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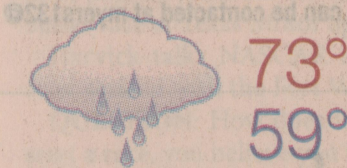
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# Empty Bowls to raise money for food bank

BY DALE JOHNSON  
THE PARTHENON

Local organizations will host the 8th annual Empty Bowls event today to raise money for the Huntington Area Food Bank.

Marshall University's College of Fine Arts has teamed up with Karamos Potters Guild, Christian Associates, Out Loud Creative and the B'Nai Shalom Congregation to host the fundraiser.

"Empty Bowls is a national event created to raise awareness about local hunger," said Jay Ike, special projects coordinator for the College of Fine Arts. "Huntington's version of Empty Bowls, hosted by Marshall University's College of Fine Arts, offers patrons a handmade ceramic bowl and modest soup lunch for a \$12 donation to the Huntington Area Food Bank."

Ike said the lunch is modest for a reason.

"It serves as a reminder that many in our area go hungry," she said. "We are fortunate that our 'modest' lunch is a variety of delicious items donated from area businesses, so it may not seem modest to some; but our goal is that it will be a small soup lunch."

The Christian Associates, an area organization of churches, gathered the food donations and is managing the lunch portion of the event. They have commitments for more than 80 gallons of soup.

Ike said those who attend the event will first choose a handmade ceramic bowl, pay \$12, all of which goes to the Huntington Area Food Bank, then proceed through a cafeteria line, and choose a soup that has been donated by area restaurants such as Jim's Spaghetti or Chili Willi's, then choose a drink donated by Pepsi. Participants can eat their lunches in the church and then bid on items in the silent auction.

"Every penny of the \$12 that the patron pay goes directly to the food bank," Ike said. "Last year, we raised more than \$15,000."

B'Nai Shalom Congregation, an organized Jewish Community, gathered items for the silent auction. Last year, the auction raised more than \$3,000.

"The support we've received from the community thus far is amazing," Ike said. "There's a lot of collaboration—a shared enthusiasm for the Empty Bowls project—among students and faculty, and the community at large. Now, the goal is to raise as much money as we did last year. Earline Allen, our beloved ceramics professor is retiring, so this will be her last Empty Bowls at Marshall. She's been so instrumental, and a lot of the heart behind this event. We hope we raise more money than ever."



FILE PHOTO  
People try to decide which handmade ceramic bowl to purchase at Empty Bowls in this undated photo. Empty Bowls is in its eighth year of raising money for the Huntington Area Food Bank.

The Karamos Potters Guild, of the Marshall University Department of Art and Design, has made 1,000 ceramic bowls for the event.

Out Loud Creative, of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, has assisted with all aspects of advertising, public relations and volunteering themselves to help with the event.

The Huntington Area Food Bank serves more than 95,000 people in the Tri-State area. They cover a service area of 17 counties.

The fundraiser will take place Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, located at 1015 Fifth Ave. in Huntington.

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# Japan hit with 7.1 aftershock

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MCT

TOKYO — A magnitude 7.1 aftershock struck north-eastern Japan late Thursday night, prompting a brief tsunami warning for areas already ravaged by a March 11 earthquake and tsunami, according to the nation's meteorological agency.

The Japanese Meteorological Agency warned of tsunami heights of up to 6.6 feet in Miyagi prefecture and slightly less than 2 feet in nearby prefectures. The tsunami warning was lifted after 90 minutes.

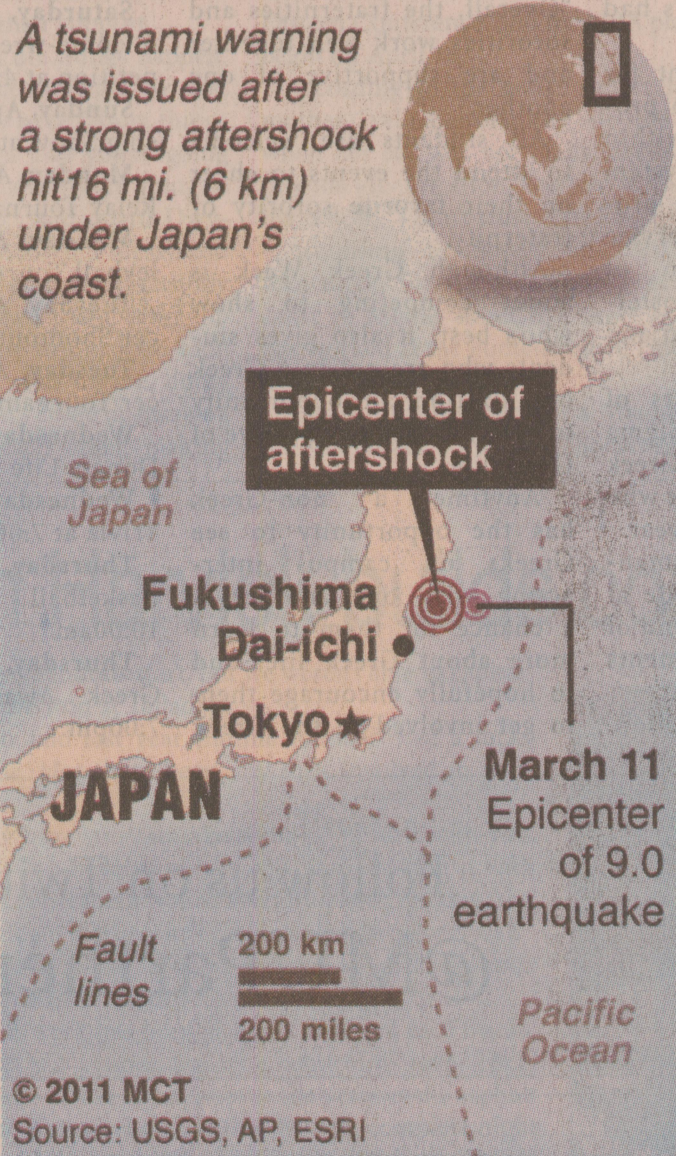
Japanese media reported that the Onagawa nuclear plant in Miyagi lost two of three external power systems following the aftershock but still had power from one source.

No damage from Thursday's quake was detected at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant crippled by last month's disaster, and Japanese television reported that workers had been evacuated without injury. In recent weeks, workers have labored to cool the reactors at the quake- and tsunami-battered Fukushima plant.

