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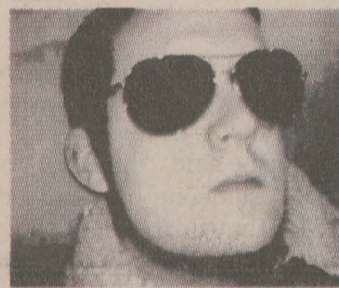
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Election for governor scheduled for end of year

BY ANNA SWIFT
THE PARTHENON

The W.Va. Supreme Court of Appeals ordered acting Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin on Tuesday to set a new election for governorship by Nov. 15 in accordance with the state constitution.

Tomblin, who replaced Senator Joe Manchin in November, is allowed to serve as acting governor until Nov. 15 but is supposed to issue a proclamation for a new election with certain statutory deadlines in mind. Secretary of State Natalie Tennant argued in a brief submitted to the

court that it might require up to 195 days for a new election to take place from the time it is proclaimed.

The Court issued its opinion after a hearing Jan. 11 about whether the state constitution calls for a new election for governor before the next general election. South Charleston lawyer Thornton Cooper and W.Va. Citizen Action Group argued that it does, while Tomblin contended that state code allows him to serve as acting governor until November 2012.

"We want the new election that the constitution specified,"

Bayless argued during the hearing. "We don't want the people in the state of West Virginia to have to wait until November 2012 to elect a governor who's going to serve for a short period of time."

The court's opinion, written by Justice Brent Benjamin, was unanimous on this point.

Benjamin noted the court's belief in the supremacy of the state constitution and duty to enact the codes it not only expresses but also implies. The constitution specifically calls for a new election if the governor is succeeded within the three years of office but implies that the acting

governor take over this position for no more than a year.

Benjamin also emphasized the need for a separation of powers and, thus, that the position of an acting governor who is also senate president should be temporary. He further notes that it is the people's right to elect their highest officials.

"This right is enshrined in our constitution which provides that 'the powers of government reside in all the citizens of the state and can be rightfully exercised only in accordance with their will and appointment.'"

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Alaya Mitchell, a junior guard from Canton, Mich., is double teamed during last year's capital classic.

Marshall to face West Virginia in Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic

Tonight the Marshall University men's basketball team will face No. 21 West Virginia in the Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic in Charleston, W.Va.

Tip is set for 8 p.m. in the Charleston Civic Center. Marshall enters play at 12-5 and 1-2 in Conference USA and is coming off of a 77-61 loss at Memphis on Saturday. The Herd overcame an early 8-2 deficit to tie the game at 15-15, but a 20-0 run by the Tigers proved to be the difference as their lead would never go back into single digits.

DeAndre Kane led MU with 16 points. Turrell Baines, who notched his 1,000th career point last Monday against Savannah State, scored 15 while hauling in a team-high nine rebounds.

Damier Pitts registered double figures for the seventh time in eight games, scoring 14. Pitts was also

a perfect 5-5 from the free throw line. The junior has hit all 15 free throws in league play and has hit 24 of his last 25 overall.

The Mountaineers come into the 2011 Capital Classic with a 12-4 mark and a 3-2 record in Big East play. WVU has won its last four games, including a win at No. 13 Georgetown and a home win on Sunday against No. 8 Purdue. Casey Mitchell leads West Virginia with 16.7 points per game. Kevin Jones averages 14.1 PPG and a team-high 6.9 rebounds.

The teams have played 39 times. Ten of the last 12 Capital Classic games have been decided by single digits, including two overtimes.

The sellout game will be televised on WOWK-TV the Capital Classic Network and will also be available online at ESPN3.com. John Sanders and Frank Giardina will have the call.

Women's basketball takes on No. 9 WVU in capital classic

BY AARON PAYNE
THE PARTHENON

When Marshall's women's basketball team takes the court tonight in the Civic Center, they will be facing their first and maybe only opponent ranked in the top 10 this season.

Starting sophomore forward Veronica Ruiz said, "The Thundering Herd is not intimidated by ninth-ranked West Virginia University. We just don't think about it," Ruiz said in regards to The Mountaineers' ranking. "When we go out there, our mindset is to win."

