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# THE PARTHENON

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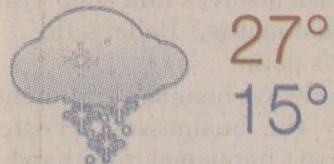
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## Heritage Village seeks entrepreneurs

BY ASHLEY MANNON  
THE PARTHENON

Downtown Huntington could soon be seeing new businesses open their doors to the community in a location that is anything but new.

Heritage Village, located at Veterans Memorial Boulevard and 11th Street, has some stores already open to the public and more spaces available for lease. A public forum on Saturday allowed interested entrepreneurs to learn more about leasing space and opening a business in one of Heritage Station's 16 storefronts.

The main goal, according to Create Huntington volunteers Thomas and Stacy McChesney, is to bring more small, local retail shops to downtown Huntington. However, Heritage Village is not strictly for retail. Some of the current businesses there include



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Heritage Village at Pullman Square is looking for people to lease space and open businesses there.

hair and nail salons, an antiques store, a tea and sandwich shop and a custom framing shop, among others. Heritage Village also houses the Cabell County Convention and Visitors

Bureau, C.V.B., and the office for the Parks and Recreation District.

Stacy McChesney, Create

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## Election bill signed into law

BY ANNA SWIFT  
THE PARTHENON

Acting Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin signed into law Monday the bill that sets a special primary and general election for the state's next governor.

The bill, HB 2853, calls for a primary on May 14 and a general on Oct. 4.

The elections will replace Tomblin within a year of the time that he took over Joe Manchin's position as governor. Tomblin was ordered by the state Supreme Court of Appeals to issue a proclamation for a special election.

After Tomblin issued a general election date and proposed a bill for a primary to the Senate, the House proposed and passed a bill of its own for election dates. This bill, HB 2853, went through Senate amendments before returning to the House for a unanimous vote last week.

"On behalf of the citizens of West Virginia, I want to commend the Legislature for coming to such a speedy resolution regarding the dates for the primary and the new election for this year," Tomblin said, in a press release from the governor's website about the House and Senate's cooperation. "As I have said on previous occasions, I was confident that both houses would work together to come to an acceptable timeline that allows all the citizens of our great state the opportunity to select a nominee of their choice in a primary election as well as the chance to vote for their candidate in the new election."

Tomblin signed the bill into law Monday afternoon in the Governor's Reception Room.

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## Irish voices

### Poets participate in Visiting Writers Series

BY KELLEY BUGLER  
THE PARTHENON

Two poets from Ireland read from their collections yesterday at the Memorial Student Center for the first event of the Visiting Writers Series this semester.

Married poets Susan Millar DuMars and Kevin Higgins read from collections of their poetry, including Higgins' most recent collection, "Frightening New Furniture" and Dumars' newest collection, "Dreams for Breakfast."

"A lot of people seemed really caught up in it," said Art Stringer, coordinator of the Visiting Writers Series. "There was plenty of response from the audience."

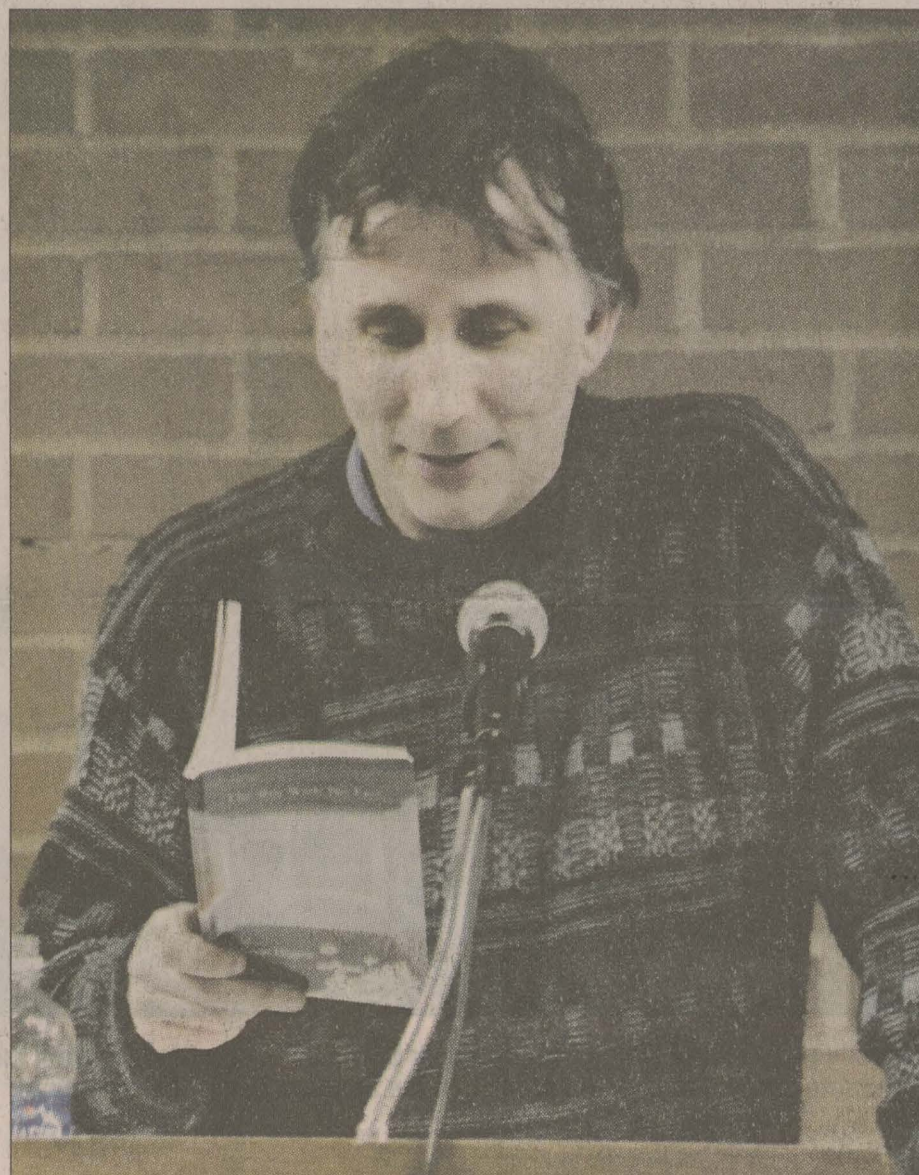
DuMars and Higgins said they visit the U.S. once or twice a year, and this trip was sponsored by Culture Ireland, a state agency that promotes Irish arts worldwide.