There were no reports of injuries or damage elsewhere other than scattered telephone and power outages, but people in areas covered by the tsunami warning were warned to evacuate to higher

## Another hit

A tsunami warning was issued after a strong aftershock hit 16 mi. (6 km) under Japan's coast.



ground. Several high-speed trains in the region were also halted successfully

Last month's magnitude 9.0 quake and tsunami killed an estimated 28,000 people and left countless others homeless.

Thursday's aftershock hit at 11:32 p.m. about 200 miles north-northeast of Tokyo, causing the Japanese capital to shake for nearly a minute. Officials say the quake struck 25 miles under the water and off the coast of Miyagi.

Japanese international student says she's grateful for American response to last month's earthquake and tsunami.

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# Manchin: I will forgo my federal salary if government shuts down

BY ANNA SWIFT  
THE PARTHENON

Sen. Joe Manchin is gaining the support of his colleagues for a pledge to return their federal salary to the U.S. Treasury if the government shuts down.

According to a press release sent out Thursday by his staff, Manchin, D-W.Va., co-sponsored a Senate bill that would prevent lawmakers and the president from receiving a salary, one that amounts to around \$174,000 for legislators according to a Congressional Research Service report, if the government were to stop operating. The bill, called "no budget, no pay," passed the U.S. Senate but has not been voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives.

According to a news article from yahoo.com written Wednesday, the bill is related to the fact that if the House's parties do not come to a compromise by the end of tomorrow on the federal budget, then government funding would be stalled, thus, affecting federal employees and state governments.

To gather support for his pledge to forgo wages, according to the press release, Manchin sent a letter to colleagues Thursday morning urging unanimity.

"The bottom line is this: I can't imagine that the President, Vice President or any Member of Congress

— Republican or Democrat — thinks they should get paid when the government has shut down," Manchin wrote. "Some in Washington will deride this as an empty gesture. To those naysayers, I say that the American people expect more of us. They expect us to lead by example and share their pain until a budget resolution is reached that reflects our values and priorities as a country. Again, I urge you to send the American people the right message and join with me to sign the "No Budget, No Pay" pledge."

In response to his letter, 25 representatives — Democrats and Republicans alike — have signed the pledge, according to a later press release, including Representative Nick Rahall and Sen. Jay Rockefeller, both D-W.Va.

"I'm so encouraged that, in this short period of time, more than two dozen of my fellow lawmakers have signed this pledge to give up their pay as long as the federal government is shut down," Manchin said. "I'm hopeful that, by tomorrow, the President, Vice President and all 535 Members of Congress will show that they are willing to stand with the American people in sharing the hardship of this potential shutdown."

Manchin's press agent was unavailable for comment.

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# GREEK WEEK

## Sorority hosts annual strawberry breakfast

BY CRYSTAL MYERS  
THE PARTHENON

Alpha Xi Delta's 60th annual strawberry breakfast took place Thursday from 7-11 a.m. This breakfast had the largest attendance to date.

Nearly 1,000 strawberries were used to create a breakfast for more than 1,300 people. Breakfast included pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits, chocolate-covered strawberries and homemade strawberry butter.

Biology sophomore from Man, W.Va., Taylor Gibson said nothing but good things about the breakfast.

"Honestly, they have some of the best chocolate covered strawberries I've ever had," Gibson said. "The service was excellent, they made sure I was taken care of and I got my food pretty much right when I sat down."

According to Alpha Xi members, the strawberry butter is a huge hit each year.

"Everyone loves it," said Amanda Locke, sports marketing junior from Springfield, Va.

"The strawberry butter is definitely the biggest thing we do," said Emilee Miles, business management junior from Fairfax, Va. "People start calling like crazy the minute we put up flyers because they want to pre-order butter."

This year, over 150 tubs of strawberry butter were sold in two different sizes, 8 oz. and 12 oz. The butter is made the night before the event by the sorority's Mother's Club. Mothers — and this year, even some fathers — of current members joined the women of Alpha Xi Delta to make the butter from scratch.

The annual strawberry breakfast is the only fundraiser Alpha Xi Delta does each year to benefit the chapter directly.

"All of the community service we do and money we raise goes to Autism Speaks, our philanthropy," Miles said. "But just this once, the money goes in to our Mother's Club Account, which is a group of mothers who keep our house maintained and running. In the past, they have used the money to do repairs on our house or new chairs or washers and dryers — things like that."

So far, the sorority has profited \$3,700 and expects to collect \$1,000 more after all money is collected.

For those who like to enjoy breakfast in bed, to-go orders were also an option. More than 900 deliveries were made to campus and all over Huntington during hours of the breakfast. The number of deliveries were triple last year's amount.

"It was extremely stressful but we also had more help from our girls than ever before," Miles said. "Usually, our girls sign up for an hour and a half shift each; that's what they are each required to do. But this year, I had at least half of our chapter who volunteered to work the whole thing."

The members of Alpha Xi Delta helped in each aspect of the breakfast, including personally making deliveries. Because of the mass amount of orders, not all of them went completely smoothly.

"There were a few issues and bumps in a few of our to-go orders getting there on time, but our girls did the best they could," Miles said. "Most businesses were very understanding knowing that we are a group of college students not professional delivery service."

More than 100 businesses in the area ordered breakfast to go.

Miles said the event takes over a month of preparation to put together.

"We are so thankful that the community continues to support us each and every year and we want to thank everyone who came out and supported us today," Miles said.

Gibson said he would miss the event if they stopped doing it for some reason.

"A lot of people seem to have fun at the breakfast so it would be sad to see them go," Gibson said.

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FILE PHOTO

Members of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority participate in last year's Greek Sing competition. Greek Week is set to start today at 9 a.m. This year's Greek Sing will be held Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center on Fourth Avenue in downtown Huntington.

## Greeks begin annual competition

BY AMANDA FASTUCA  
THE PARTHENON

The Greeks of Marshall University are participating in their annual Greek Week starting at 9 a.m. today.

Each year during the spring semester, all fraternities and sororities at Marshall get together and compete to prove which group is the best.

"We really want Greek Week to show who is the best of the best, not just by being athletic but by showing leadership and giving back to the community," said Samantha Winnings, enrichment chairwoman of the Pan-Hellenic Council.

This year's Greek Week will include sports and games such as water balloon throwing contests, relay races, trivia, basketball and other contests.

There is also a Greek talent show open for the public at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center this Sunday.

Greek Week will end the competitions with a Greek

awards banquet for the winners of each event April 14 at 7 p.m.

"This year we are trying something new by having a theme and mission statement for Greek Week," Winnings said. "We are just trying to give Greek Week a bigger purpose than it's had in the past."

The mission statement for Greek Week 2011 is "to promote Greek Unity within Marshall's Greek System through competition to promote leadership, service to others, recognition of achievement, while fostering community, tradition and campus involvement."

