveled to China to fulfill an international business requirement. The trip took place over the course of 10 days.

All international business majors are required to complete a foreign study experience or internship with a global company.

"It was really different from what I'm used to," said Waldie, senior economics major from Charleston. "I wanted to go somewhere where you don't speak any kind of the language."

This was the first time that students from the Lewis College of Business went to China. They said they learned about the difficulties of internationalizing through different businesses from China and Sweden.

"We met with different businesses that were in different stages of

internationalizing about meeting with different companies," said Kivett, junior economics major from Petersburg, W.Va. "They discussed some of the hardships they've faced coming to China."

Waldie and Kivett took business classes while overseas in addition to seeing a lot of tourist attractions.

"I had a stereotypical approach to Chinese business," Kivett said. "I found out that it's really hard to do business in China, they have a lot of restrictions."

The classes in China revolved around business culture and joint ventures in China's attempt to open up to the rest of the world.

"It was interesting to see that barriers Europeans and Americans have to overcome to have a market in China," Waldie said.

Annual trips to China for the college of business are in the planning stages.

"One of the biggest things students said when they came back was the only downfall was they wish it would have been

longer," said Ryan Warner, study abroad adviser.

Future trips are being planned for periods up to four weeks.

"Go in with an open mind," Waldie said. "Don't have any preconceived notions or anything."

Anyone interested in going to China for international business credit can get information at the study abroad offices located in Old Main.

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Old styles return for new generation

BY RAYE MAY
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Fashion has taken many twists and turns throughout the years, and it often repeats itself. Now, the '60s, '70s and '80s are back for round two.

The trends can be seen in department stores everywhere, from big names like Wet Seal and Forever 21, to smaller independent companies. Behind the Glass in downtown Auburn, Ala. is one such store.

"It started probably two years ago," said Chloe Popwell, general manager and Auburn U. junior in apparel merchandise. "I remember when big tops and skinny jeans got really big. Those are still current."

Popwell said the sloppier side of the '80s fashion is sticking around, and though

the neons are going out, they are not gone yet.

"One thing that's still big with neons are the sheer tops with bright, lacy bandeaus underneath, like Madonna," Popwell said.

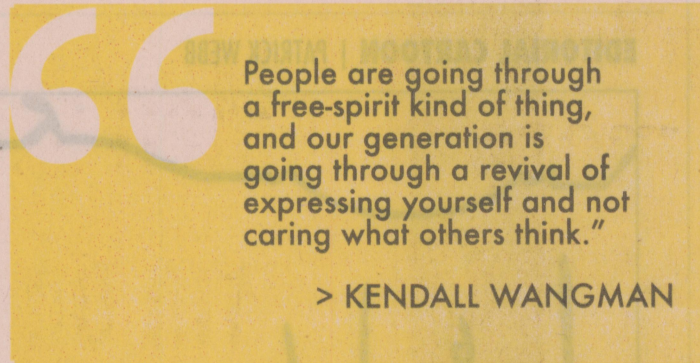
Kendall Wangman, AU junior in journalism and Behind the Glass employee, said the grungier side of '80s fashion is still big.

"Workwear and menswear for women is in," Wangman said.

Despite some lingering popularity, however, Popwell feels the '80s era of fashion is coming to an end.

"I think it's kind of going out," Popwell said. "The '60s and '70s are coming back in with wide-leg, flare jeans, crop tops and wedges. I think the '70s will be really big for spring."

Popwell believes the shift in style came about because people wanted a big change in



> KENDALL WANGMAN

wardrobe.

"Trends always recycle," Popwell said. "And there's this contrast between what was happening with the really fitted stuff and tight tops. People wanted a severe change—that's the reason for all the huge tops now."

Annie Jackson, Behind the Glass manager, agreed with Popwell.

"I feel like the '80s fashion trend is dying down," Jackson said. "People aren't wearing so many layers and

long tanks. Big and boxy is so in."

Jackson said that music and television greatly influence style changes, most notably women like Katy Perry, Beyoncé and the Kardashians sisters in recent years.

"For a while people were obsessed with Hollywood skinny," said Jackson. "Then people like Khloe Kardashian and Beyoncé, these really full-figured women, became empowered."

The recent change in clothing trends has also brought

about new trends in hair styles, namely "hair feathers."

"I think it's a late '60s, early '70s kind of thing," Wangman said. "People are going through a free-spirit kind of thing, and our generation is going through a revival of expressing yourself and not caring what others think."