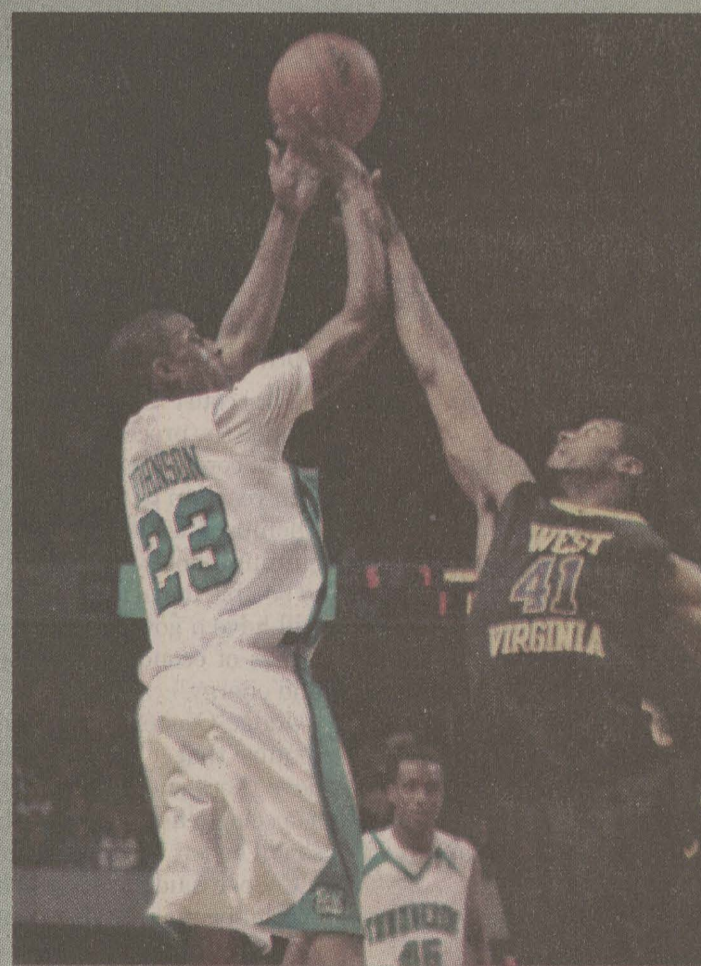
However, it is not WVU's ranking that the team needs to worry about but rather the defense. WVU comes into the contest ranked first in the NCAA for allowed points per game (48.3), fifth in field goal percentage defense

(32.4) and second in blocks per game (7.1). Simply put, if The Herd wants to win, they will have to find a way to put up points against a solid defense.

Marshall will turn to its senior leadership to get the offense going. Starting senior forward Tynikki Crook leads the team in scoring, averaging 18 points per game and in offensive rebounds with 51. Crook is not new to the stage of the Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic. She has played in the game the past two years and this will be her last time facing WVU in the Civic Center.

Other than getting a win, she wants the game to be memorable for the fans. "We wanna put on a show for the fans and have it not be lopsided or

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Shaquille Johnson shoots over a WVU player during 2010's Capital Classic.

Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic tickets split between MU and WVU

BY JAKE SNYDER
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University men's basketball team is packing its bags for Charleston, W.Va. as the team prepares to take on No. 21 West Virginia University on Wednesday night in the Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic.

The game will be held at the Charleston Civic Center. The civic center has a seating capacity of 12,337.

According to the assistant athletic director of ticketing Aaron Goebbel, all tickets for the game are dispersed evenly between the two schools (minus several tickets held out for the West Virginia Legislature, which is in session each year during the game).

The Marshall ticket office provides donor stipulations to provide better seats for season ticket-holders and members of alumni organizations such as the Big Green Scholarship Foundation.

This year, the ticket office only made tickets available to the general public online. Goebbel said this provided the office the opportunity to use more time directly working with the Marshall community.

Goebbel said Marshall makes nearly three times the amount of tickets available to students than West Virginia.

"Our student body helps to offset the larger WVU fan base (at the game). It helps even out the competitive advantage the crowd plays," he said.

Marshall head coach Tom Herrion said the trip to Charleston does not concern him.

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MARSHALL OBSERVES MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Students Donate Time, Food For Youth at Local Apartment Complex

BY TREVAN J. HANNAHS
THE PARTHENON

Monday morning, students sacrificed the extra hours of sleep on their day off classes to get up and give back to the next generation of children in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Northcott Court Apartments in Huntington.

