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Hope for Haiti

Haitian physician inspires fundraising efforts

BY CHRYSAL PHILLIPS
THE PARTHENON

The homes of many Haitians still remain in complete devastation even after one year has passed and now with the outbreak of cholera that began in Oct. 2010, Haitians are facing more problems.

Cholera has not been documented in Haiti for several decades but this infection of the small intestine is resulting in deaths of several Haitian people.

The Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program is required to do a community project each year, said professor and chair of the department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Ali Oliashirazi.

"One of our 10 rules for residency program is 'to give back,'" Oliashirazi said.

Last year, the program went to Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, to help in medical efforts at the Double Harvest Hospital right after the earthquake struck the country.

Oliashirazi said while stationed at the hospital they met Dr. Edmond Elysee, a local Haitian physician and medical director of the hospital. "He really is a remarkable guy," Oliashirazi said. "We raised £3,000 for medical equipment that helped Dr. Elysee greatly."

With the help of the residencies of the program, Dr. Elysee was able to help thousands of sick and injured Haitians.

He unfortunately lost his home in the disaster and recently his personal vehicle used to transport

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JOHN YEINGST | THE PARTHENON

Kiran Jayaram, anthropologist specializing in Haitian culture, spoke Wednesday to a group of students and faculty at Marshall University. Jayaram said Haiti has many problems that were made worse by the aid that poured into the country following last year's earthquake.

Speaker addresses issues, solutions surrounding Haiti

BY KELLEY BUGLER
THE PARTHENON

An anthropologist specializing in Haiti visited Marshall University on Wednesday to talk about the nation's problems since the 2010 earthquake and ways to help.

Kiran Jayaram, a Ph.D. candidate at Columbia University, has 13 years of experience and education on Haitian culture and living, and he shared his ideas and opinions on the most effective ways to volunteer and donate.

"Donating clothes to Haiti and buying seed and taking it to Haiti is affecting peoples'

livelihoods," Jayaram said. "People are doing it out of love for humanity, and I respect that, but it is also destroying peoples' lives."

Jayaram said Haiti used to make its own clothes, but cheap industry clothing has taken peoples' jobs and destroyed that part of the economy.

"Any work a man can get pays less than \$5 a day," Jayaram said. "They cannot pass legislation to get people to earn a minimum wage."

Jayaram said the Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership

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Marshall frats react to shooting at Youngstown State

BY CRYSTAL MYERS
THE PARTHENON

Two men involved in a disagreement at a fraternity party in Ohio returned early Sunday to shoot at the house. The shooting left one dead and 11 injured.

Youngstown State University is a Northern neighbor of Marshall University. Sigma Phi Epsilon member Nate Franklin, known as Johnny T., said the shooting worries him.

"I was somewhat shocked. Youngstown isn't much bigger than Huntington," Johnny T. said. "It makes me think something like that could happen here."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon president J.D. Rappold said he had similar reactions to the shooting.

"I was initially shocked at the incident and disappointed at the lack of self control," Rappold said.

Delta Chi president Scott Hamlin said a shooting at a fraternity causes every fraternity to suffer, no matter which letters they represent. Hamlin said it affects the reputation the Greek community holds

and shows what aspects of events could be improved.

"Parents instantly think 'frat parties' are getting shot up all over the place," Hamlin said. "If we don't take steps to keep our events safe then something, maybe not a shooting, but something may happen at one of our houses."

The members of three different fraternities at Marshall said the safety of guests at events is an important factor in the event planning.

Hamlin, social studies education senior from Huntington, said Delta Chi has protocols to follow if a dangerous situation were to occur. The fraternity has an appointed sergeant of arms who is in charge of security at any type of event.

"He remains sober and lives in the house so he can handle anything that happens," Hamlin said.

"I would make sure the incident is controlled with the best of my ability without falling victim to emotional uncertainty," said Rappold, a senior biomechanics

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CONTACT raises sexual assault awareness

BY KELLEY BUGLER
THE PARTHENON

Approximately one in every four women in college will be sexually assaulted during her time at school.

CONTACT Rape Crisis Center visited Marshall University on Wednesday to inform male and female students what constitutes sexual assault and how drinking affects a person's ability to consent.

"It is important to educate young men and women on what sexual assault actually is and what the law states it is," said Sharon Pressman, executive director of CONTACT. "It's also important to talk about how to prevent it from happening."

The Parthenon printed a story Monday about a student who was raped in September. Pressman had a student read part of that story to the group.

"I commend the student on her willingness to share because it will be able to help others seeking for help," Pressman said.

The student in the story said she was intoxicated and went back to a male student's dorm room. When she woke up, three different males she did not go home with were in the room with her, and she said they raped her.

"I thought she was so courageous to be so public about a private event," Pressman said.

CONTACT has a 24-hour hotline with trained volunteers and staff members ready to answer calls.

Heather Stewart, junior psychology major from Barboursville, W.Va., and volunteer victim advocate, said she doesn't usually receive calls from someone who has just been raped.

"A lot of the time, people will call in on the anniversary of their rape and they need someone to talk to," Stewart said.

CONTACT receives calls from hospitals when sexual assault victims are on their way to the hospital.

"We are able to meet with victims and their families," Stewart said. "We are happy to be there to support the victim and explain what the nurses are doing."

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Marshall celebrates Black History Month

BY CHERIE DAVIS
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University offers an array of programs designed to provide educational and cultural enlightenment to celebrate Black History Month.

"I believe it is absolutely essential for students to attend programs, when they are attending universities to obtain degrees. They should make every attempt possible to expose themselves to learning about the history and cultures of people throughout the world," says Maurice Cooley, director of the Center for African American Student's Programs.

Many programs are offered this month to celebrate and learn more about African American history. On Feb. 15, Joseph McGill, a historian, will be presenting "Slave Dwelling Project." The program is about personal life experiences and a historical overview about slave cabins.