The hair feathers sold at Behind the Glass are temporary clip-ins, though more permanent accessories are available.

"They can last up to three months if you take care of them," said Lyndsey Fukai, stylist at Dimensions Salon in Auburn. "You can wash them, curl them, flat-iron them, and they'll last as long as you're not ripping through your hair."

Fukai said the feathers are a good alternative to dying your hair wild colors, and they will not damage hair.

The trend has been around for some time, but has come to Auburn through Dimensions only in the last two months.

"Last year one of my best friends from Canada came home with one," Fukai said. "She said we should get them here ... and we finally got around to it."

Fukai said hair feathers are surprisingly popular, especially among sororities.

"I think they think it's something really different," Fukai said. "It started with indie kids, but now it's trickled over to the mainstream."

Jackson said she believes the shift in fashion trends has to do with a movement of self-love in society today.

"It's about being comfortable in your own skin," Jackson said. "That's why fashion is changing."

COLUMN

Red Hot Chili Peppers' new album introduces new guitarist

BY HUNTER HOMISTEK

THE DAILY ATHENAEUM, WEST VIRGINIA U. VIA UWIRE

For nearly 30 years, the Red Hot Chili Peppers have graced radio waves, television sets and sold out arenas across the globe with their unique trademark of funk-infused punk rock.

Their 10th studio album, "I'm With You," serves as a perfect recap of the band's storied career, as it uses different elements of their various styles to create a cohesive and entertaining listening experience.

New to this album is guitarist Josh Klinghoffer, who replaces virtuoso and longtime RHCP John Frusciante.

Frusciante served as a staple to their sound on five of their most successful studio releases such as 1989's "Mother's Milk" and 1999's "Californication."

Vocalist Anthony Kiedis, drummer Chad Smith and bassist Flea remained at their respective positions for this album.

The RHCP also stayed constant with longtime producer Rick Rubin for "I'm With You."

The band requested that

Rubin master the album specifically for iTunes customers, clearly realizing the importance of a strong online marketing strategy in today's world. This, I think, serves as a testament to their knowledge not just of music, but of the music business as a whole.

"I'm With You" is another strong outing for one of the most famous acts of our generation. Like always with the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the sound is largely focused on funky bass lines, unique vocal melodies and chorus hooks for listeners worldwide to sink their teeth into.

I feel, however, that some songs stand out more than others. So, below I have compiled a sampling of those tracks worth checking out.

Track One, "Monarchy of Roses"

The opening track to "I'm With You" immediately grabs the listener's attention with Anthony Kiedis' trademark vocal style layered with effects as a slow build up to the main riff.

The song is carried home from there with Flea's bass line driving the rhythm section and Kiedis finding a catchy chorus melody worthy of replay.

Overall this track serves

as a reminder that, despite a five-year hiatus, the Red Hot Chili Peppers have not forgotten the sounds that made them a household name in the early '90s.

Track Four, "Ethiopia" This song showcases the Chili Peppers' African influences in full bore.

The song begins with a bass line and drumbeat played in an odd time signature that exhibits their talents as musicians a bit more than previous tracks. The song develops into a traditional Chili Peppers song from here with Kiedis rapping and singing his way through a track that is vintage Chili Peppers funk rock.

I feel this song captures their unique sound better than any other track on the album, and it is definitely a track worth checking out if you are new to the band.

Track Twelve, "Even You, Brutus?"

Track 12 is one of the Chili Peppers' grooviest tunes to date. Driven by jazz piano courtesy of bassist Flea and rhyme-laden rapping by Kiedis, "Even You, Brutus?" is a track that will make heads across the globe bob in unison.

It also marks the evolution of the band's members, with

Flea stepping off the bass and behind the piano to put on display his well-rounded musical talents.

"I'm With You" is a perfect reminder of why the world fell in love with the Red Hot Chili Peppers and is certainly an album worth