From 10:30 a.m. to noon, about 20 members from different student organizations took 100 bags of mulch and 100 lunches, provided by the Student Government Association, to the apartments. Volunteers spread fresh mulch around the playground and passed out lunches consisting of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cheese sandwiches, fresh fruit, milk and fruit juices. For the remaining half hour, they cleaned up the area surrounding the apartments by picking up trash.

Raymond Cousins, a senior international business major and member of the SGA from Gallipolis, Ohio, said his biggest motivation for getting up early Monday morning and participating in the event was because of his love for children.

"I love kids and I think this is a good opportunity to help the kids, give them something to do. Especially with playground, give them

an alternative other than getting out in the street and getting into trouble," Cousins said.

Kara Hornbuckle, an athletic training, pre-med major and member of the SGA from Huntington, said she believes not only is this the right thing to do, but it is also important to pay respect and give honor to Martin Luther King.

"Dr. King did lots of community service and now they don't have the marches anymore. I feel like everybody should get up and do something on a day that you are given off for everything that he did for us," Hornbuckle said.

DeRecco Lynch, student government diversity affairs director, with the help of Shari Clarke, vice president of multicultural affairs, came up with the idea to make this event possible.

"While celebrating the birth of King," Clarke said, "the central focus has become the community and that's why the event took place."

"The whole focus of Dr. King's birthday has turned into a focus where we celebrate communities. In fact, President and Mrs. Obama have asked the entire country to go out and spend today in service helping out your community," Clarke said.

Lynch said the reason the SGA sponsored the event is to show

how they try to pay attention to all issues concerning the campus and the community.

"In our SGA cabinet this year, we want to focus on all issues. We wish to come together and focus on different programs and events. So doing this community service project will be 'thunderous,' no question about it," Lynch said.

Lynch said the goal of the event was to show Marshall students and the city of Huntington how much community service matters to the community and why they should participate.

"Our goal is to give students a better perspective on community service. The main goal is we want students to realize the need to beautify and give back to our communities. Our hope is that Marshall University will show our desire to help our community. At the end of the day we want to be a light and help for the better making of our community," Lynch said.

Lynch said the lunches cost around \$700 and the mulch \$482. Every year, the multicultural affairs offices have provided some sort of lunch or dinner for the community in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Lynch said.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF SAM TURLEY
A student volunteer shovels mulch around the playground at the Northcott Court Apartments in Huntington.



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Mrs. Jane Kopp lights candles during the Candlelight Celebration Ceremony at Johnson United Methodist Church in Huntington, while Stephen J. Kopp, president of Marshall University, watches.

Long-time MLK Jr. Reenactor Delivers Message of Service

BY CHERIE DAVIS
THE PARTHENON

President and Mrs. Obama asked the country to join them in making Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a day of service. Huntington and Marshall University followed their lead with an entire day of celebration and service.

Jim Lucas, an actor who has been portraying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for the past 25 years, was the keynote speaker for Huntington's Candlelight Celebration Ceremony at Johnson Memorial United Methodist church. The entire service and Lucas had a common message of serving the community.

Shari Clarke, vice president of multicultural affairs, said "Part of Dr. King's legacy is to help communities, to uplift one another, and be involved." The Office of Multicultural Affairs

planned the event.

Lucas, who performed "REFLECTIONS: The Life and Times of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.," said that America is a giving country and people will often give to their neighbors. He also said that it is very important to do service on King's day to continue his work.

Lucas said, "Dr. King didn't look for anything in return for all that he did for all of us. Because Dr. King did not just work for black people as people may assume that civil rights is all about black people." His performance noted the King's most famous speeches, including "I have a Dream" and "I've Been to the Mountaintop."

Clarke said that King's day is a day on and not a day off, meaning people should give back to their community and participate in community service. Lucas said that the biggest thing to

take from his performance is King's idea of service, especially on his holiday.

Lucas said "Just try to help someone no matter who they are, what they are, or whatever. And don't look for anything in return. Don't look for anything."

Mayor Kim Wolfe added, "Dr. King said that when you give a life to serve others not that you have to give up your life, but when you serve others in any walk of life I think they see whether they are assisting children, assisting elderly, assisting community groups, they will get a fulfillment. That's what the real purpose of living is—service to others."