Shari Clarke, vice president of Multicultural Affairs, said that it is important for all students to attend these events, not just African-American students.

"Marshall University is an educational institution and students are here to learn. Black history month is everyone's history regardless of race, socio-economic levels or other descriptors," Clarke said.

The Center For African American Students' Programs

will also be offering the Freedom Rider Program on Feb. 17, the Annual Diversity Breakfast on Feb. 18 and African-American History Bowl on Feb. 22.

"Our earlier life exposures are primarily exposure to who we are like, and so we have a narrow view about society and the world, and coming into the university is a place to learn. Plus it is important that we do this because the purpose of coming here is to expand our knowledge about society," Cooley said.

Black History Month is a federally recognized month and it is important because of the enormous amount of contributions African Americans have given to this country.

Students can also celebrate Black History Month by visiting art exhibits, museums and attending the programs offered at Marshall. Appalachia is very important to Black History Month and many tours are offered within drivable distance.

"Just think how more at ease and more secure that we would be if we feel comforted because we are acquainted with their history and background and things that are symbolic to them," Cooley said.

For more information, students can go to the Center for African American Students' Programs in the Memorial Student Center.

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African American students expressed their musical talents during an event called Black Coffee held in the Memorial Student Center in September.

2011 West Virginia Gubernatorial Candidates

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Earl Ray Tomblin, D-Logan
Rick Thompson, D-Wayne
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Natalie Tennant, D-Kanawha

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Mark Sorsaia, R-Putnam
Patrick Lane, R-Kanawha

Jesse Johnson, Mtn. Party - Kanawha

Bill in Legislature calls for regulation of dangerous dogs

BY ANNA SWIFT
THE PARTHENON

A bill is pending in the West Virginia House of Delegates that would require the regulation of dogs deemed dangerous or potentially dangerous.

The bill, HB 2716, is sponsored by Delegate Thomas Campbell, D-Greenbrier, and Delegate Ray Canterbury, R-Greenbrier, and is the only of its kind in the House or Senate right now.

Campbell and Canterbury were contacted but unavailable for comment.

Marybeth Beller, associate professor of political science, said the bill, if deemed necessary, would largely protect the public from such dogs but also said there is not much likelihood that it will be passed.

"This is going to be very onerous for such dangerous dog owners, and so the likelihood of it passing is probably very low because it's almost punitive," Beller said.

While West Virginia already has a leash law, the bill would call for more

regulation. Among its conditions, it would require the registration of dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs by their owner, a \$15 annual fee in addition to regular dog licensing fees and that owners be at least 21 years of age. It would also require the spaying or neutering of such dogs, the implantation of a microchip and participation in a socialization, behavior program and constant confinement in an appropriate enclosure, unless medical reasons necessitate travel.

Failure to comply with these conditions, among others, would result in the immediate impoundment or the humane destruction of the animal, according to the bill. Violations, on the other hand, would be classified as a misdemeanor carrying a fine of up to \$500 or 90 days in jail. A \$10,000 fine would be charged to an owner whose dog has caused serious harm.

Johnny Gue, freshman criminal justice major from Tiverton, R.I., said he

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GRE revised to offer students better testing experience

BY ASHLEY GROHOSKI
THE PARTHENON

The current computerized Graduate Record Examination, GRE, will offer changes for students in August 2011.

It is offered to give prospective graduate students the advantage of a better testing experience. The questions and results will help colleges identify the graduate school readiness of the test-takers.

The GRE is used as an entrance examination in the U.S. along with other countries. It is required for admission into most graduate schools. Admissions departments use the exam to predict one's success when reaching graduate school. The exam tests for quantitative, analytical and verbal skills. Currently it contains multiple-choice questions and essays.

The revised exam will have many changes, which include allowing students to edit their answers from previous questions they have already visited.

"The GRE currently is a computer-adaptive exam. It does round you to the next question based on how you answered the previous question. The difference is because it is a computer adaptive, candidates can not go back and change any if their answers after they have answered a previous question, because if they reviewed it, that would make them change every question afterwards," says Vickie Seguin, program director, explaining the test.

"The new GRE will be set up so it allows candidates to review answers to questions that have been answered previously in a certain group of test questions," Seguin said.

The newer questions will indulge students into real-life scenarios that may be faced when entering graduate

school. The test will exclude all antonyms and analogies and focus more on higher-level skills. This will provide a more precise measurement of students' reading and reasoning skills. The test's completion questions focus on how students evaluate what they have previously read during the test. Students are also tested on evaluating sentence structures as a whole by evaluating the sentence and concluding how it should be completed best. The revised GRE is offering more reading comprehension questions than ever before.

When taking the quantitative reasoning section, students will provide answers using basic arithmetic and data analysis skills they have obtained throughout their undergraduate years.

One large change within the new test will be an online calculator. This will be less time-consuming for students to accomplish tedious measurements. Students must still have an active knowledge of mathematics, but can use the skills and apply them with help of the online calculator.

"My strategy centered around eliminating answers and moving through as fast as possible because of time. I'm not sure I would benefit from going back, but I think it would still be better for those who want to skip the longer questions and come back; so the new one couldn't hurt," says Steven Holland, sociology major, discussing his experience with taking the GRE.

According to the GRE website, students can take the GRE revised general test in August or September and save 50 percent on their test fee. It is recommended by the website to register on March 25 due to the possibility of seats filling up quickly.

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Old Main Corridor project gearing up for second phase

BY ASHLEY MANNON
THE PARTHENON

The Old Main Corridor project has made part of Fourth Avenue more inviting and will soon continue its journey from Marshall's campus to downtown.

Phase two of the project is currently under review by the Department of Highways. This phase will go from 13th Street to 14th Street, and an award for its funding has been received. Charles Holley, executive director of development and planning, said the department is hoping to get the notice to proceed with construction by this summer.