DuMars and Higgins are co-founders of Over the Edge, an organization that helps promote emerging writers by giving new writers a chance to read before the event's headliner.

"There's a lot of stuff out there for people who have been writing and been publishing, but there's not much out there for people who are just starting and who need encouragement," DuMars said.

English and literature students attended the reading.

"I thought it was very entertaining,



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Kevin Higgins, a poet from Ireland, reads from his collection Monday during Marshall's Visiting Writers Series. The series will continue March 1 with Tony Grooms.

and they both had a unique perspective on poetry," said Jacob Jarrell, sophomore undecided major from Point Pleasant, W. Va. "It was my first time attending a reading, and I really liked listening to the views and stories."

Higgins is known for his satirical approach to poetry, and many of his poems contain both European and American political references.

Higgins said he wrote the poem,

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## College Goal Sunday to help students throughout state with FAFSA

BY ASHLEY GROHOSKI  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is encouraging students to attend College Goal Sunday. This event gives students and their family the opportunity to become more confident about filling out their

FAFSA. The assistance is free and will be available at 18 different locations throughout the state.

This will be the second year that the nationwide College Goal Sunday event takes place. Students will be offered advice by FAFSA staff and experts on

how to approach the annual form.

"The College Goal Sunday will be a "laid back event, offering food and giveaways", says Angela Holley, director of the Heart of Appalachia Talent Search program. In addition, students will also have the opportunity

to win giveaways, which include an Apple iPad and accessories.

This is the second year for the College Goal Sunday, and last year over 300 people attended it statewide. This year, over 100 students have already signed up and 200 volunteers will be involved.

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TODAY ON TV



The Biggest Loser  
8 p.m.  
NBC



One Tree Hill  
8 p.m.  
CW



Glee  
8 p.m.  
Discovery



V  
9 p.m.  
ABC



The Good Wife  
10 p.m.  
CBS



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# Marshall professor performs research in the Sonoran Desert

BY COREY OXLEY  
THE PARTHENON

The Sonoran Desert may sound dry and hot to some people but for one Marshall professor, it's a place of research.

Jeffrey Kovatch, University professor of biology, has been researching how global climate affects amphibians in the southern Arizona desert. Kerry Griffis-Kyle, Texas Tech University professor of natural resource management, has been working with Kovatch on how climate and animals like mountain lions affect toads living in pools of water.

Kovatch said he has been working on this for about a year now and is going out to the Sonoran Desert this summer. He said Griffis-Kyle researches wildlife conservation and he does the mathematical modeling part.

"Toads lay their eggs in little pools of water that form after it rains," Kovatch said. "The pools dry up pretty quickly and that leaves only a small amount of time for the toads to lay their eggs and get out."

Kovatch said the Sonoran Desert gets very hot and receives very little rain throughout the course of the year. He said this presents a difficult situation for toads because they lay their eggs inside these water pools.

"One of the things we are looking at is trying to model the physiology of the amphibians and coupling that with projected climate change," Kovatch said. "We want to see if these species are going to become locally extinct."

Kovatch said some of these toads can go from an egg to a little toadlet in about nine days. He said if the water dries up in seven days, then the developing toadlets will not survive.

"So now there are thousands and thousands of eggs that

won't make it beyond that point," Kovatch said. "With fewer pools, the toad population will start to decline."

Kovatch said he studies models of evaporation rates to replicate the conditions of the Sonoran Desert. He said he looks at which other animals are drinking the pools of water so he can determine what is exasperating the problem.

"We found that the evaporation process was only accounting for about one-third of water loss in the pools," Kovatch said. "The other two-thirds was coming from animals in the desert."

Kovatch said he has five undergraduate students working on the project as well as two graduate students. He said studying three or four hours alone with an individual student is a vastly different experience. He said the students get to react with the professor on a different level, which is beneficiary to the student.