To participate in community service on campus, students can contact the Dean of Student's office or the Student Government Association.

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Basketball

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anything," Crook said. "We're gonna play hard out there whatever the case may be."

Marshall will also have to face the challenge of stepping out of Conference USA play to face a Big East team in WVU. "I think it's very difficult to change gears in the middle of the stream," head coach Royce Chadwick said. The team's goal right now is to win Conference USA games and get a high seeding for the conference tournament in March.

However, Chadwick doesn't mind the team getting big atmosphere experience before March. "We will have a ton of players that will walk into the Civic Center for that game for the first time and they're going to find that the atmosphere is a very intense atmosphere. It's a situation for them to have a playoff atmosphere before March gets here."

The Herd is ready to hand WVU its fifth loss when the ball is tipped at 5:30 p.m.

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Tickets

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"It's a great opportunity to bring the state together," Herrion said. "We'll treat it just like a road game."

The proceeds from the ticket sales are split evenly between Marshall and WVU except for one section from the lower and upper levels that is rotated between the two schools each year.

The game has been played in Charleston, W.Va. since 1992. The Mountaineers have a 15-4 record over the Thundering Herd since the game relocated to the state capital.

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Election

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The court acknowledged the state Legislature may change the procedure for a new election so long as revisions do not conflict with the state constitution's requirements.

In reaction to the Court's decision, House Speaker Rick Thompson issued a statement saying "From the very beginning I believed that the best course was for the voters to be able to decide. This decision ensures that the people will have a governor they elected to deal with the critical issues of economic development, job creation, education and energy."

Judge Cooper said, "I am happy with their decision to require that a special election be held in 2011. I also believe there should be both a special primary election and a special general election, but the court didn't require that so it'll be left up to the Legislature."

Cooper said he plans on continuing to advocate for a special primary and general election.

Justice Robin Davis excused herself from the proceedings of this case while Judge Lawrence Miller sat on temporary assignment.

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Marshall	1	2	12	8
SMU	1	2	10	7
East Carolina	1	2	9	8
Rice	0	4	8	10

Freshman breaks record as women's swim and dive team falls to (2-5)

BY PATRICK MILLER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall women's swim & dive team lost to Ohio University in the meet Tuesday evening. Freshman Heather Moore broke the school record for 1650-meter free event with a time of 17 minutes, 21 seconds.

Moore credited her teammates and coaches for her record-breaking performance.

"I have some awesome teammates and coaches that have helped me through this entire season," said Moore. "It was a total shock when they said I broke the record."

Marshall head coach Russell Hunt praised her work ethic and said it was the main reason behind her record-breaking performance.

"She prepares really well. The fact that she spends a lot of time staying focused helps because, in her relay, you are in your head for 20 minutes as opposed to 20 seconds when you swim that relay," Hunt said.

Marshall (2-5) also had first-place finishers in the 100-meter fly and 100-meter breaststroke. Freshman Sarah Kay finished first in the 100-meter fly with a time of 58.98 seconds.

Marshall finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the 100-meter breaststroke, with junior Lauren Tarka in first, freshman Sarah Kay second and sophomore Jamie Holmquist third.

"We are working through some of the most intense training they have been through all season long," Hunt said. "I'm happy with the way we swam, and the girls' effort will parlay into something positive as the season goes on."

Marshall was dominated in the diving competitions, although Senior Haley Holmquist finished second in the 3-meter dive and third in the 1-meter dive.

"We are having a great year and had a nice meet today. They have been working hard in practice and that has translated into the meet," said Ohio head coach Greg Werner. "We are looking forward to the MAC championship and hopefully the NCAA three weeks after it." Ohio University is 5-2.

The opening of the meet began with a digital stutter. Members of the crowd were told to stand for the "The Star Spangled Banner," but for four minutes the recording could not be queued so the arena collectively said the "Pledge of Allegiance," allowing the meet to go on.

The swim team plays Vanderbilt on Saturday, 2 p.m. at the Frederick A. Fitch Natatorium.

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Tennis adds players for Title IX compliance

BY KELLEY BUGLER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall women's tennis is adding three new players to their roster as the spring season begins.

West Virginia natives Lexy Kessel, Wittlee Retton and Kelsi Halbert will join the team as walk-ons this spring to fulfill Title IX requirements for the university and to compete if a player is injured.