Last year, the winners of Greek Week were Alpha Sigma Phi and Delta Zeta. The Greek community is eager to see who the winners will be this year. In the past, poor sportsmanship has become an issue at Greek Week; but at the end of the day, most disagreements are left at the field.

"As with any competition,

things can get heated because every organization wants to win," said Megan Kelly, PHC adviser.

"There are referees at each event to minimize any occurrences of poor sportsmanship along with a Greek Week appeals process," Kelly said. "Overall, the fraternities and sororities work well together and are supportive of one another."

All students are welcome to attend the events to cheer on their favorite sorority or fraternity.

Although Greek Week is about competing to show who's best, it also gives students who are not in a Greek organization an opportunity to gain a better perspective of Greek life.

"Anytime a non-Greek has the opportunity to see Greeks on campus interacting with one another is a chance for them to learn more about Greek life, and to hopefully encourage them to get involved in the Greek

community," Kelly said.

The schedule of events for 2011 Greek Week is as follows:

**Today, April 8th** - Banner Competition at 9:00am

**Today, April 8th** - Flag Football at 10:00am

**Saturday, April 9th** - Greek Olympics at 11:00 am

**Saturday, April 9th** - Home-wrecker Eating Competition at 4:00pm

**Sunday, April 10th** - Greek-sing Show at 3:00pm

**Monday, April 11th** - Swim Relay Tournament at 10:00am

**Monday, April 11th** - Volleyball Tournament at 3:00pm

**Tuesday, April 12th** - Soccer Shootout at 10:00am

**Tuesday, April 12th** - Soccer Tournament at 2:00pm

**Wednesday, April 13th** - Donate Life Event at 1:00pm

**Wednesday, April 13th** - Trivia at 7:00pm

**Thursday, April 14th** - Basketball Tournament at 10:00am

**Thursday, April 14th** - Greek Awards Banquet at 7:00pm.

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## International visitors present work at conference

BY CHERIE DAVIS  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is holding the Trans-Atlantic Behavioral Conference bringing international visitors to present at the conference.

Judit Kovacs, faculty member at the University of Debrecen in Hungary, is one of the few people presenting her research at the conference. Kovacs has taught courses in Hungary on social psychology and environmental psychology. Her presentation, "Psychological Determinants of Environmentally Significant Behavior," was presented at the conference Thursday.

The conference was held all day in Drinko Library.

Lukasz Tanas, presenter from the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities from Poland, presented "Evolutionary Pressures and Exploratory Behavior: The Case of Laboratory and Wild Rats."

Tanas said his research is something new for experimenting in psychology on wild rats.

Tanas has focused in animal psychology, physiological psychology and evolutionary psychology.

The University of Debrecen and the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities both offer an exchange program

with the psychology department at Marshall called the Atlantis program.

"We are a very young school," Tanas said. "Our school is only 15 years old and that makes it problematic for us. We don't have much equipment but we want to publish papers and write for scientific journals."

The Trans-Atlantic Behavioral Conference is an opportunity for these schools to present their work to the psychology department.

Kovacs said she has enjoyed her time in Huntington, and she thinks highly of Marshall University.

"In Hungary, there are many differences in the school," Tanas said. "In Hungary, you meet with a teacher once a week. You

don't exam regularly. I think we (Hungary) should meet more times a week and examine more often. You are learning differently here."

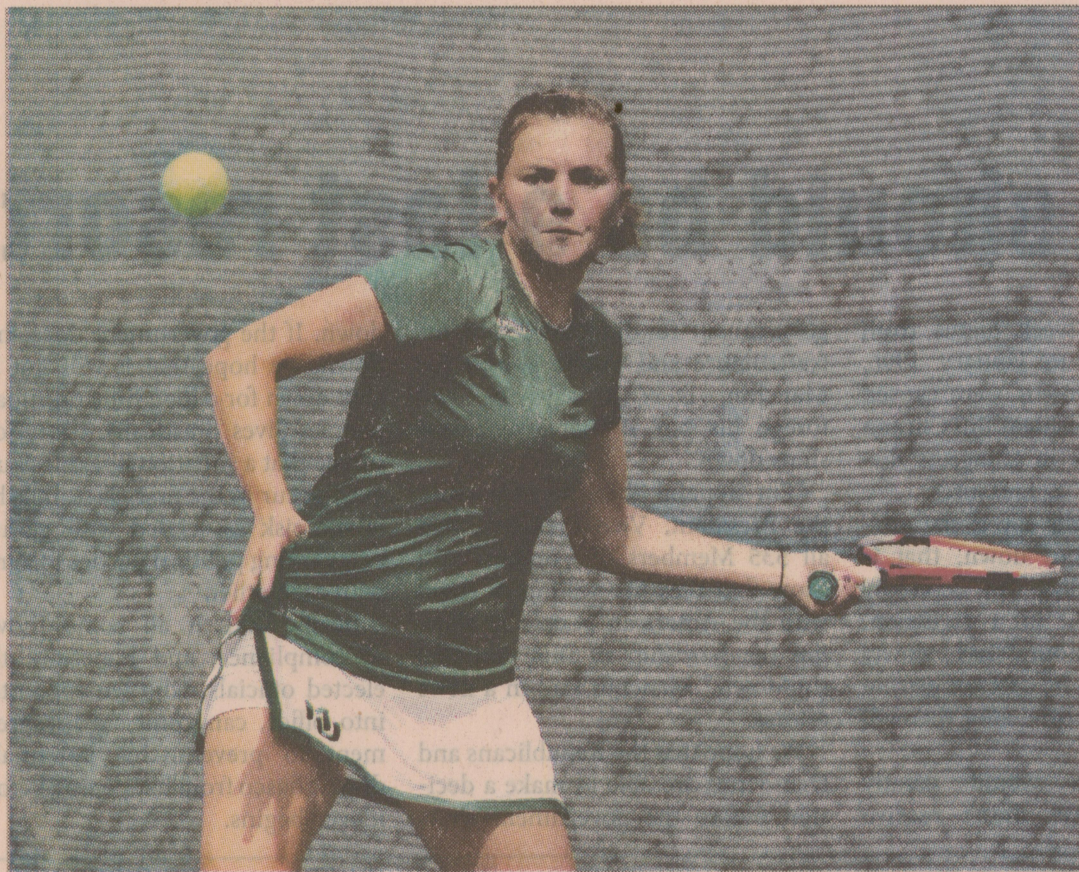
Tanas said he loves the history of Marshall, the campus and all the student activities and life on campus.

Kovac and Tanas have been staying with families in Huntington and have enjoyed their time in Huntington.