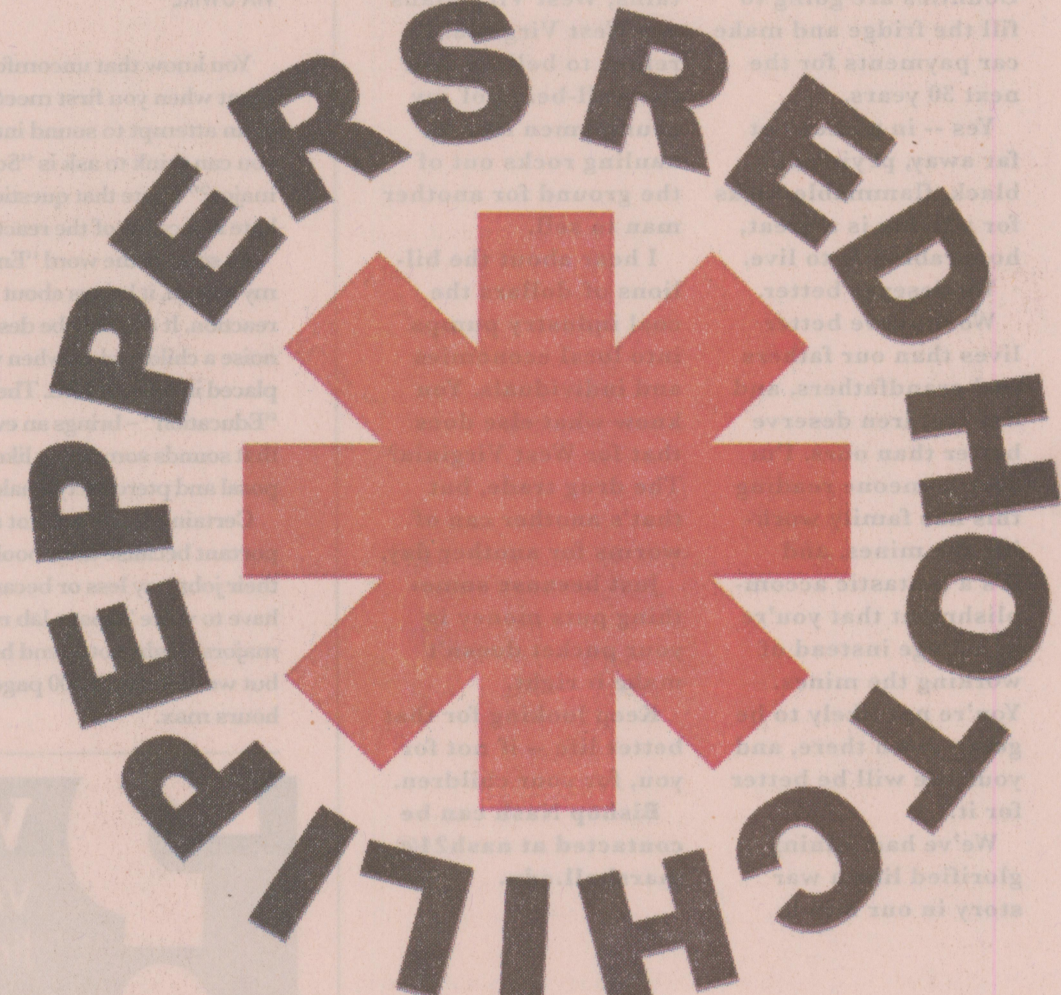
checking out if you're a fan of their previous work.

It seems the new guitarist is a bit lackluster, a void left by Frusciante when he left the group.

Despite this minor failing, the album is solid and will stand as another shiny

feather in the band's already filled cap.

The new album incorporates some of the softer side of RHCP while keeping a grasp on the catchy tunes that made them who they are today. This album is worth the purchase.



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THE FIRST
AMENDMENT

The Constitution of the
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Coal is not
West Virginia

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According to any political ad targeted at West Virginians, we have an obsession with the coal industry. As a prospective candidate, not distinctly wishing good fortune to King Coal is often campaign suicide. It's death by a volley of juxtapositions to socialism, big business, fascism, the Dark Side of the Force -- whatever's the buzzword of the day. Coal is traditionally portrayed as the best, if not only, viable option to keep this state running from the bottom up.

Traditions. This place is steeped in them.

It's the simple answer to how recent high school grads from Mercer to Marshall Counties are going to fill the fridge and make car payments for the next 30 years.

Yes -- in places not far away, prying out black, flammable rocks for a living is a great, honorable life to live.

We deserve better.

We deserve better lives than our fathers and grandfathers, and our children deserve better than ours. I'm sure someone reading this has family working the mines, and it's a fantastic accomplishment that you're in college instead of working the mines. You're not likely to be going down there, and your life will be better for it.

We've had mining glorified like a war story in our minds

since birth: beaten, dusty machines of men rising like smoke itself out of a dark hole in the mountain. Like the soldiers of war stories, it's truly a noble profession but certainly a life from which to strive away.

Again, like soldiers, I don't want to spend my life dodging death behind a sweat-caked face. We're not put on Earth to do that kind of work as our calling. We're here to seek a better quality of life for ourselves and our children.