"We are trying to get up to 10 on our roster because it is a good, safe number," head coach John Mercer said. "Also, there are some Title IX issues that we are trying to meet."

Title IX is a federal law that prohibits discrimination based on gender. Athletics programs must give equal opportunities to males and females to participate in sports.

"Basically, you can't have one without the other," said Erik Paz, assistant compliance director. "We get into problems with having so many football players, and

to compensate for that, we have to add more female athletes to balance the numbers."

Title IX requires athletics programs to grant scholarships to males and females equally. In addition to monetary equality, participation must be equal as well.

"We don't run into problems meeting the dollar quota, but our numbers of males and females can be an issue," Paz said. "We have to show the NCAA that we have made progress over time, and one of the ways we do this is to show the same number of men and women athletes."

The NCAA Eligibility Center has cleared Kessel and Halbert, but Mercer said Retton has another four weeks before her papers are accepted. She cannot begin practicing until then.

"The three of them will have separate practices from the rest of the girls," Mercer said. "We have a great group of girls, and I hope these new girls can grow into part of the

team's moral support."

Halbert, a math education major from Parkersburg, W. Va., originally planned to walk on last fall but decided her schedule was too busy. When she heard Mercer needed players, Halbert reconsidered.

"I am just here because they needed me," Halbert said. "It will be fun, and it isn't a big commitment because the coach said I can get out of it what I want."

Mercer lets the women decide how much they want to get involved. They do not have mandatory practices.

"The girls will have the option to go on a trip if they want," Mercer said. "Our budget allows us to travel with more than seven, so it is up to them if they want to come."

Halbert does not mind just being a practice player. She has no intentions of trying to compete with the core roster.

"I just want to hit and get better," Halbert said. "I know I will if I play enough with the other walk-ons."

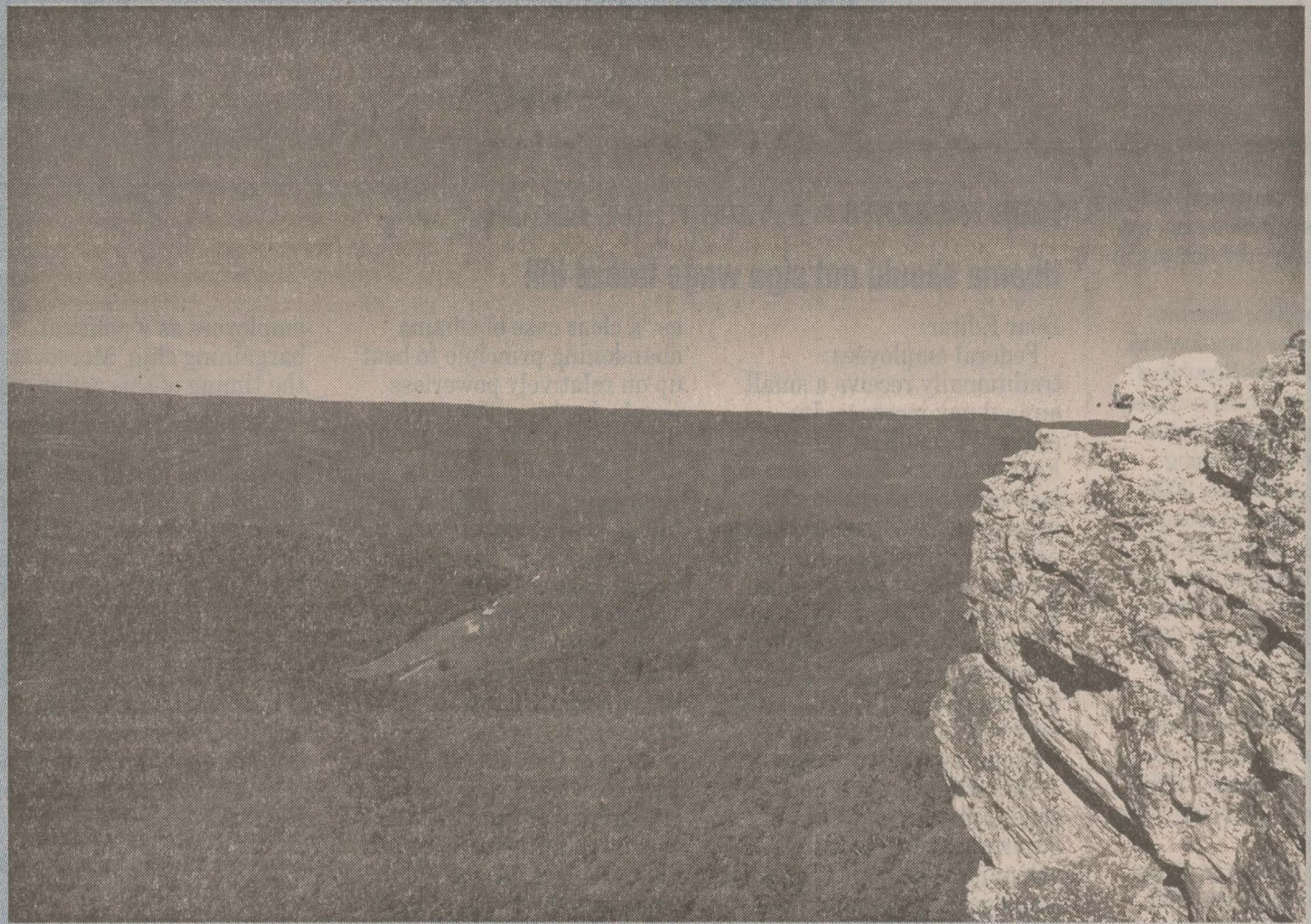
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Dominika Zaprazna serves an ace during a match