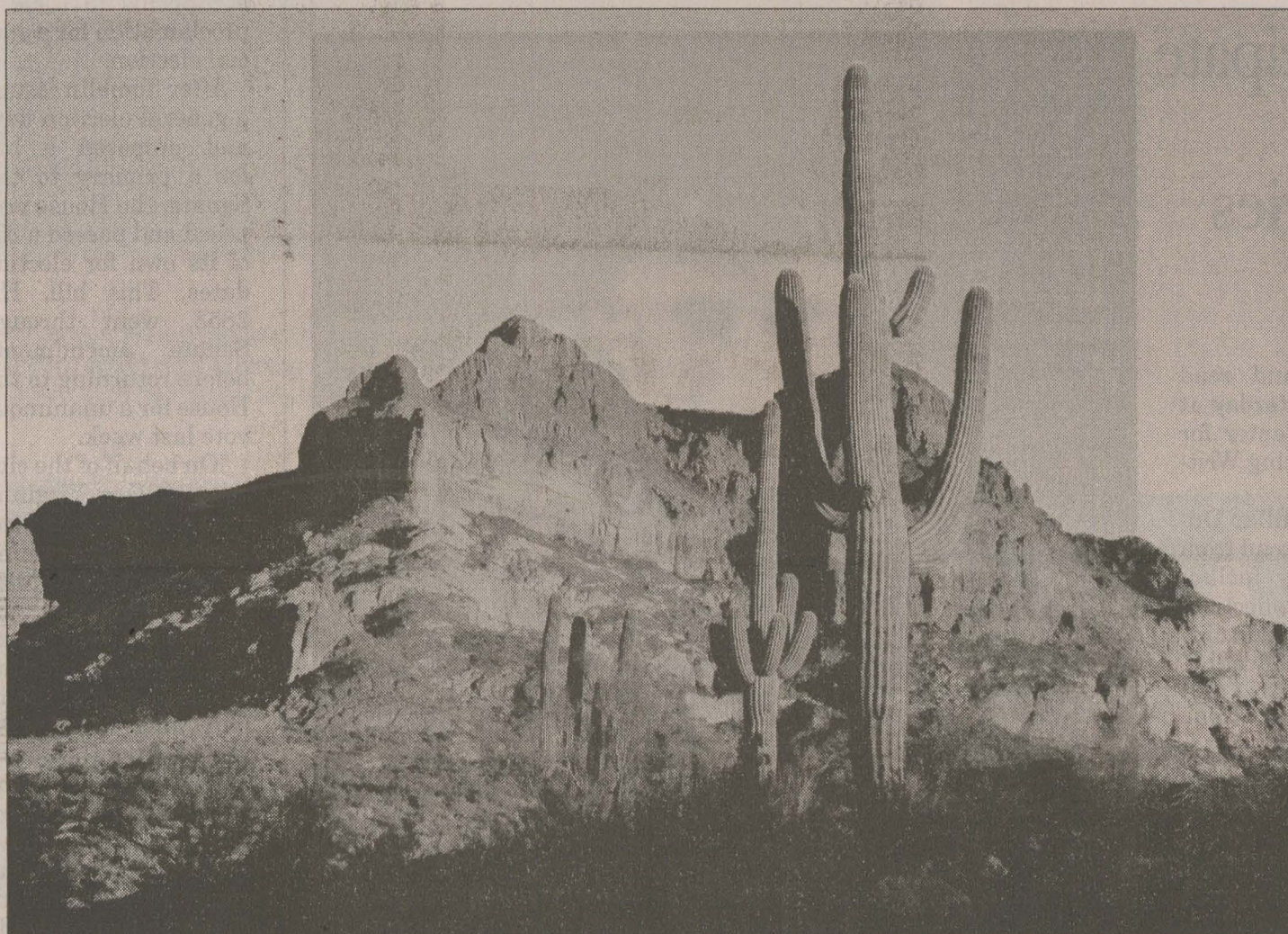
David Decker, senior ecology and evolutionary biology major from Hurricane, W.Va. is also working on the research with Kovatch.

"I brought up that I needed a capstone project to Professor Kovatch and he said that I could do the specimen catalog," Decker said. "I will be presenting next week at American Fisheries Society and in April I will be presenting to Sigma Xi, a scientific research society."

Decker said he began working on the project in summer 2010 and is completing it in about a week. He said he wants to work for the Department of Natural Resources or the E.P.A. when he graduates.

Kovatch said he is applying for another grant from the Department of Defense. He said he is asking for \$570,000, the amount required for a future graduate student to travel to the Sonoran Desert for a summer.

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BRIAN J. CANTWELL/SEATTLE TIMES/MCT

Jeffrey Kovatch, Marshall University professor of biology, is asking for \$570,000 in grant money from the Department of Defense to allow a future graduate student to conduct studies in the Sonoran Desert for a summer.

# Early housing sign-ups begin this week

BY DALTON HAMMONDS  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University residents are being asked this week about where they want to live on campus next year.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life is conducting early housing sign-ups this week in the Ed Grose Room of Harless Dining Hall.

Sign-ups began yesterday for residents who want to stay in the room they are currently living in. Today, residents can reserve a different room in the same building and sign-ups conclude on Wednesday, with residents who want to live in a different residence hall.

"We feel that if a resident wants to live in the same place and they like their current room, we want to give them the opportunity to have the same situation next year," says John Yaun, director of Housing and Residence Life.

A new addition to early sign-ups is the \$200 deposit being waived for upperclassmen.

Yaun said they decided to waive the fee in order to recruit more students to stay on campus as opposed to moving off campus.