The project is focused on connecting Marshall University's campus with downtown Huntington. It was formulated in 2000 under former Mayor David Felinton. The project's goal is to make the area from Hal Greer Boulevard to the Sixth Street Bridge more inviting to college students, residents and visitors.

Lighting was one of the first tasks to make the area friendlier to pedestrians. Adding new lighting, improving sidewalks and planting flowers were all performed to attract people to the establishments in this area and increase the residents' feelings of safety.

The additional phases will follow this model of making downtown more inviting. Phase three, from 11th Street to 13th Street, is projected to start in summer 2012, pending the results of an application for a grant of \$625,000.

Holley said the Department of Development and Planning would like to continue the project to Sixth Street and connect with the bridge joining Huntington and Chesapeake, Ohio.

About five years ago, the Department of Development and Planning

went directly to the targeted audience of college students, visiting campus and issuing e-mail surveys to ask students what they would like to see downtown.

"Some of the things that were complained about was that it was dark, it was not inviting and, especially at night, there was at least the perception of crime," Holley said.

They also asked students how they felt about the downtown area.

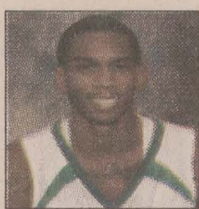
"Some of them said once they left campus it was grittier," Holley said. "They said you could definitely tell where the edges of the campus were. Part of the project is to try to erase that line between campus and downtown."

Brian Peach, City Tan manager, has not noticed a direct relation to increased business but he attributes more foot traffic in the area to the lighting improvements. The tanning salon is open until midnight on some nights and Peach has noticed the area being more populated after dark than it was before.

"I see more people outside," Peach said. "I think people were uncomfortable to walk around at night before they put up the light posts, but it seems like the additional lighting has eased some fears."

Bike lanes are now in the works for the area. The four-lane road would experience, as Holley said, a "road diet." Two lanes would go both east and west, with a center lane converted into a turning lane. The space on either side nearest the sidewalks would be made into bike lanes. This design is popular in many cities throughout the U.S., but would be the first of its kind in West Virginia.

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Men's Basketball falls to UAB in surprise loss

BY PATRICK MILLER
THE PARTHENON

Unable to get anything going from tip-off to the final buzzer, Marshall (15-9) suffered its worst home loss of the season Wednesday night, falling 64-48 to University of Alabama Birmingham (17-6). The Herd's offense was dismal, scoring the fewest points in a game yet this season, helped in part by an inability to rebound and only shooting 14.3 percent from 3-point range.

"This was absolutely a thoroughly disappointing performance by our team," head coach Tom Herrion said. "We didn't see this coming by any stretch. We were out coached, out played and I'm the most disappointed in my team's performance since I was named head coach."

Rarely is a basketball game decided a couple minutes into the second half, but UAB stifled the Herd for good after the Herd narrowed the lead to 40-33. As UAB's Cameron Moore scored five straight points to extend UAB's lead to 45-33, the Herd

was unable to muster anything meaningful after that scoring streak. Moore finished the game with 18 points and 14 rebounds while playing all 40 minutes.

For much of the night, Moore harassed dominated the second best rebounding team in Conference USA, as Marshall was out rebounded 39-23, including 14-4 on the offensive boards. UAB was also able to out shoot the Herd 60-48.

"We were flat, we played with no energy or urgency," Herrion said. "I don't coach effort but now I am, that is what bothered me the most tonight. We got man-handled from the beginning to the end."

With nine minutes left in the second half, UAB extended its lead to 60-40, and the Cam Henderson center crowd began to thin out, Marshall scored only eight points the rest of the game.

"The home crowd was not at full capacity, and I think the snow helped our team," UAB head coach Mike Davis said. "I thought we bothered them defensively and didn't allow second chance shots, they were not the

same team we played last time.

The Herd began the game lethargically, getting beat on every loose ball and generally getting out-hustled by the Blazers. The lead changed four times to start the game, before UAB began to pull away. Ten minutes into the game, the Herd trailed 22-12 thanks to the Herd getting dominated in the paint, out rebounded 12-6. Moore's six points and six rebounds led UAB during the stretch.

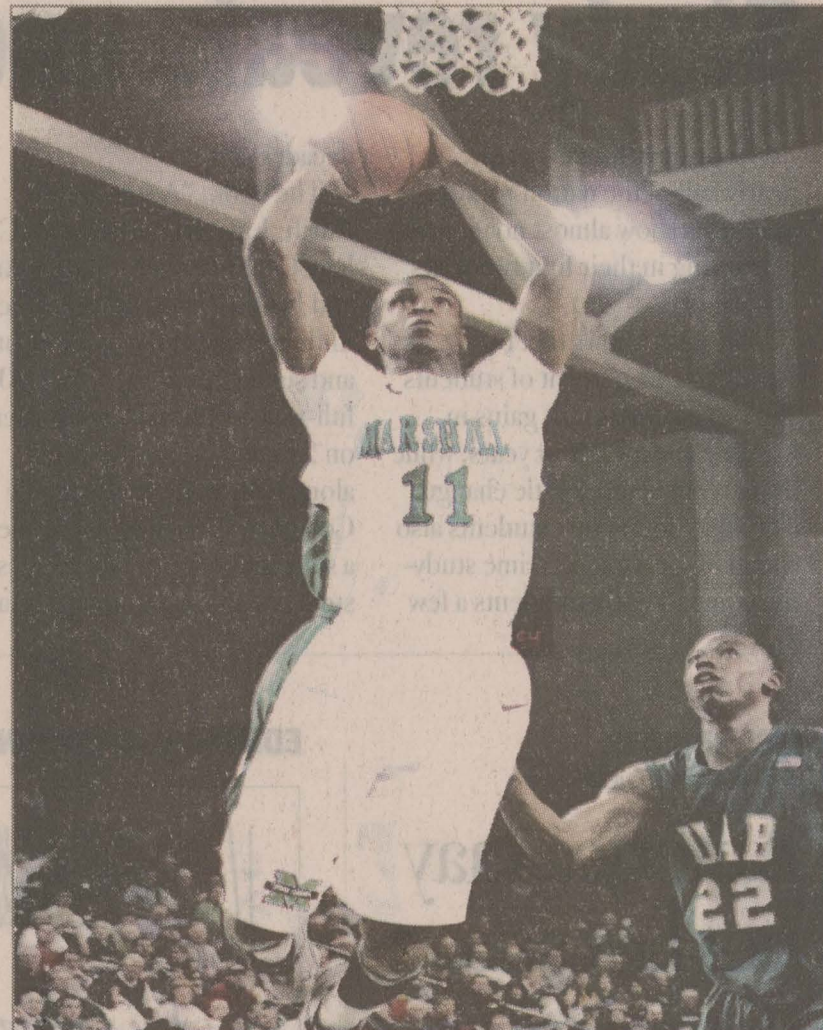
UAB led by as much as 13 in the first half and walked in halftime with a 35-27 lead. Marshall was out rebounded 20-12 in the first half, including 6-1 on the offensive glass, Moore had 10 and played every minute of the first half.