"I have a really good impression of Marshall," Tanas said. "The student life is so lively here. I think there is a feeling of togetherness here. You are a big family at Marshall."

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Dominka Zaprazna concentrates to hit a forehand winner against her opponent. The Herd plays East Carolina and University of Cincinnati this weekend.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

## No. 53 Marshall Tennis hosts ECU, travels to Cincinnati

### HERDZONE

With the Conference USA Tournament approaching, the No. 53 Marshall University tennis team hosts its sole C-USA foe of the regular-season Friday afternoon as the Herd is in action with East Carolina at 2 p.m. The Herd will travel to play at Cincinnati on Sunday.

Marshall enters the weekend with an overall record of 14-5, while ECU has a mark of 16-7. If the season were to end today, Marshall would have the three-seed in the tournament while ECU would be the five-seed. Marshall would have a first-round bye.

Despite not having a conference schedule, Marshall will be the fourth C-USA team the Pirates have faced. ECU is 1-2 in the previous

three matches with its one win against Southern Miss and the two losses coming against Memphis and UCF. East Carolina is the only C-USA team on the schedule for the Herd until the tournament.

This will be the second ever match between the Herd and the Pirates as the Herd holds a 1-0 advantage. The last time the two teams shared the court was two years ago in C-USA Tournament action with the Herd winning 4-0.

The Herd will travel to Cincinnati on Sunday to face the Bearcats. UC is the first of two schools that Marshall ends the regular-season with. After Cincinnati, Marshall concludes its season at home against Pittsburgh.

## Mother of LeBron James arrested on battery charges

BY IRA WINDERMAN  
SUN SENTINEL  
MCT

MIAMI—Gloria Marie James, mother of Miami Heat forward LeBron James, was arrested Thursday morning at the Fontainebleau Hotel on charges of simple battery and disorderly intoxication.

According to a release from the Miami Beach Police Department, "a hotel valet worker claimed he was assaulted by Ms. James, who was angered because her car was taking too long to be delivered. Several witnesses supported (the valet's) account of what occurred."

The statement continued, "Both Ms. James and the driver of the vehicle were initially uncooperative with the investigating officer. Ms. James was apparently intoxicated as she had bloodshot eyes and a strong odor of alcohol on her breath."

According to the statement and police report, Gloria Marie James, 43, was then arrested and transported to the Miami Beach Police Department, where she was processed, issued a Promise to Appear and subsequently released to Miami Heat executive Steve Stowe.

Although the police statement listed the valet worker's name as "Mr. Sorel Rockfeller," the 30-year-old North Miami resident is really named Rockfeller Sorel.

Thursday afternoon he was in the office of his family doctor having injuries to his swollen face attended to.

"It's really, really big," said Sorel's brother, Jean Mack Sorel, who accompanied him to the physician.

Asked for comment after Thursday's practice at AmericanAirlines Arena, LeBron James said he was not with his mother at the time.

"No sir, I was at home," he said. "Tough game last night, I decided to get my rest."

The Heat forward asked to be allowed to handle the matter on a personal level.

"It's a sensitive subject. It's a personal matter and it's being taken care of," he said. "It is my life and there's certain things you have to deal with."

"The people around me are helping me and are helping her and we'll be fine."

Teammates offered their support.

"You understand in life things happen, whether you're in the limelight or not, you're always going to have family things that's going to happen and you're going to have to tend to 'em and you're going to have to deal with 'em," said guard Dwyane Wade, who has endured a messy and very-public divorce and child-custody case during the past two years. "Our job in here is just continue to focus on each other, focus on being who we are, doing what we always do, that's come in enjoying basketball, enjoying each other, making

each other laugh.

"And if someone needs you, if you see someone needs your support, you be there for them."

According to the police report, a witness said the valet attendant was "struck in the face by a female." The report also said that Gloria Marie James was not driving the vehicle in question.

The incident occurred just before 5 a.m. The Heat lost to the Milwaukee Bucks, 90-85, at AmericanAirlines Arena in a game that ended just after 10:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"A lot of these other things are ancillary distractions if we let them be," coach Erik Spoelstra said. "If we don't, then we can focus on what's real."

The Heat are in a tight race with the Boston Celtics for the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference, and the NBA playoffs begin on April 16.

According to the police report James' mother "yelled profanities" to the valet when her car was not ready, declined to provide identification, and told the arresting officer, "I don't trust your kind."

According to Sorel's brother-in-law, Jean Bigot, Sorel is a native of Haiti who came to Miami about five years ago. He has worked at the Fontainebleau Hotel for about a year.

Asked if his brother was a Miami Heat fan, Jean Mack Sorel, said, "Sometimes we



PHOTO COURTESY MIAMI BEACH POLICE/MIAMI HERALD/MCT

Gloria Marie James, the mother of Miami Heat player LeBron James, was arrested in Miami Beach, Fla. early Thursday morning, after getting into an altercation with a valet at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach Hotel.

watch the games. But we're not big fans."

In 2006, Gloria James was arrested in Ohio for DWI and kicked out the window of a police car after being detained. At that time, in addition to driving while intoxicated, she was charged with reckless operation, speeding for driving 50 mph in a 30-mph zone, disorderly conduct and damaging police equipment.

For that incident, she was sentenced to three days in an Ohio driving intervention program and fined after she pleaded no contest to the misdemeanor charges.

## NASCAR driver Kevin Harvick builds confidence and points

BY ANTHONY ANDRO  
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS  
MCT

FORT WORTH, Texas — Kevin Harvick and his No. 29 Budweiser Chevrolet are coming to Texas this week for the Samsung Mobile 500 in fifth place in the Sprint Cup points standings after two consecutive victories. Last season, he finished third, 41 points behind champion Jimmie Johnson. He has never won a Sprint Cup Series race at Texas Motor Speedway.

Harvick talks NASCAR during a question-and-answer session with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:

**QUESTION:** How does it feel when every time you start a race, you believe you have a car that can win?

**ANSWER:** It's been a long time since we've had our cars this way. Last year did a lot to build our confidence to do this. We knew then we could be strong, week in, week out. That confidence has continued to build from last year.

**Q:** You said earlier that it's hard to carry over momentum from a year ago. Why have you been able to?

**A:** You never know the carryover as far as performance. The confidence in the team and everyone else can carry over. Everyone is in the same frame of mind. It's fun to see it when it comes together.

**Q:** Have you ever had a run better than the one you're on right now?

**A:** The only thing that's comparable right now is 2006 when we won five races and had 14 total victories between the Nationwide Series and the Cup.