"When residents reach their junior year, a lot of them are looking for the apartment-type experience and we'd like to be able to offer that to them in the future, but if not we can offer them a suite type of environment like we have in Commons," Yaun said.

The appeal of apartment life is something that hasn't swayed the decision of some residents.

"I want to stay on campus anyway. I think it's a better environment," Benjamin Ratcliff, sophomore general science major, said.

There is a lottery system in place for Commons residence halls to ensure that the selections are as unbiased as possible.

Some living-learning communities are being moved into Commons next year, a change Yaun said is designed to encourage more students to become members of the respective living-learning communities.

The idea to have early sign-ups has already started paying off.

"Early sign-ups gives you a chance to go in and know where you're going to be next semester and you don't have to worry about it," Ratcliff said.

The early sign-up period is a service designed to help residents, but it also helps the Department of Housing and Residence Life.

"It gives us an opportunity to start thinking about what the floors are going to look like and how many students are going to be living in the different halls," Yaun said.

A majority of residents who live on campus are anticipated to take part in the early sign-ups event.

"We certainly want to be able to provide a home away from home for students and we feel we can do that much more than an apartment-based living experience," Yaun said. "If you want to feel like you're a part of the campus, community living on campus is the way to go."

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# Bill in legislature looks to end smoking in public places

BY ANNA SWIFT  
THE PARTHENON

A bill is pending in the West Virginia Senate that would place a statewide ban on smoking in public, but not private, places.

The bill, SB 25, was proposed by Sen. Dan Foster, D-Kanawha, to reduce both health problems and health costs on the state.

"The data regarding the public health is clear," Foster said. "They've shown unequivocally that, in a county which has clean air ordinances, the number of heart attacks going into the emergency room drops by about 40 percent once they're in place. And that all leads, of course, to decreases in health care costs."

Foster, who sponsored the Senate bill last year as well, said he introduced it to get a discussion going and doesn't expect it to actually take flight until more counties are onboard with their own smoking regulations.

"It's not my intention really to have it run yet," Foster said. "The concern is if you run it before you have an overwhelming number of counties that are at that level, then you run into the trouble of having amendments made and exemptions put in. So I'm not planning on having it run. It's mostly an education process about why this is important and when we would be best to do it on a statewide basis."

The Cabell County Health Department placed a ban on smoking in bars, clubs and video lottery parlors in January of last year. Smoking in restaurants and public buildings is also prohibited by the department.

Marshall University likewise prohibits smoking in its buildings, dormitories, stadium and within 10 feet of doors, according to dean of Student Affairs Steven Hensley.

The Senate bill, however, would prohibit smoking in all public places, government vehicles and 15 feet from doors, windows and ventilators. Fines for such violations would range from \$100 to 250 on the first offense.

Jessica Bloom, graduate student majoring in biology from Minneapolis, Minn., said she appreciates the Senate bill, especially given the fact that she is allergic to cigarette smoke.

"People don't appreciate having to walk through clouds of smoke," Bloom said in regards to walking through a crowd of smokers on campus.

Derek Heflin, engineering junior from Webster County, W.Va., said he thinks adding five feet to the 10-foot rule wouldn't make much of a difference at Marshall but is concerned about the ban on smoking in public places.

James Howard, graduate student majoring in sociology from Lesage, W.Va., said he doesn't favor the Senate bill because he feels it is hypocritical.

"I think it's pretty hypocritical to worry so much about secondhand smoke," Howard said. "To give you an example—the proliferation of fast food in this country, the ready availability of fast food. That stuff isn't healthy and it's eaten on a regular basis. And you don't see anyone trying to regulate or control that."

Howard further expressed disapproval for the fines.

"I also think the fine is ridiculous," Hosard said. "I think the attention that's been paid to that could be spent to other things that are more worthwhile."

Marybeth Beller, associate professor of political science, said the biggest problem she sees with the Senate bill is for people with physical disabilities who need to lean against a wall in order to smoke and, thus, cannot be confined to at least 15 feet from doorways, windows or ventilators. She said she does not see an issue with businesses losing revenue, however.

"Because the proportions of non-smokers are a lot higher than those that smoke now, it's probably an economic benefit to the businesses all around because people can feel safer about themselves and their children going into those establishments," Beller said.

Foster agreed with Beller's point. "What's interesting is you always hear the argument, 'Well, it's going to destroy the businesses,'" Foster said. "And that certainly hasn't happened in Kanawha County, and it has not happened around the country. In fact, most of the businesses actually seem to do a little bit better because there's a lot more people who do not smoke than do smoke and they're less likely to go certain places because of smoking."

The bill is sitting in the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources.

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**Income Tax PREPARATION DAY**

**Income Tax Help**  
**Wednesday,**  
**February 9, 2011**  
**10:00 – 4:00**  
**Memorial Student Center Lobby**

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**For More Information Contact**  
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# SPORTS 111 million

Average number of viewers who watched Sunday's Super Bowl, breaking last year's record of 106.5 million.

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## Kane grabs fourth C-USA honor this season

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HUNTINGTON—Marshall University redshirt freshman DeAndre Kane received his fourth Conference USA Freshman of the Week honor of the season. It was announced by the league Monday.

Kane had another stellar week for the Thundering Herd, leading the team to its first Conference USA road win of the season. In this week's opener at Houston, Kane led all scorers with 24 points, just one short of his career-high and tied his career mark with nine rebounds, tying for the game lead in that category. He hit on 10 out of 17 field goal attempts

while dishing out three assists.