"We will make a lot of changes to correct how we play, we had no answers for anything tonight," Herrion said.

Herrion did not rule out changing the lineup to help inject energy in his team.

The Herd plays at 5 p.m. on Saturday at East Carolina University.

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JOHN YEINGST | THE PARTHENON
Nigel Spikes, redshirt sophomore from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., goes for a dunk Wednesday night against UAB. The Herd lost 64-48.

Women's basketball gets creative to boost attendance

BY JAKE SNYDER
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University women's basketball team is using promotions to bring students out to the Cam Henderson Center for basketball games.

This will continue Sunday with the Jam the Cam promotion. The game, which will be played against the University of Central Florida, includes a \$5 giveaway to the first 100 students in attendance and culminates with a halftime competition where one student will have the chance to win \$500.

According to assistant athletic director of ticketing, Aaron Goebbel, holding promotions for women's games can increase attendance.

"We know women's games sometimes fall on less attractive nights," Goebbel said. "If you provide a great atmosphere and you get people out

to one game, then they see the product on the floor and things start to move in the right direction. It's kind of marketing itself."

Cash is not the only incentive for students to attend. According to Goebbel, several businesses will also be in attendance promoting their companies, as well as handing out small prizes.

Another item on the agenda for the Jam the Cam festivities is the Sweethearts Clinic, which is open to girls ages 12 and under. Goebbel said student athletes representing each of the women's sports take the girls through different drills before attending the women's basketball game.

Goebbel said a large crowd is expected for Sunday's game, which is good news to head coach Royce Chadwick.

"I can always feel the excitement of the fans. It's a vibe you get when you are walking out of the tunnel," Chadwick said.

"In crucial moments, when the fans get hyped, it is a great motivator for the players."

"Jam the Cam has been an ongoing tradition for the women's basketball team since 2005, when the team faced the University of Kentucky," Goebbel said.

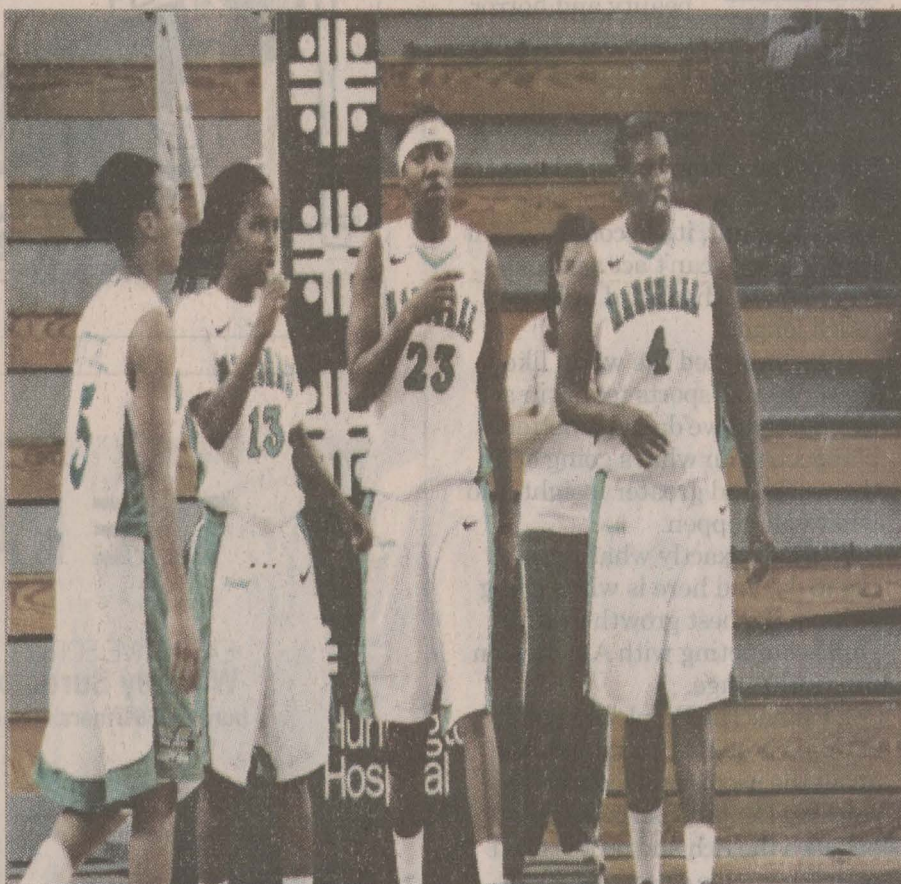
"We had almost 7,000 people at the game," Goebbel said. "It was not only one of the best women's basketball attendances, but one of the best attendances we've had in the building."