**Q:** Is this the strongest your team has been this early in the season?

**A:** I would say this is the strongest we've been this early as far as being able to capitalize. Last year we got

off to a tremendous start, but we weren't able to capitalize until we won at Talladega.

**Q:** You said last year Jimmie Johnson had a lucky horseshoe. Has there been any luck involved in your run?

**A:** Any time you can take some good luck with you, you will. You have to not be shy about having it with you. This sport has a way of reversing itself quickly. You have to ride it all the way and capitalize in a good way.

**Q:** Will Texas be a good measuring stick for your team's 1 { -mile program?

**A:** Each week has been at really different race tracks. Las Vegas is 1 { miles, but it's a beast of its own. Texas has become a little different over the years as the asphalt has worn. This weekend, with it being a complete night race, it will be interesting to see the handling. This is another week we can measure where we are on a different style of track.

**Q:** What can we expect at night here?

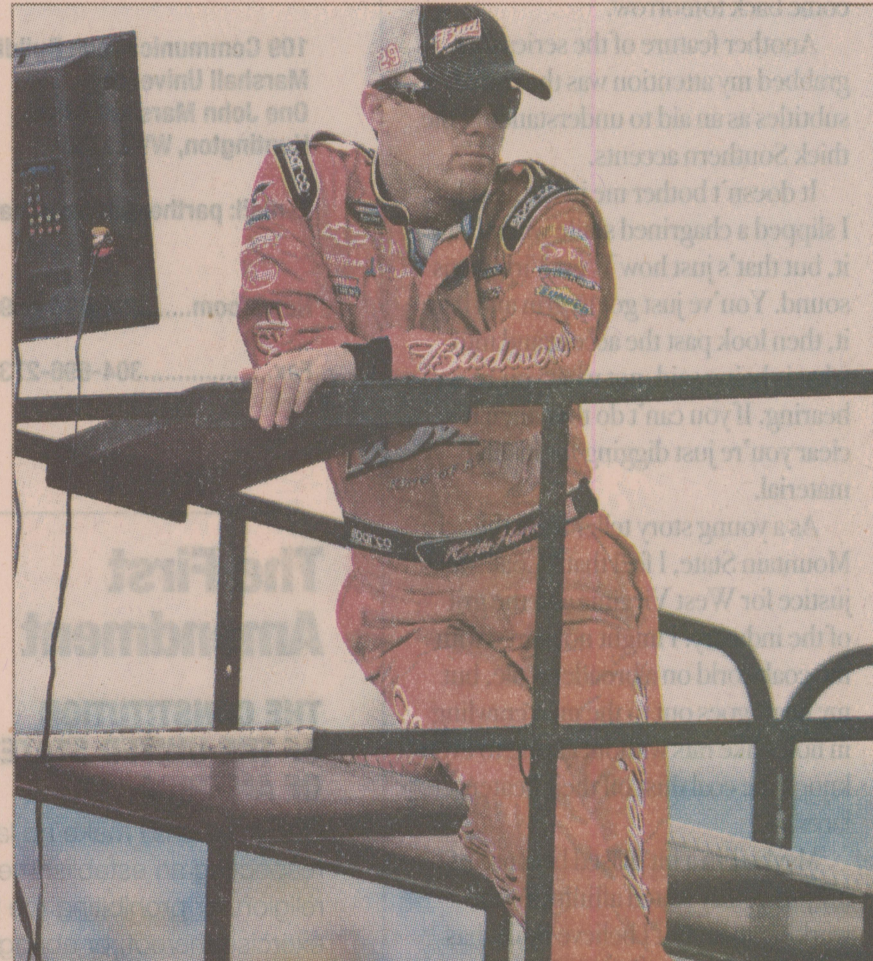
**A:** There are several unknowns. We've raced a few weeks with the new nose. This is a different tire, and I expect it to be dramatically different than last year. We have several things to maneuver through this weekend.

**Q:** You've had three straight top 10s in the Cup Series here, but no wins. Why has this track been hard for you to win it?

**A:** I don't think it creates any problems. It's a lot like California was. We've had good runs, just nothing to show for it. It's been a solid track. We've dominated in the Nationwide Series and won a lot of races. In the Cup car, it just doesn't seem like we've been able to put that 'X' in the win column yet.

**Q:** You beat fan favorite Dale Earnhardt Jr. to win at Martinsville last week. Do you expect to hear about it?

**A:** If they are mad at us for winning a race, it is what it is, I guess.



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NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver Kevin Harvick watches the conclusion of the afternoon practice at Daytona International Speedway, February 16 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

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## THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

# Government shut down should be a last resort

If Democrats and Republicans are not able to reach an agreement to pass a budget bill, a government shutdown will occur at midnight. Though they are able to agree on how much they want to spend, the obstacle comes down to a fundamental difference between the two sides.

Republicans have included a portion of the bill that would lower funds from the president's health care plan and another portion that would cut all federal funding of Planned Parenthood. Democrats say these policy riders have no place in

the budget bill and they won't pass it until these clauses are removed.

If the government closes after Friday, many things are going to be affected. The IRS will stop processing paper tax returns, the Small Business Administration will stop making loans and federal home loan guarantees will be put on hold. Most importantly, people with government jobs will not get paid.

There have been 17 government shutdowns since 1977. The two most recent ones occurred during the 1996 — the first, a five-day shutdown in November 1995 — and the

second, a three-week hiatus from December 1995 to January 1996. Those two shutdowns were caused by gaps due to President Bill Clinton and GOP leaders in Congress disagreeing on funding measures.

Some economists say if the government does shut down, that is going to jeopardize our economy and put us back in a recession. While the economy has slowly been improving, the costs of getting things back to normal after this will be devastating.

West Virginia would greatly be affected if we didn't receive

government funding for roads, infrastructure and public goods. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va. says he will forego his pay if the government shuts down.

"I'm hopeful that, by tomorrow, the President, Vice President and all 535 Members of Congress will show that they are willing to stand with the American people in sharing the hardship of this potential shutdown," Manchin said in a news release.

We hope that the Republicans and Democrats are able to make a decision before the government shuts

down. If the government does shut down, we hope that it will not be shut down for a long time or impact peoples' lives drastically. It's unfortunate that a situation like this could even occur in the first place, but this is the risk associated with getting two varying political parties to agree with each other.

In the end, it all comes down to compliance; and hopefully, the elected officials, who we appointed into office, can come to an agreement to prevent this potentially drastic fiasco from happening before it even begins.

### BISHOP NASH CHICKEN SOUP

## Spike has struck coal

For West Virginia to get national recognition for anything at all is noteworthy, especially when it isn't simply referring to WVU.