He followed that up with another game-leading performance at Southern Miss. The Pittsburgh, Pa. native tied for the game high with 20 points and connected on four three-pointers, tying yet another career mark. For the week, Kane led the team with 22 points per game, seven rebounds per game, 35.5 minutes per contest and five three-pointers.

This marks the second consecutive honor for Kane and the fourth of the season. Kane and the Thundering Herd return to action on Wednesday, playing host to UAB at the Cam Henderson Center.



DeAndre Kane, left, walks across the court when the Herd played against the Memphis Tigers on Jan. 30. Kane has received his fourth C-USA Freshman of the Week Honor this season.

JOHN YEINGST | THE PARTHENON

## Busy week for Marshall sports

While winter still refuses to release us from an ugly icy bear hug, Marshall University's athletic programs have been trudging through the weather and have somehow found a way to perform. This week features some exciting showdowns on courts, diamonds, fields and tracks both at home and away.



BRANDON ANICICH

Wednesday night, the red hot Marshall men's basketball program, performing miracles under the guidance of Tom Herrion in his first season as Thundering Herd head coach, will host the University of Alabama at Birmingham. After that storied victory over West Virginia on Jan. 19, The Herd suffered back-to-back losses against East Carolina and at UAB earlier this year, but bounced back and managed to achieve massive upsets over Memphis and Houston. Coming off of a 67-60 loss to Southern Miss, Marshall seeks to rewrite recent history against UAB this time under the auspices of the Cam Henderson Center.

DeAndre Kane earned his fourth Conference USA Freshman of the Week honor in the last two games, averaging 22 points and seven rebounds. By all accounts, the UAB match-up is a sure-fire game to see. Tip-off is at 7p.m.

Saturday, the men will hit the road to take on East Carolina University.

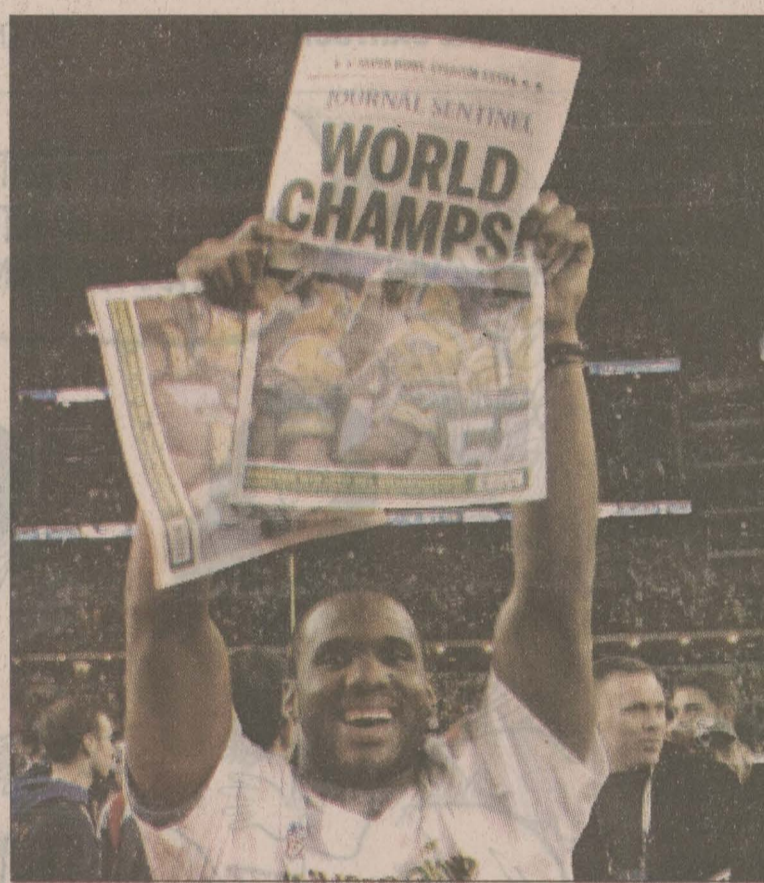
Royce Chadwick and his Marshall women's basketball program will head to Dallas, Texas on Thursday to face Southern Methodist University. The Marshall women's basketball team

went to Texas on the wings of a 57-48 victory over Southern Miss, ending a 7-game losing streak. The Herd will face a struggling SMU squad, which has lost three of the last four games, including a 69-60 fall to Rice University. Tip-off is scheduled for 8p.m. Eastern Time. Sunday, the Herd will host University of Central Florida at 2p.m. in the Cam Henderson Center.

Starting Friday, the Thundering Herd softball program heads down to Clearwater, Fla., for the University of Southern Florida's annual Wilson-DeMarini Tournament. With a double-header against the hosts and Florida at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. EST, the Herd will play two again on Saturday against Florida Gulf Coast and Long Island before wrapping up with a Sunday showdown against North Carolina State. This is Marshall's first big tournament of four before conference action begins. Don't forget to mark your calendars early March for the Marshall Invitational featuring Kent State, Presbyterian and Buffalo.

Also on Friday, Marshall's women's track program heads to Akron, Ohio for the annual Akron Invitational. Marshall saw successful performances at the Meyo Invitational last week, including the efforts of Vanessa Jules, who placed fifth in the high jump—tying the school record—at the meet. The rest of this month the women's track program looks forward to the Virginia Tech Challenge, followed at the end of the month by the Conference USA Indoor Championships.