In an effort to get the general public, as well as students, to the game, general admission tickets will be sold for \$1.

Goebbel said the team would continue to offer different promotions for home games throughout the rest of the season.

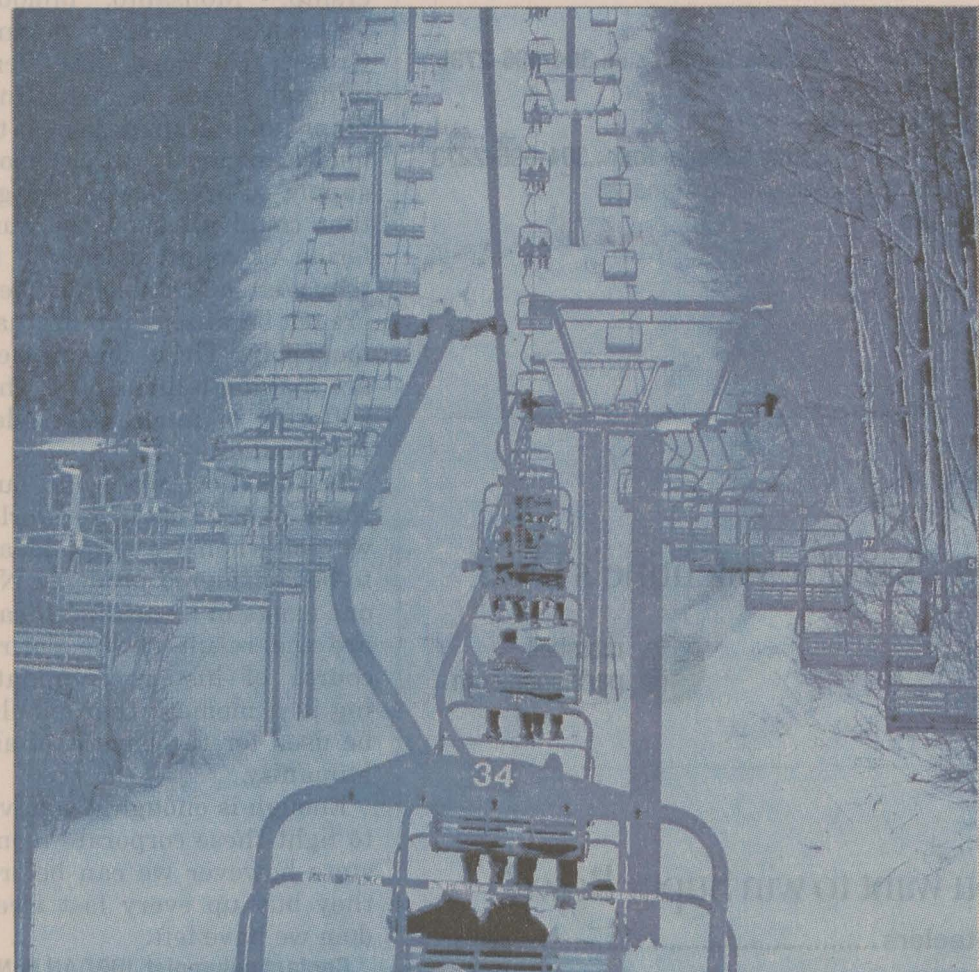
Sunday's game is slated for 2 p.m. in the Cam Henderson Center.

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JOHN YEINGST | THE PARTHENON
Players huddle together after a freethrow shot against Memphis Jan. 31. The Herd plays Sunday against University of Central Florida.

Winterplace provides ideal location for winter activities



MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON
Winterplace Ski Resort, located in Ghent, W.Va., is a popular ski resort that offers discounts to Marshall University students.

BY ELIZABETH STEWART
THE PARTHENON

The snow is falling, and the slopes are ready. Students who want to slide down the side of a mountain only need one day and nerves of steel.

"Winterplace's location is the key to its success," said Scott Farr, ski instructor. "It's only a one day trip. The elevation and terrain of Winterplace is really great for skiing."

Located in Ghent, W.Va., Winterplace Ski Resort is a two and a half hour drive from Huntington.

Farr particularly enjoys the Turkey Chute, which is an expert trail. Even if the skier is brand new, there is no need to worry. According to Cline, there are various skill levels for ski trails, tubing areas and also a new training park that has just opened where students can learn the basics of skiing and snowboarding.

"The snow is really great right now and will only get better after the storm this weekend," says Missy Cline, winterplace group liason.

"With new snow falling, the trails can get tricky," Farr said.

Farr, who goes to Winterplace several times a month, has some tips for first-time skiers, snowboarders and visitors to Winterplace Ski Resort.

"Don't get frustrated. You're going to fall,

Farr also suggests taking the training lessons offered as a refresher course, even if it isn't the skier's first time.

"Knowing how to properly stop is the key to navigating the slopes, especially when getting around skiers who have wiped out," Farr said. "It's also great to know how to turn."

He also advises skiers to familiarize themselves with the slope by taking it slow the first time.

"Stopping will help the skier gauge the terrain and identify spots where other skiers are wiping out," Farr said. "Once you learn, though, you got it. It's like riding a bike."

Cline also has some advice on making the most of the trip.

"If you can come mid-week or in the evenings, then it's like having the slopes to yourself," Cline said.

Winterplace gives students an opportunity to get out and enjoy the winter weather without going too far from home.

"Winterplace offers special group rates and discounts to all college students and faculty to provide a good affordable experience. Those interested can visit winterplace.com for more details," Cline said.

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THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

Study reveals undergraduates do not learn

According to a new study, nearly half of the nation's undergraduates show almost no increase in learning in their first two years of college.