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Obama's speech brings unity in Arizona

Hope, healing, worth celebrating

BY ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT EDITORIAL BOARD

There is no right or wrong way to grieve. But you would never know that from commentary about Wednesday night's crowd, when President Barack Obama and other speakers gathered with 13,000 mourning Tucsonans in McKale Center, while thousands more watched in Arizona Stadium and on TV.

In the hours that followed the memorial service, called

"Together We Thrive: Tucson and America," media outlets and audience members took the opportunity to criticize the UA community for its behavior, citing inappropriate clapping and cheering throughout the service.

This behavior was sometimes poorly timed and disrespectful. The event was not a political rally, and despite its venue, not a pep rally for the Wildcats. With some

regret, we recognize that not every audience member in attendance remembered why he or she was in McKale Center that night.

However, it's hard to see how anyone could begrudge thousands of mourning people a few moments of joy. Sorrow is exhausting. For a few seconds at least, it must have been a relief to everyone to feel something else: gratitude. Even in the face of great loss, we can be grateful for

courage and strength.

After days of grief, and in preparation of a string of funerals, it should have been OK to want to cheer for something. More than that, it should always be OK to applaud heroism or to show support for the victims' families mentioned.

A small fraction of attendees forgot themselves and their surroundings that evening. This is worth reprimanding. But the

thoughtlessness of a few overeager students is hardly a fair representation of 13,000 people. It is unfair to both, the crowd in attendance that night or the victims of Saturday's attack, to suggest they were grieving wrong. There will never be a better way to honor a life than to celebrate it.

Nothing should be more reassuring to our children than the sound of thousands of people celebrating hope.

BISHOP NASH THE CHICKEN SOUP

Comparing the economy to a baseball game

It never ceases to amaze me how many life lessons I've learned by growing up playing football and baseball. I've never been intense in the win-lose aspect of it, but it's the



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lessons we take from competition that we hold onto the longest. The American Dream lives in sports; that any underdog can shock the world, that any deficit can be rallied back against, that hard work