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Green Bay practice squad wide receiver Chastin West holds a newspaper at the end of Super Bowl XLV where the Green Bay Packers beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25 at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, on Sunday.

## SPRING 2011 ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

### On-campus Interviews

**JP Morgan Chase** - Personal Banker  
Wednesday, March 9th, 8am -5pm  
MU Career Services Center

**CGI -- Lebanon, Virginia** - IT Consultant (Full-time, Internship)  
Tuesday, March 15th, 8am - 5pm  
MU Career Services Center

**Target** - Executive Intern & Executive Team Leader  
Tuesday, March 15th, 8:30am-4:30pm  
MU Career Services Center

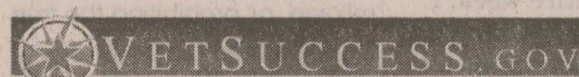
Apply for an interview for these positions using your Marshall JobTrax account. You must have an approved resume uploaded to your account to apply.

### CAREER EXPOS



Wednesday, March 2 • 10am-2pm  
Don Morris Room,  
Memorial Student Center  
Full-time, Part-time & Internships

(Education Majors) Monday, March 7  
Reception 5:30-7:00pm  
Tuesday, March 8  
Interviews 9am-5pm  
Memorial Student Center - Room BE5



Veteran Career Expo (Veterans only)  
Wednesday, March 30 10am-2pm Don Morris Room,  
Memorial Student Center  
Employment and Benefit tables

## Upcoming events

### Wednesday

■ Men's Basketball vs. UAB 7 p.m.  
Cam Henderson Center

### Thursday

■ Women's Basketball vs. SMU

### Friday

■ Women's Track Akron Invitational  
■ Softball vs. USF and Florida, Clearwater, Fla.

### Saturday

■ Men's Basketball vs. ECU 5 p.m.  
Cam Henderson Center  
■ Softball vs. Florida Gulf Coast and Long Island  
Clearwater, Fla.  
■ Women's Tennis vs. UVA, Charlottesville, Va.

### Sunday

■ Women's Basketball vs. UCF 7 p.m.  
Cam Henderson Center  
■ Softball vs. NC State, Clearwater, Fla.  
■ Women's Tennis vs. Middle Tennessee State, noon,  
Huntington Tennis Club

has been going on for decades. There is no easy solution to this very complicated issue."

Jeff Waggoner, Marshall University head baseball coach

### THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

## Athletic teams continue to do well despite lack of activites

Marshall University baseball coach Jeff Waggoner wrote a letter to the editors of The Parthenon in regards to Marty Brenneman's comments at Saturday's baseball banquet.

Marty Brenneman, the Cincinnati Reds announcer, made a comment about Marshall not providing a stadium for the baseball team.

"The only thing to say is that it is embarrassment for a Division

I program not to have a baseball facility. If that steps on people's toes, I really could care less," Brenneman said.

Waggoner e-mailed The Parthenon a letter to the editor to apologize for Brenneman's comments and to clarify how supportive Marshall is of the baseball team.

"The president and athletics administration have been very supportive of baseball in my time here

and it was not my intention for the banquet to focus on a new baseball facility. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for improvements to the playing field at the YMCA Kennedy Center," Waggoner wrote.

Part of Brenneman's comments are true but not completely relevant to baseball; track does not have a field, tennis does not have indoor courts on campus and the women's and men golf has to travel

to Hurricane, W. Va. and Chesapeake, Oh., to practice.

Although some sports are lacking in facilities, they continue to do well. Victor Gomez was recently named Conference USA pre-season baseball poll, Vanessa Jules placed fifth in the high jump and tied her school record at a track invitation at Notre Dame, women's tennis defeated Virginia Tech and WVU over the weekend, and women's and men's golf had a

successful fall season and are looking to improve in the spring.

It's easy for outsiders to criticize what we don't have. All sports may not have top-notch facilities, but we still have a large number of fans who support these sports and continue to donate their time and money to assist them. We're a Conference USA school and that's something to be proud of.

### SHERYL ROADCAP

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## Super bowl Sunday becoming America's favorite holiday

In case you have been living under a rock, the Super Bowl was Sunday. I know, that's not exactly a news flash. Of course you knew the Super Bowl was on Sunday. How could you not know this? Even my mom, who hates football for taking up her few basic cable channels on Sundays, knew it was that day of the year.

It is everywhere. It is unavoidable. The Super Bowl has grown to become America's biggest unofficial holiday.

You can't turn on the TV without commercials reminding you to stock up for the big day with food and drinks, and heck, maybe even a new big-screen TV while you're at it. People, who you know couldn't care less about the game or sport, host parties and now have an excuse to get a little tipsy on an additional day of the year. Grocery and department stores all have huge displays at their entrances prompting you to pick up stuff you might not have otherwise bought, especially if you are not going to watch the game.

Although February already has one "official" holiday that women love, Valentine's Day, it now seems that football has grown to become such a beloved American past-time that Super Bowl Sunday has become the true "holiday" in February that is loved by most, including many women.

I think it's safe to say Super Bowl Sunday is the only "holiday" that most men really get excited about. What man doesn't love a full day of gluttony, beer drinking and football, while loudly and unapologetically rooting for his favorite team? And, being an athlete myself, I completely understand the nature of the beast, but I have to say, the phenomenal enterprise of the Super Bowl has gotten a little big.