I read an excerpt from a testimonial on the Friends of Coal website saying, "Coal is West Virginia, and all of our quality of living would suffer without it."

No. We, the people, are West Virginia. Not coal, not the mountains; West Virginians are West Virginia. I refuse to believe that the well-being of my countrymen rely on hauling rocks out of the ground for another man to sell.

I hear about the billions of dollars the coal industry pumps into local economies and individuals. You know what else does that for West Virginia? The drug trade, but that's another can of worms for another day.

Just because something puts money in your pocket doesn't make it right.

Keep looking for that better life -- if not for you, for your children.

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EDITORIAL

Avoid the college credit card crisis

Every college student gets them, they come in the mail, via email and even over the phone -- they are credit card offers. To credit card companies, college campuses are the promised land, filled to the brim with young, naive students fresh from under their parents' roofs and many of who are strapped for cash. And why bother should these companies bother with low interest rates, when many of their target students have no credit at all.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston there were 176.8 million credit card holders in 2008, the average holder getting their first card around the age of 21.

It should serve as no surprise that in a report by United States Public Interest Group researchers found that the average college student could receive hundreds of credit card offers in a single year. The famed student loan group Sallie Mae reported that 84 percent of America's student population had credit cards, an increase of 11 percent since 2004.

Sallie Mae also reported that undergraduates were

carrying record-high credit card balances, the average balance reaching almost \$3,200. Seniors in 2009 graduated with an average credit card debt of more than \$4,000, and nearly one-fifth of graduating seniors carried a debt of over \$7,000.

The sad fact is that these students are starting their lives and careers after college already in debt. Clearly, debt is never good move, especially on the high rates of interest college credit cards usually carry. Sallie Mae does offer students some tips for avoiding and managing student debt.

To improve a bad credit, or to build up nonexistent credit, be sure to pay all of your bills on time. Do not wait mail a payment until the day its due. Also, do not have too many open lines of credit -- this means multiple credit cards. And lastly, never max out a credit card. Maintain a small balance on any card, this should help students remember payments and avoid becoming overwhelmed with debt.

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All majors are created equal

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You know that uncomfortable moment when you first meet someone, and in an attempt to sound interesting all you can think to ask is "So, what's your major?" I hate that question. Mostly I hate it because of the reaction I get.

As soon as the word "English" leaves my mouth, it brings about a repulsive reaction. It can only be described as the noise a child makes when vegetables are placed in front of him. The second word -- "Education" -- brings an even worse noise that sounds something like a garbage disposal and pterodactyl making love.

Certain majors are not any less important because their books cost less, their jobs pay less or because they don't have to write 20 page lab reports. English majors might not spend hours in a lab, but we can read a 200 page book in three hours max.

Many science and math students undervalue the influence of a piece of literature. The Bible has created more change in the world than any other book to date. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, The Communist Manifesto; Betty Friedan's The Feminine Mystique, Edward Gibbon's The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire and Isaac Newton's Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy all had a large influence on cultural development as well.

Equality of all majors is based on the fact that the world cannot function without each one. Our engineers cannot be educated without teachers. Our country cannot run without political scientists or economists and without meteorologists, we wouldn't know that Hurricane Irene was heading our way.

A narrower focus reveals that each field of study is dependent on other disciplines. Take, for example, my major. An English major cannot fully understand a

reading if he or she does not understand the historical context. Sure, one can read and comprehend "A Raisin in the Sun," but the cultural influence far outweighs the meaning of the text itself.

The cultural influence of a work is something that could only be understood if researched by the reader. This type of research crosses into the realm of a history major. This same merge of majors happens when chemistry and math mix to understand the periodic table of elements. Even English and engineering can mesh in the form of technical writing. Students would not be complete in their knowledge without their major being influenced by another area of study. This is exactly why each major is required to take general education classes.

The thing I'm asking you to remember, fellow students, is the next time someone tells you about what you deem to be a "worthless" major, remember this article. Remember that all majors are created equal.

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Towers Marketplace unit manager, said, "It is a beautiful renovation. We are more like a restaurant now than a dining hall."

King said along with the renovations, approximately 10 more staff members were hired. King said despite all the changes, Harless Dining Hall and Towers Marketplace are seeing the same number of daily meal transactions as before.

King and Combs said the first week of school was a bit of an adjustment period for the staff because of a surge in needed service, from an average of 1,700 students daily to a recent 2,500.