The study shows that two years in college, 45 percent of students showed no significant gains in learning and after four years, while 36 percent showed little change. The study found that students also spend 50 percent less time studying compared with students a few

decades ago.

The book, "Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses" by Richard Arum and Josipa Roska, released these findings based off of transcripts and surveys of more than 3,000 full-time traditional-age students on 29 campuses nationwide, along with their results on the Collegiate Learning Assessment, a standardized test that gauges students' critical thinking, analytic

reasoning and writing skills.

These studies are an insult to every university in the United States.

Is the book trying to infer our parents are wasting their money on our education? What about Ivy League colleges? Are those students wasting their time too, just going to the university merely for its name?

With the economy being the way it is, students have to work especially hard to compete in today's

workforce. So many people are being laid off and looking for jobs, making it even more difficult for us to compete with those who have more work experience.

Graduate colleges are becoming more difficult to enroll in by increasing their admission criteria and this study's results makes it seem as though college is a waste of time and that we are not learning anything useful. But we beg to differ.

College teaches us how to

develop our time-management skills, enhance our ability to interact with different types of individuals, facilitate the acquisition of knowledge and perhaps most importantly, discover who we are. Earning a college diploma may not seem like much of an achievement to some individuals, but it's a feat many individuals are proud to say they've accomplished.

BISHOP NASH CHICKEN SOUP

America may not last as a powerhouse



BISHOP NASH COLUMNIST

As Americans see the light at the end of this recession, it's not just us pulling out of this global economic crisis. The beauty and horror of an international free market is that geopolitics change with each ebb and

flow of the dollar, euro and yuan. Like throwing cold water on a sleeping giant, it's become evident that America can't act as the international schoolyard bully for much longer.

If we analyzed the world like we scrutinize sports teams in a league, then we'd gain a better perspective on what's going on in the world and greater insight into what will happen.

So that's exactly what I'm going to do, and here is who's going to have the best growth overall while competing with America on the world stage.

1. China: The People's Republic of China is quickly becoming less about the people and more about stacking Benjamins. As the gap between the rich and poor is filled with the middle class, business is going to go through the roof, if it hasn't already. If we're ever going to have Cold War with another country, then it's going to be them. For China, that's a good sign they're on the right track to success.

2. Brazil: It's not a stretch to say that the newest world player is going to come out of South America. The country is already beginning massive overhauls of its infrastructure and cracking down hard on crime-infested slums. The 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympics are going to put a major spotlight on Latin America's largest country, and government-owned Petrobras could become a major supplier of cheap oil to the gas-guzzling United States.

3. The Arab World: One country alone out of the Middle East is not going to make a terrible amount of noise in the global market. Banded together they're a force comparable to the European Union minus the infighting. It's not all about oil anymore; the shipping between Europe and Asia harkens back to the Silk Road and spice routes as Japan, China, Korea and Indonesia acquire spending money for goods out of Europe and America. These combined elements will lead to a powerhouse country rising from the midst.

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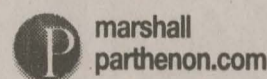
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What are your plans for Valentine's Day?

- Go to dinner
- Have a weekend away
- I hate Valentine's Day



RESULTS

Who do you want to win Super Bowl?

- Pittsburgh Steelers 49%
- Green Bay Packers 37%
- I don't care 14%

JORDAN FANNIN GUEST COLUMNIST

Sharing electrons

Lately Marshall University has tried to scare us away from "piracy." They could protect us by making our activity anonymous (like the public library does) but they don't. These reactionary measures, rooted in intimidation by the Recording Industry Association of America, R.I.A.A., spark a debate. I would like to present a counter-point.

You hold a lit candle. Someone with an unlit candle lights hers from yours. Is she a thief? What is the difference when the candle is a computer? Without taking from anyone, you can make a copy of an electron pattern — in the form of digital media such as songs and videos.

This is theft? Nothing is taken. No one can really own an idea. It is immaterial. Ideas spread. They are indomitable.

But if artists aren't paid, there won't be any new art. That's a capitalist's argument presuming that the profit motive is all that drives creativity. Who paid prehistoric Africans for the first drum beats? Would you quit being creative if you knew you wouldn't make money? If so, quit now and go into banking. Musicians make money from concert tickets. Record companies make money from CDs. But the real problem goes far beyond music.

Commoditization is leading to perverse claims of "ownership." Monsanto, famous for Agent Orange, Bovine Growth Hormone, and Terminator Seeds, is patenting plant and animal genes to hold a monopoly on our food supply. Pfizer owns drugs that could alleviate the suffering of countless people if they were affordable but they are not because of intellectual monopoly. These businesses are making billions off of the suffering of innocent people, our families.

Is this how we want our world to be? This is the world we get when we allow ideas to be considered property. No one exists in a vacuum. Ideas are the result of the entire course of history culminating in a moment that should be used for the benefit of all humanity.

Enough is enough. We have to fight these corporate monsters however we can before they buy up every last freedom we have left.

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Event to help children in need

THE PARTHENON

The ability to 'buy one, get one free' is any shopper's favorite deal, and a program going on this month is giving residents a chance to feel good while participating in it.

TOMS shoes are offering their services to allow residents to "Style Your Sole," in an event that will take place on Feb. 28 in the Freshman-South residence hall.

Residents who would like to participate in the event are encouraged to stop by the Freshman-South front desk to order a pair of white TOMS shoes to be decorated at the event. The event is not limited to freshman.

For every pair of TOMS shoes purchased, a child in need gets a pair of shoes for free.

Stephanie Turley, residence life specialist, said that the event is a part of the freshmen network series that creates opportunities for freshmen to meet with residents who live in other buildings.

The event is also a social learning outcome that focuses on social justice and advocacy, which is a focus for the month of February in the residence halls.

"The department of housing and residence life wants to encourage residents to get out and do things to help out around the community and the social justice and advocacy events are designed to do that," Hurley said.