When ESPN reported the NFL was charging people \$200 for a ticket just to watch the Super Bowl on a big-screen TV outside of the Cowboys Stadium, or that to simply park one-tenth of a mile from the stadium, it would cost you \$990.

I hope you enjoyed the hoopla that lasted the entire week. I hope Monday was not too rough of a day back to work after all the fun.

I'm sure there is a Hallmark card for this by now, but regardless, happy belated Super Bowl Sunday from me to you.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON | JEFF KOTERBA | THE OMAHA WORLD HERALD



### YOUR THOUGHTS | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### In reply to Marty Brenneman's comments

I would like to express my sincerest apology to the Marshall University community for the unfair comments made toward the Department of Athletics, President Kopp and the University by our recent baseball banquet guest speaker Marty Brenneman. The president and athletics administration have been very supportive of baseball in my time here and it was not my intention for the banquet to focus on a new baseball facility. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for

improvements to the playing field at the YMCA Kennedy Center.

President Kopp and the Department of Athletics fully supported the move to the Kennedy Center in 2008 and secured funding in excess of \$200,000 towards repairs and upgrades to the entire facility at the YMCA as well as installing retractable batting cages for our team in Gullickson Gym. In addition, we are afforded the great opportunity to play our Conference USA games in a first class minor league facility.

The lack of a baseball facility near campus has been

ongoing for decades. There is no easy solution to this very complicated issue. President Kopp, Mike Hamrick and the Marshall administration has been working on this problem for some time and I believe, as they do, that it must be done in a responsible way that benefits the entire university community.

I regret the tone of Mr. Brenneman's statements and believe it was an unfair characterization of the university's support for both our baseball and softball programs.

JEFF WAGGONER  
Marshall University head baseball coach

### JORDAN BERRY

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## Oscar snubs stir latest round of awards show skepticism

When the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences released this year's list of Oscar nominations, the response went something like this:

The Oscars are crap. I mean, they didn't even nominate Christopher Nolan for "Inception." What were they thinking?

With any awards show, you are bound to have some omissions and inclusions that make many people scratch their heads. The Academy is no different.

Unfortunately, the Academy catches more grief than most because of the highly publicized nature of the awards and the reputation they carry. These criticisms are not without merit. To be fair, though, the Academy gets many things right with their nominations. But when they goof, they goof big-time.

For many people, the headlining snub for the 83rd Academy Awards is the omission of Christopher Nolan from the list of five nominees for Achievement in Directing. When I ask people what makes a director "good," most say that "vision" is the No. 1 trademark of a good director.

Unfortunately, when I look at the Academy's list of nominees, almost all of them are the ones I would include as having such vision. In my opinion, it is hard to see just which one is guilty of being the "most obviously undeserving" of the bunch.

I will admit I was shocked by his omission. His peers at the Directors Guild of America nominated him. However, in hindsight I should not have been too surprised. After all, Nolan was not nominated for "The Dark Knight."

But you want to know the "Inception" snub that makes even less sense? Lee Smith for Best Film Editing. Anyone who has seen "Inception" knows that the last half of the film is crafted with extreme intricacy and precision. At one point we have four levels of the same narrative unfolding before us. It's mind-blowing.

"The Social Network," despite dominating the Golden Globes, failed to see its best performer score a nod. Jesse Eisenberg gives one of the year's finest leading performances. I do not think he would beat out Christian Bale ("The Fighter"), Geoffrey Rush ("The King's Speech"), or Jeremy Renner ("The Town").

I could go on about how "The Town" deserves a nod for Best Picture, but that could fill another whole column. And I think that's the point with these Oscar snubs. They inspire passion about our attitudes toward film. They are a reminder that what we love about individual films cannot be taken from us, even if they do not get the recognition they deserve.