BISHOP NASH  
COLUMNIST

For our state to get an entire TV series based deep in the hollows of coal country is fantastic.

Spike TV, a channel known for entertainment marketed at a predominantly male audience, premiered the new series "Coal" last week. The show will chronicle the daily ups, downs and undergrounds of the tiny Cobalt Coal Company in McDowell County.

What's most potent about this show, in my eyes as a West Virginian, is how the producers manage to skirt around the politics and usual headline making material of the coal industry. 'Coal' pierces through the situations clouding the true working business of coercing a 50-ton, Mad Max-esque machine into a wall of rock 600 feet into a mountain.

You'll find no protestors in Charleston crying for Massey's blood or the "COAL: KEEPS THE LIGHTS ON" billboards ubiquitous of the southern and central counties.

It's straight business: Get in, get coal, don't get crushed, get out and come back tomorrow.

Another feature of the series that grabbed my attention was the use of subtitles as an aid to understanding the thick Southern accents.

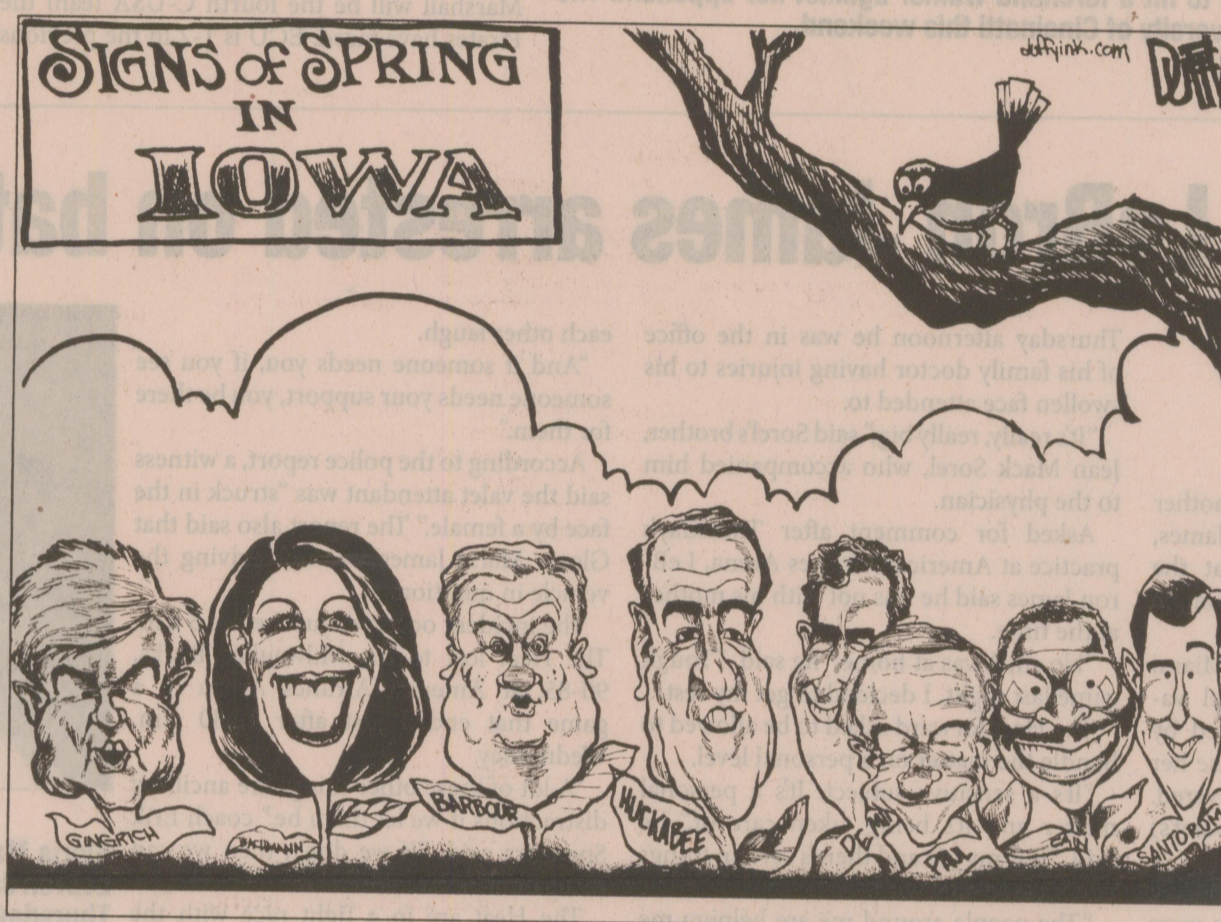
It doesn't bother me in the least bit. I slipped a chagrined smile when I saw it, but that's just how West Virginians sound. You've just got to grin and bare it, then look past the accent and into what is being said, not what you're hearing. If you can't do that, then it's clear you're just digging for insult material.

As a young story teller from the Mountain State, I feel that "Coal" does justice for West Virginia and the grit of the industry. I might not agree with the coal world on a broader scale, but my heart goes out to the men crawling in holes like rats without caring to even knock the coal dust off their beaten faces.

Maybe I'm a bit biased because of my previously stated affinity for the working man, but I believe Spike has struck gold — or rather coal — with both a national audience and the folks like us back in the hills.

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## Graffiti warrants immediate action

I staunchly condemn the recent graffiti ac-

tivities that have occurred on our campus. Graffiti is an antiquated form of self-ex-



MICHAEL ADKINS  
COLUMNIST

pression that unnecessarily degrades the quality of public life. Several Marshall University students have been accused of engaging in a graffiti spree on campus. It is important to recognize that the accused students are innocent until proven guilty.

However, there is no doubt that there's been an increase of graffiti on campus. Such acts are a selfish act of self-expression that must be dealt with at the expense of the taxpayer.

I recognize that some forms of graffiti are art, but I do not believe that self-expression should damage government property. Artistic talent can be applied using other forums. The perpetrators of the recent events have other options to convey their message.

They could write editorials in local newspapers or use Twitter, Facebook, Myspace or any number of social networking sites to convey their message to a global audience. Instead, they have chosen to convey a pointless message to a limited audience at everyone's expense.

I encourage the local criminal justice system to avidly pursue the perpetrators and seek restitution for the damages. Moreover, if convicted, the perpetrators should be barred from campus. The overwhelming majority of students are peaceful, law-abiding citizens and we should not tolerate any destructive criminal activity on our campus.

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# Sorority hosts pancake breakfast

THE PARTHENON

While most college students were still sleeping at 6 a.m. on a Saturday morning, the girls of Alpha Chi Omega were wide-awake in the kitchen cooking an abundance of pancakes and sausages. Alpha Chi Omega Sorority hosted its annual pancake breakfast April 2.