Prizes will also be raffled off throughout the event.

The shoes cost \$44 and the deadline for registration is Friday.

Towers Dining Hall to be renamed, students asked for suggestions

THE PARTHENON

The Twin Towers Dining Hall is getting a new name and Marshall students are being asked for suggestions.

John Yaun, director of housing and residence life, said the dining hall will undergo some renovations this summer, and renaming the hall would be a part of those renovations.

"We'd love to have student feedback on what to rename the dining hall," Yaun said.

Suggestions for a new name for the dining hall can be sent via e-mail to the department of housing and residence life.

Residents were also asked for suggestions during housing sign-ups earlier this week.

Yaun said that both options were better than just asking residents who came to sign-up for housing.

"Sometimes people need time to think about it and process it, so e-mail is a way to give students time to think about it and send us their ideas," Yaun said.

Twin Towers was opened in 1969 and the dining hall connects Towers East and West.

The improvements to the dining hall are expected to be completed by the start of the fall semester.

Shooting

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biomechanics major.

Johnny T., junior psychology major, said Sigma Phi Epsilon considers every option when it comes to keeping people in the house safe.

"The best way to avoid a situation like that from happening is to prevent it from the beginning," Johnny T. said.

The Greek members said checking for Marshall IDs at the door is required. At fraternity events, IDs are also checked and underage guests are marked.

Hamlin said he has always felt safe at events at Marshall. Hamlin said he has attended parties outside of fraternity row and safety has never been an issue.

"We're all college kids. We can't afford to get jail time for anything, so why start a problem," Hamlin said.

Although the shooting at Youngstown State University affected fraternities here at Marshall University, Johnny T. said he does not think stereotyping should be of the ramifications.

"At the end of the day, it wasn't the fraternity members who were behind the gun," Johnny T. said.

The two men involved in the shooting Sunday were allegedly booked and charged Monday with aggravated murder, shooting into a house and 11 counts of felonious assault.

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Physician

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patients to the hospital has broken down. With the lack of transportation, Dr. Elysee is unable to help many of the people that are sick with cholera.

Oliashirazi said that residency seniors Hans Bengtson, Tigran Garabekyan and Pooya Hosseinzadeh have organized a fundraising event to help Dr. Elysee and his family help others.

"We would like to help them utilize their skills, expertise and allow their inherent kindness to positively assist and affect the remaining sick in their Haiti region," stated a press release from these residency seniors.

They have scheduled a fundraiser for

this Saturday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Song Church located at 5800 US Route 60 East. Oliashirazi said the main goal is to raise \$15,000 in order to buy a new vehicle for Dr. Elysee to use for the hospital.

"We thought that if we could help this one man, he would help thousands," Oliashirazi said.

Even though this event is required of these residencies, they stated that they hope many people would attend the event and enjoy in some food and live music from the local band One Foot.

The residency seniors also said all donations are tax deductible and 100 percent of the proceeds will go directly to the cause. **Chrystal Phillips can be contacted at phillips152@marshall.edu.**

Dogs

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thinks the bill is a good idea.

"I kind of think it's a good thing because dangerous dogs should not be on the loose," Gue said. "If you have kids, for example, and you just want them to go play and a dangerous dog comes and attacks them, it's not a good thing."

He also said the \$500 fine was more than decent. "Five hundred dollars is decent, if not more, because the dangerous dog owners should be warned."

Casey Carande, senior biology major from Chesapeake, Ohio, said she also sees good points to the bill, such as the implantation of microchips to help locate animals or the age requirement of owners, but is concerned about the forced spaying or neutering of the dogs.

"If they're show dogs, people won't really want to spay or neuter them because show dogs usually

have very good puppies and they're more valuable than just the common dog," Carande said.

She also expressed concern about requiring the dogs to enter a socialization/behavioral program.

"That's OK, but some dogs just don't get along with other dogs, so that can be good or bad," Carande said.

West Virginia is not the only state concerned about dangerous dogs. For instance, according to its statutes, Georgia law requires the confinement of dangerous dogs and carries a misdemeanor charge for any such violations. Furthermore, according to a news article published Jan. 25 in the Salt Lake Tribune, a city in Utah requires that that dangerous dog owners carry \$50,000 in liability insurance.

The bill is sitting in the House's Committee on Agriculture.

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Speaker

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Encouragement Act is not helpful and exploits Haitians.

"The Clintons are trumpeting this as a great possibility: the HOPE Act," Jayaram said. "This isn't hope for Haiti. This is hope for global capitalists, and it's not helping the Haitians. It's continuing their exploitation."

Jayaram said it is important for organizations to coordinate work with the Haitian government when trying to get involved.

"Organizations contribute to part of the problem," Jayaram said. "The fact is that you have all of these organizations that are going down there doing whatever they think is in the best interest of Haitians without talking to people who have been on the ground there for 13 to 15 years."

Jayaram said the best way to help Haiti is to be creative and use new

energy sources to help Haiti run on its own.

"One idea that could be brought about would be agro-eco tourist spots," Jayaram said. "Every part would be 100 percent organic. It's a small enough country to make it a pinnacle place of organic production in the world."

Kegan Angel, junior biomedical science major from Gallipolis, Ohio, said he could not believe that sending aid is what is killing the Haitian market and productivity.

"I thought it was insightful how he said the programs we support, like the Red Cross, are crippling Haiti's economy," Angel said.

Chris White, history professor and member of the Latin American Studies committee, said Jayaram has a perspective based on his time in Haiti, and his thoughts should be just as valued as anyone else's that is out there.

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Upcoming events

Clothing giveaway

Herd4Christ, Marshall University campus ministry, sponsors biannual clothing giveaway as one of their many outreach programs for the community.

The clothing drive will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the 26th Street Church of Christ.