"I love it because it looks like a Panera Bread now," Blaire Lawrence,

junior advertising manager from Richmond V.A., said. "The new pasta bar is really good and so is the new 360 Grill. I don't even go to Harless anymore. (The) only thing I wish they would do is have more seating. It sometimes gets so crowded you can't find anywhere to sit."

Towers Marketplace serves breakfast, continental breakfast, lunch, late lunch and dinner is served Monday through Thursday. Friday all meals besides dinner are served. A late night service is offered from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. from Monday through Thursday.

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The Ronald McDonald House is a place where families can stay while their children undergo treatment at an area hospital.

"Our mission is to create a home away from home for seriously ill children and their family; to give them some kind of comfort while they are here and their children are being cared for in a hospital," Rash said.

In the past, Chilifest has relied on Marshall student volunteers to sell chili tickets both in the crowds and in the ticket booths. On average, 60-70 volunteers are needed

to sell these tickets, Rash said.

Students interested in volunteering can contact Cathy Conaway at 304-529-1122. Students should arrive at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 17. Students can volunteer for the entire day or only part of the day if they have other obligations.

"It's a fun atmosphere," Rash said. "Anybody that comes out is going to have a good time. You are going to have a good time just being out in the crowd," Rash said.

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Alumni Association by donating.

"We want to establish and strengthen the connection between current students and the alumni association by creating programs and activities that open doors to students and connect alumni

to campus," Littlehales said.

Students can make contributions on the Marshall University Foundation website.

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nearing a holiday and I want to get a head start with my trip home."

There are some downsides, though, to taking early-morning classes.

"Unfortunately with early classes people are less awake so they may need to spend extra time outside of the classroom learning the material," Mertz said. "Since I am more attentive during my afternoon classes, I feel I get the material and can more easily justify skipping."

If the majority of your classes start after noon, consider waking up early anyway and using the morning as study time. Grab a coffee, textbook and a pen and head out of the dorm room and into the study hall. By finishing any class work before the lecture meets, your afternoon is free for the occasional nap or night out on the town.

Though many students like to tackle class before the day has begun, some

find later classes a better environment for focusing.

"I have an 8:30 a.m. class some days and an 11 a.m. class on others," said T.J. Wuellner, a UA junior majoring in kinesiology. "I like the later classes because I can get a full eight hours of sleep that I don't get on my early class days."

Whatever time your classes meet this semester, be sure to set aside time for work and fun. Consider meeting with friends for a morning study session if class meets in the afternoon, and cut back on the social events in the week when classes are important.

If you get stuck with an afternoon workload, make sure to pick up a few study tips to have a successful semester on campus. Being a college student is about being responsible and making sure to maintain a healthy balance of work and play, regardless of when you head to class.

Shining the light on solar energy

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Solar energy is one field of alternative energies that is fairly misunderstood. Most people know what solar panels are but may be unaware that there are other ways of harnessing the sun's energy to power the amenities that we use everyday. Tim Lupo, Extension Specialist for the N.C. Solar Center, said there are two types of solar energy: passive and active.

According to Lupo, passive solar energy pertains mostly to the construction of a building. Examples of this type of solar energy are seen throughout N.C. State's Solar House. It has amenities like natural lighting fixtures, which maximize outdoor lighting in the interior of a building.

The solar house also includes a large, south-facing sunspace—a two-story room with large windows to heat the house in the winter. The solar house also has thick, brick Trombe walls that help heat the bedrooms by providing solar heat. These walls store heat and slowly release it throughout the day. The basic concept of passive solar energy is using what is already there without having to convert it. These are very basic forms of solar energy, but take planning when building a structure.

Active solar energy is the more commonly recognized of the two, with its poster child: the solar panel. Yet, solar panels, while being well-known, are not well-understood.

According to Lupo, solar panels consist of two layers of silicon with a metal conductor in between. One of the layers is ingrained with atoms that have fewer electrons,

usually boron atoms, the other with atoms that have more electrons, like phosphorous. When this system is exposed to sunlight, photons, the source of energy from the sun, force the electrons off of their atoms, which then travel between the two layers through the metal conductor, resulting in the production of electric current.

This current is then sent to the electric company via the grid, or the network that provides electricity from the electric company to the consumer. The electric company uses this energy to support the grid and pays whomever provides the energy. Thus, buildings that have solar panels do not necessarily run on solar energy, but they do provide this environmentally-friendly energy for the grid to use.

This raises the question of whether or not people who harness the sun's energy through solar panels are doing it for the economic reasons, or strictly for the environment.