The pancake breakfast was held at the Alpha Chi Omega Suite located at 510 20th Street in Huntington across from Stadium Bookstore.

The event was successful, and the women of Alpha Chi Omega were able to raise approximately \$500.

The major difference about this pancake breakfast from other events in the past was that the women did all of the work involved with it rather than having professionals cook the food and set up all the tables, chairs and decorations.

All of the girls worked together to prepare the many pancakes, sausages and drinks; set up the tables, chairs, decorations and syrup; greet and seat the customers as they walked in; cater to each

person to make sure they had everything they needed and were content with their meal; deliver pancake packages all over the Huntington area; and clean up after everyone left the suite.

In honor of their philanthropy, domestic violence, the major theme of the pancake breakfast was set around purple table clothes and lots of purple flowers.

Not only were people able to come into the suite and get catered to by the ladies of Alpha Chi Omega, but they were also able to purchase tickets and have the pancakes delivered to their home or place of work.

One of the many Marshall students that came by the suite for breakfast was Marty Emerson.

"The food was great, the girls were nice, and I felt good after knowing I helped raise money for a good cause," Emerson said.

All of the proceeds generated went to Alpha Chi Omega's philanthropy, Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, a non-profit agency providing shelter for victims of domestic violence.

The leftover pancakes and sausages were quickly packed up and taken to Golden Girl, which is a non-profit home for girls.

# At least 11 dead in massacre in Rio de Janeiro

BY DIANA RENEE

DPA  
MCT

RIO DE JANEIRO — At least 11 people, mostly children, died Thursday and more than 15 were wounded when an armed man attacked a school in Realengo in the poor suburbs of Rio de Janeiro.

Police initially said that 13 people had died, but Rio de Janeiro's Health Ministry later lowered the death toll.

According to a preliminary police report, the attacker — a 24-year-old former student at the school — was among the dead after shooting himself in the head. He attacked Tasso da Silveira school, where some 400 students ages 9-14 were in classes.

Police Col. Djalma Beltrami said the killer used two handguns and a lot of ammunition. The suspect left behind a letter, in which he anticipated committing suicide after the attack. Beltrami, however, gave no details of any possible motive.

Beltrami described the letter as "the words of a person who no longer believes in anything, full of sentences that made no sense and references to Islamic fundamentalism."

Beltrami said the attacker was friendly as he went into the school, chatting with administrators and teachers and asking for permission to address the children. When he reached the third floor of the building, the suspect entered one of the classrooms and started to shoot at students, killing nine girls and one boy.

The attacker apparently committed suicide upon being chased by a police officer who had been called in by a student who managed to escape the building.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff was "in shock" over the killings, government spokesman Rodrigo Baena Soares said in Brasilia.

"He still had a lot of ammunition in his possession. Had it not been for the arrival of the police officer, the tragedy would have been even worse," Beltrami said.

Roselane de Oliveira, a sister of the attacker, told Rio de Janeiro radio station Band News that the young man "was very strange."

"He had no friends, and he spent all his time on the Internet," she said.

In recent months, she said, he appeared to have got closer to Islam.

Police stressed, however, that there was no concrete evidence that the attack had either a religious or a political motive.

# Rebels suspect NATO of airstrikes on their positions

BY SHASHANK BENGALI

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AJDABIYA, Libya — Libyan rebels accused NATO of launching deadly airstrikes on their forces Thursday outside the frontline oil town of Brega, signaling growing confusion in the military effort to thwart Col. Moammar Gadhafi.

Rebels blamed the attack on NATO planes, but the commander of the rebel army said it was possible that Gadhafi's air force had evaded the NATO-enforced no-fly zone. The midmorning attack killed at least five people, doctors said, and allowed Gadhafi's forces to fire artillery rounds at the strategic city of Ajdabiya, although rebels later retook their positions outside the city.

It would be the second accidental NATO strike against rebel forces in less than a week — at least 13 rebels were killed in an airstrike on Brega last Saturday — but nearly 12 hours after what he described as "a vicious attack," Gen. Abdelfatah Younis, the commander of rebel forces, still couldn't say with certainty who was responsible. He said NATO had apologized to his forces but that he hadn't communicated directly with the alliance.

"If the bombardment was carried out by NATO, then it's definitely a mistake, and if the airstrike was carried out by Gadhafi troops, then it is an even bigger mistake," Younis said.

Libya's opposition has expressed growing frustration with NATO, which it accuses of not doing enough to protect civilians in rebel-held towns that are under siege by Gadhafi's forces. Rebels who were treated for injuries at the small overwhelmed hospital in Ajdabiya expressed shock that NATO warplanes could mistake a convoy of their tanks — which they said were stationary and flying the tricolor rebel flag — for those loyal to Gadhafi.

"NATO is cheating us. NATO is not with us," said Ahmed Salim Youssef, 25.

NATO officials in Brussels said they were investigating the matter but described the area where the airstrike took place as "unclear and fluid with mechanized weapons traveling in all directions."

"What remains clear is that NATO will continue to uphold the U.N. mandate and strike forces that can potentially cause harm to the civilian population of Libya," the alliance said.

The small oil port of Brega has become the fulcrum for several days of seesaw battles between the rebels and Gadhafi loyalists for control of Libya's Mediterranean coastline. About 50 miles north of Brega lies Ajdabiya, the last redoubt before the rebel capital of Benghazi, a city of some 1 million people.

About 12 miles outside Brega, rebels said that missiles launched from a low-flying warplane struck four tanks — including three Soviet-built T-72s that rebel forces had seized from Gadhafi's army during recent battles — and a passenger bus ferrying fighters to the front line.

Underscoring the confusion, a spokeswoman for the opposition, Eman Boughaigis, said initially that Gadhafi loyalist aircraft had carried out the attack. However, rebels said the size and precision of the blasts suggested that they had come from NATO planes.

About two hours after the airstrike, Gadhafi ground forces who had been in Brega took advantage of the confusion to advance on Ajdabiya from three directions, shelling the western gate of the city with artillery rounds that shook the scrubland.

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The attack sent the rebels running for cover across a sand-swept desert highway. Trucks laden with Grad missiles raced through Ajdabiya toward Benghazi, ignoring a uniformed rebel soldier who waved at the passing vehicles to stop.

The rebel leadership is good, "but the problem is NATO," said Idriss Abdulkarim, a unit leader in the rebel army. "We were doing good before NATO took the mission. The national council has to change the mission back to France. Now the situation is very bad. We can't do anything."