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- I don't care ..... 14%



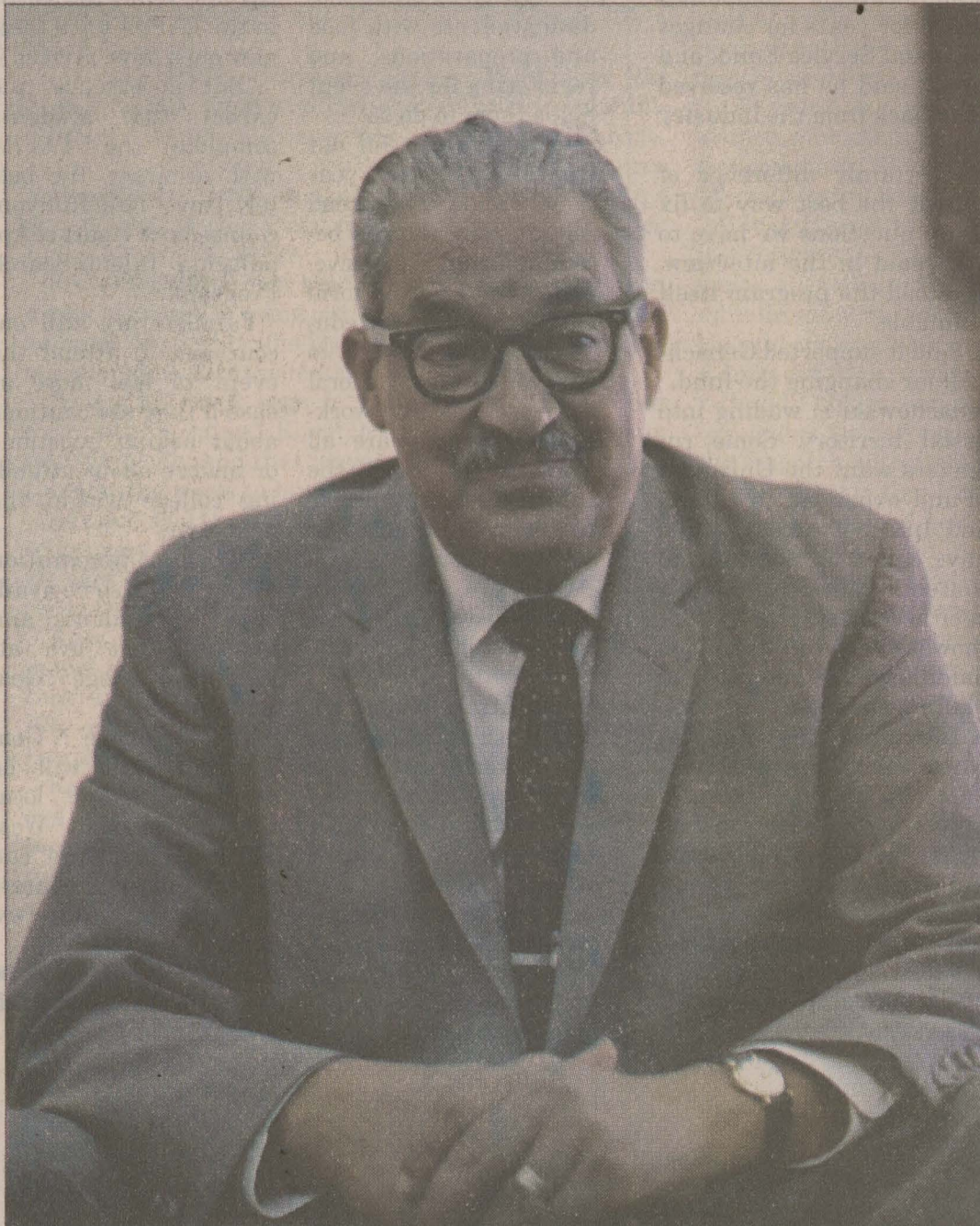
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## Thurgood Marshall impacted civil rights movement



BY MARIBETH SMITH  
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Civil rights, illegal search and seizure, double jeopardy and right to privacy are luxuries we have become accustomed to. None of these would be possible without the determination of the first African-American Supreme Court justice.

Thurgood Marshall was born in Baltimore, Md. on July 2, 1908. His father, William Marshall encouraged his son to have an appreciation for the U.S. Constitution.

According to Thurgood Marshall College, Thurgood applied to the University of Maryland Law School in 1930 but was denied because he was black. Discrimination did not stop Thurgood. He applied to Howard University Law School and was accepted. At that time Howard University was under the influence of Charles Hamilton Houston who believed that the Plessey v. Ferguson decision needed to be overturned.

In his first major court case in 1933, Marshall sued the University of Maryland to admit an African American and won. In 1954, Marshall argued the Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*. This case was one of Marshall's most impressive Supreme Court victories.

"Marshall not only argued the *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* but he put together the

entire case," said Robert Behrman, pre-law adviser at Marshall.

"The significance of the *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* case is that it reduced efforts of racism in the south - particularly in the area of school desegregation," said Franklin Cleckley, professor of law at West Virginia University.

According to Thurgood Marshall College, Marshall won 14 out of the 19 cases he argued before the Supreme Court, which is more than any American.

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson appointed Judge Marshall to the office of the U.S. Solicitor General.

"Marshall was the first African American to be the Solicitor General," Behrman said.

In 1967, Johnson nominated Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I think Thurgood Marshall being on the Supreme Court encouraged other African Americans in other states to seek judgeships. I believe this was his greatest contribution," Cleckley said.

Cleckley said Thurgood was one of the more liberal judges on the Supreme Court.

"He wrote very good opinions in the area of civil rights that are still being used by lawyers today," Cleckley said.

"Marshall being on the Supreme Court showed the country that we are not living in the past anymore," Behrman said.

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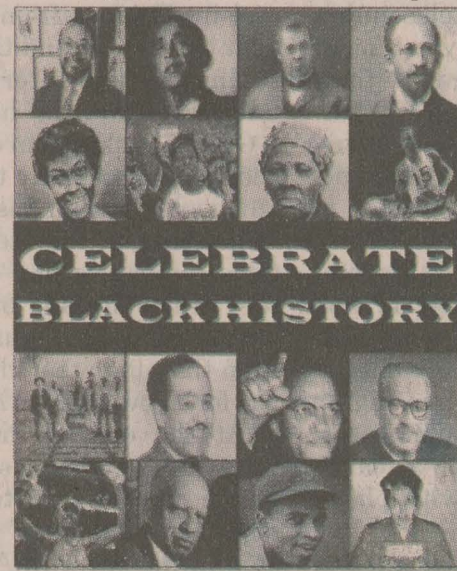


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Thurgood Marshall was named to the Supreme Court by President Lyndon Johnson in June 1967. After being denied of his education at the University Maryland Law School, he furthered his goal of law school by being accepted into Howard University.

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