Lead by Chris Roberts, campus minister for the group, Herd4Christ sponsors the giveaway twice a year as one of their many outreach programs.

Ramen noodle cook-off

The International Students' Organization and Beta Alpha Psi are hosting a Ramen Noodle Cook-off to raise money for Palms for Life, a charity in New York who will benefit from this event.

Last year, they raised \$1,100 to benefit earthquake victims in Haiti.

The contest will be separated into divisions for the opening round, where guest judges will select winners to move on to the championship round. Participants have the option of bringing in their own ingredients, which must be less than \$5 in total, or use ingredients provided. In the championship round, the division winners will be given surprise ingredients.

The fundraiser will begin at 10 a.m. March 12 at the Memorial Student Center.

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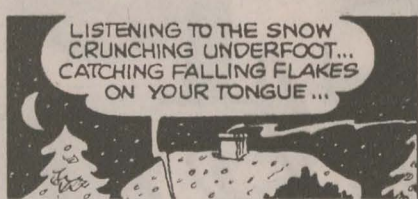
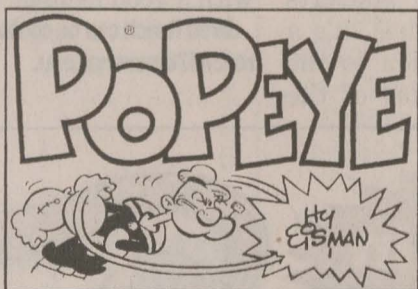
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"It's a good reason to get out and about in this cold winter weather and have some fun." -Amy Summers

Fire it up at Fiery Foods Weekend

BY ELIZABETH STEWART
THE PARTHENON

Warm up the winter with a visit to the North Market in Columbus, Ohio, for the Fiery Foods Weekend on Feb. 19 and Feb. 20. "The enthusiasm for our Fiery Foods Festival has increased exponentially over the years," says David Wible, executive director of the North Market. "The flames have been fanned so much that we are excited to devote an entire weekend to our capsaicin-consuming devotees!"

Students have the opportunity to be a part of the weekend's activities. There are four contests for aspiring chefs. Local celebrities and chefs will judge homemade guacamole, salsa, hot sauce and chili, according to Amy Summers, North Market office manager.

"You can win some great prizes and have a lot of fun doing it" Summers said.

Contestants will compete for North Market

gift certificates, \$50 for first place and \$25 for second place.

"Fans of eating what others cook can also leave a winner," Summers said.

There will be fiery cornbread, jalapeno, hot wing and hot ice cream sundae eating contests throughout the weekend.

The artistic student also has a chance to bring home a prize. The Art Inferno Chile Art Contest will be judged at noon, Feb. 20.

"Creative chile heads are invited to enter any artistic endeavor featuring chile peppers," Wible said.

Visitors just looking for a fun time will have plenty to keep their bellies and schedules full. Live music and face painting will be available all weekend, in addition to local musicians playing everything from island music to folk music.

"It's a good reason to get out and about in this cold winter

weather and have some fun," Summers said.

Students can enjoy samples of the amateur contestants' entries while visiting North Market's various vendors. There is also a contest for the professional chefs in the area.

"The Chef Chili Challenge is really a lot of fun and it just gets better every year. They play the 'Rocky' theme, and the winner gets a pair of boxing gloves," Summers said. Local chefs compete for the coveted North Market Chili Champ trophy and \$200 in North Market gift certificates.

"Coming out to Fiery Foods Weekend is a fun road trip for students and a great way to warm up in this cold weather," Summers said.

Interested travelers or contestants can visit North Market's website for more information.

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The Fiery Foods Weekend is fun for the whole family. The event takes place at North Market in Columbus, Ohio.

Huntington Symphony Orchestra to Perform "Winter's Delight"



PHOTO COURTESY OF HUNTINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Maestro, Emeritus John Koshak will conduct the Huntington Symphony Orchestra on Feb 12.

BY JARED ROACH
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington Symphony Orchestra will welcome Emeritus John Koshak, accomplished maestro and Chapman University Professor, as a special guest conductor for the Feb. 12 performance of "A Winter's Delight".

In his 32-year tenure at California's Chapman University as director of orchestras and instrumental music, Koshak was responsible for building Chapman's nationally prominent orchestra program. According to the news release, the university honored him when it established the John Koshak Visiting Professorship and the John Koshak Practice Studio.

Koshak has received rave reviews for his past performances, including one from the Los Angeles Times who wrote "Carefully regulating each crescendo, Koshak made every climax powerful, dramatic, and exhilarating without exhausting his resources at the first fortissimo."

"A Winter's Delight" will feature music from a variety of composers, including

Ludwig van Beethoven, James Brahms, Malcolm Arnold and Duke Ellington. The concert is intended to feature an array of different musical styles and eras.

"It starts out with Beethoven and then ends with Duke Ellington, so it's going from all aspects," said T. Hogan Haas, chief executive director of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra. Haas also emphasized the role of classical styles in more contemporary music.

"Almost every music you hear, every day on the radio or any CD has some form of orchestra music in it," Haas said. "Almost every performer has a full orchestra with them at all times now."

According to Koshak, the variety will be appealing to those who may not have an interest in classical music.

"While this concert is very interesting for people who go to concerts on a regular basis, it's a great introduction to the orchestra because of the

variety," Koshak said. "I think that it's more interesting for the audience to have variety and also, if you think of it historically, it really does show us the whole change coming from the 1800s into the 20th century."

"I just want people to give us a chance to see what it's like so they can appreciate what high-quality music is like," Haas said. "Everyone should come and at least have the experience of seeing what a full orchestra is like."

Guest conductor John Koshak and the Huntington Symphony Orchestra will be performing at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Tickets for Marshall students are \$5 if they are purchased in advance.

"It'll be something everyone can relate to," Haas said. "You're gonna leave with a good feeling."

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