Libyan opposition figures have voiced alarm at the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Misrata, a rebel-held city in western Libya that Gadhafi's forces have attacked with snipers and artillery barrages, and complained that NATO had not stopped the attacks. Earlier this week, the Turkish navy, under NATO command, stopped a ship from delivering weapons and medical supplies to Misrata because the shipment would have violated an arms embargo.

Speaking Thursday, Younis played down tensions between the rebels and NATO and said they were in "minute-by-minute communication."

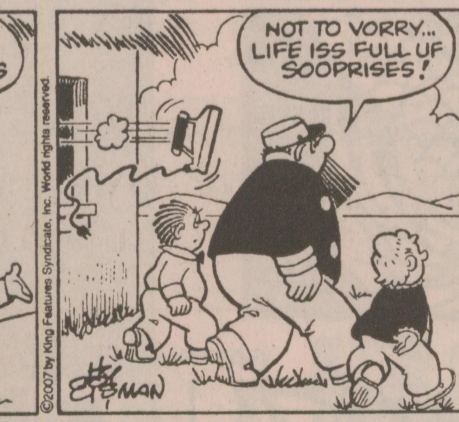
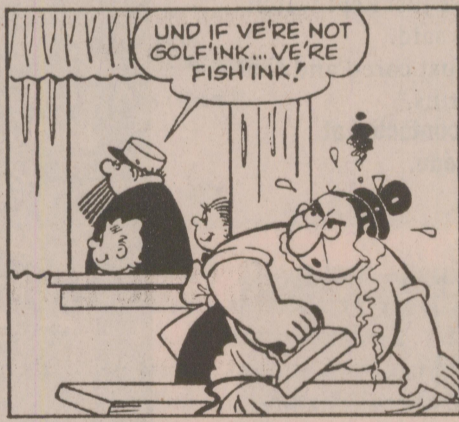
"We are not generally questioning the intentions of NATO, because they are supposedly here to help us and to protect the civilians," Younis said. "But we would like to receive some answers about what happened today and we would like a rational and convincing explanation. And we hope that such a mistake would not be repeated."

The rebels are struggling to rehabilitate old weapons and are slowly being bolstered by weapons from allied nations such as Qatar, Younis said. On Thursday, about 20 rebel tanks arrived on the front line for the first time, including 12 T-55 tanks that had sat unused at a military base in Benghazi for years and had just been rehabilitated, and several T-72s.

Qatar recently supplied the rebels with simple antitank weapons and sent two trainers to teach the rebels how to operate them.

"Our soldiers have never dealt with" the weapons, Younis said. "They are being trained."

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## International student adjusts to new classroom culture

BY ERIN MILLER  
THE PARTHENON

Imagine attending a university that is literally on the other side of the world from your home. A university where not only the spoken language is different from what you were taught as a child but also operates on a completely different alphabet. This is the reality for many of the Asian exchange students attending Marshall University.

Hwami Yang, international student from Kyoto-shi, Kyoto, Japan, has been studying in America for nearly nine months.

"There really are so many differences," Hwami said. "My first meal in America was at Taco Bell," Hwami laughed. "I ordered a medium drink and that was like an extra large in Japan. I had never seen that huge of a cup in my country."

Hwami's home, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto, is one of the 10 largest cities in Japan. According to Hwami, it is also one of the most historical places left in central Japan. The city has a rich and colorful culture, which western civilization often depicts in modern media.

Hwami found Marshall through Kansai Gaidai University, the school she attended in Japan.

"Marshall University and Kansai Gaidai university have a really, really long history," she said. "My school is the foreign language school so it's a specialized school."

Despite the fact Hwami is skilled at speaking and understanding English, she said she had a difficult time adjusting to the new classroom culture.

"The classes in Japan are much more lecture," Hwami explained. "We don't really have discussions in the classroom. Here, everyone just say what they think, they just raise their hands and say whatever they want. But in my country, if someone says something, everyone would just stare at that person. So, there, we feel a lot of pressure and we feel like we can't say anything so the lectures are very quiet."

"But here we have to participate so we have to say something in class and that is really, really hard for the international students because first we have to listen to what they are saying, then we have to understand what they are talking about, then we have to think of what we want to say and then translate it into English," Hwami said. "All of that takes time."

Hwami said this has affected her more than she had expected.

"In an undergraduate lecture, the teacher doesn't explain about words," Hwami said. "They just keep on going and keep going even if I don't understand a word. So I have to bring a tape recorder so every time I have to go to the professor and ask if I can use the recorder and I have to go back to my dorm and I have to repeat it and take notes again. It takes a lot of time."

Several of the international students living in the residence halls live in small communities. One of

these communities is the sixth floor of Twin Towers West.

Faite Ahaghotu, resident adviser on the sixth floor, said she has learned a lot about other cultures during her time as an RA.

"They have really good eating habits and diet," Ahaghotu said. "They eat healthier food than we eat, it's something just to see what they eat compared to us."

"You can't miss Hwami at all," Ahaghotu smiled. "I like her a lot, she's just so open."

But perhaps the best experience of all in Hwami's eyes was the opportunity to travel while in America.

"I went to New York City last year with the International Program" she said, "and we drove there and that sucked a lot. We also hit a deer. That was a good memory for us," Hwami laughed.

"I had always thought New York City was really crowded and really dirty, but it was cleaner than here really," Hwami said. "The people were really nice. I felt like I could do anything I wanted. If I had a dream, I felt like New York City could be it for me."

Hwami has also found peace in the slower flow of West Virginia and Huntington.

"People don't rush at all here," Hwami said. "It's a really big difference than in Japan. Japanese people are really strict about time. Even a minute is a really big deal. People living here don't rush at all. So I'm kind of worried if when I go back to Japan I am going to be so lazy now. If I say I'm going to be late ten minutes here it's no big deal, but in Japan it's like, 'What? You're going to be late? How old are you?'"

With the recent natural disaster in Japan beginning with the earthquake and culminating into a tsunami that crashed against Japan's shore, Hwami said she found herself unexpectedly cared for.

"If it happens in America, I sometimes feel that Japanese people don't care about it," Hwami said solemnly. "But it kind of impressed me because people living here care a lot. My friends who know I am from Japan were asking if my family was okay and if everything was OK. Just right after it happened, my boyfriend's sister called me at 6:30 in the morning to make sure my family was OK. Even my professors were asking me if I was OK."

But Hwami did feel a little frustration in trying to keep up with the recent developments of the disaster through America's news.

"Right after it happened, I was watching TV with my friend and we really didn't have any new information, and they were just repeating the same stuff so we just kept watching Facebook," she said.

"Everyone here just cared and that really was good for us."

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