"Most people go solar for environmental concerns, but there is an economic incentive," Lupo said. "[Solar is] not a quick payback, so you have to have interests in other areas like the environmental impact."

The initial cost of converting a small, residential structure is about \$35,000, which Lupo rationalizes as being a reason for someone to have environmental concerns and economic interests. However, once someone decides to use solar panels, there are significant tax incentives. The state has a 35 percent tax incentive, and there is also a 30 percent federal tax incentive for the installation of a solar panel system. With these incentives, the cost to install



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solar panels could actually be cut in half, making the payback period significantly shorter.

With a rise in alternative energy use, people may wonder what direction solar energy is headed in the years to come. Although there is research going into futuristic products like PV ink, a solar panel technology in ink form, Lupo said these ink products will not be market ready for quite a while.

However, Lupo believes that significant improvements will be made in the efficiency of "active solar energy products in the near future. This will also

effectively shorten the payback period of going solar by increasing the output of current, according to Lupo.

Another issue is energy storage. As it is now, the energy company grid is acting as the storage space for solar energy producers; however, if an energy storage device is made and produced, this would be a new avenue for solar energy, allowing consumers to effectively store their own energy. Lupo said this can improve cutting costs.

"The more people who invest in it [solar], the cheaper it's going to be," Lupo said.

Mann pursues legal action to prevent release of emails

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Former U. Virginia Environmental Sciences Prof. Michael Mann began legal procedures last Friday to intervene on the attempt of the American Tradition Institute to acquire documents of his research on global warming.

The move comes a week after the University submitted nearly 4,000 pages of Mann's documents to ATI, which requested the information through the Freedom of Information Act. The University has withheld more than 5,000 pages of Mann's documents and could release some of them to ATI in two weeks, according to ATI.

The University does not comment on pending litigation but will continue assessing which documents and correspondence are legally exempt through FOIA and providing all responsive, non-exempt records, University spokesperson Carol Wood said in an email.

Mann, who now teaches at Pennsylvania State University, is challenging a protective order which requires the University to

disclose information relating to Mann's research to ATI, a conservative think tank. The only people who would then be able to access the research would be ATI and the presiding judge, according to a press release by the Union of Concerned Scientists.

The controversy about Mann's research has been a source of public scrutiny for more than a year. Virginia Attorney General and University alumnus Ken Cuccinelli filed subpoenas demanding the University relinquish Mann's research in April 2010.

The University challenged Cuccinelli's rights to the research in court and won on the grounds that Mann's documents are not the kind the public is legally entitled to. Cuccinelli has since appealed that decision in the Supreme Court of Virginia.

ATI has requested the email correspondence and research documents of 39 scientists from the University through FOIA, said David Schnare, director of the Environmental Law Center at ATI. These documents collectively contain information about five research grants.

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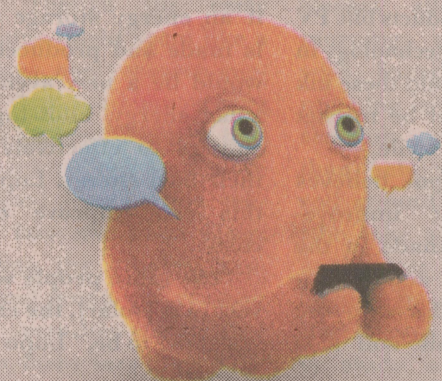
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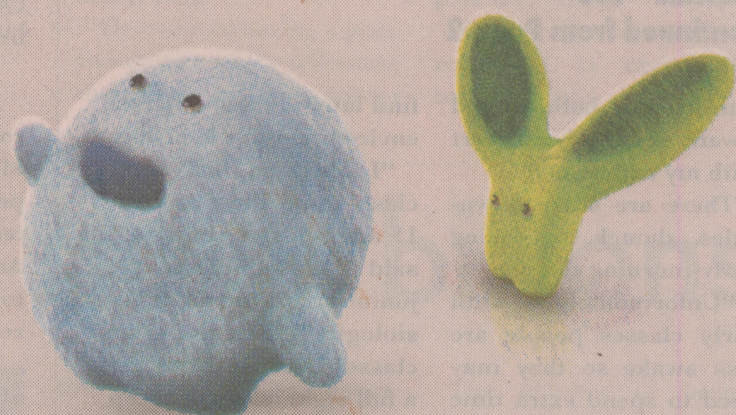
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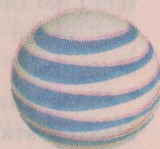
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