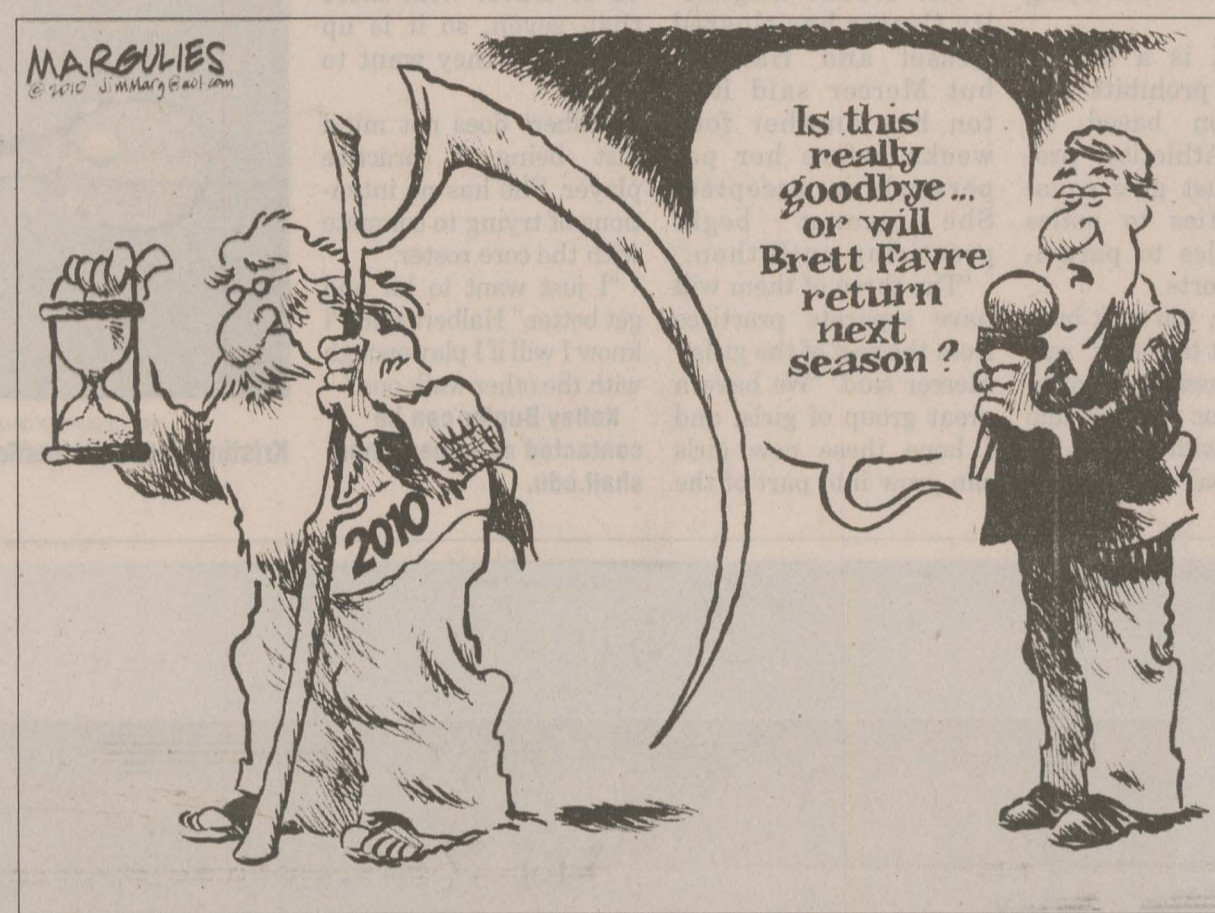
and planning overcome all. As our country, our state and our community begin to crawl back out of the shadows of a recession, we have to stay sharp and not give in to despair.

It seems like one of the biggest excuses that America is going downhill is the rise of the People's Republic of China. On Jan. 10, China surpassed Germany as the largest exporter of goods in the world, reaching an estimated 1.2 trillion for 2009. Although the sheer amount of exported goods is staggering, China's total foreign trade (imports and exports combined) fell by over 13 percent in 2009. They sell far more than they buy and depend on the patronage of other countries for life support. China's economy is essentially at the mercy of the rest of the world, especially the United States.

Another reason America fears China is sheer numbers. For every one American, there are five Chinese. If we've learned anything from King Leonidas and the Spartans in 300, it's that numbers don't matter. Forty-two percent of the entire defense spending in the world is done by the United States, sitting at a whopping \$607 billion for 2009. Second place China takes up only 5.8 percent of the world's defense spending; not enough to become a superpower considering almost 20 percent of the world's population is Chinese. America has roughly the same amount of active duty and reservists as China. Nearly 4 million of China's 7 million troops are paramilitary.

America may go down some day, but it's going to take the rest of the world with it. Greece, Rome, Spain, England, and the Soviet Union never collapsed when the going was good, but rather slowly and surely gave into another force. In baseball, whenever a team is down, turn the ball cap inside out and yell for teammates. Bishop Nash can be contacted @nash24@marshall.

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YOUR THOUGHTS | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obama should not sign wage freeze bill

Dear Editor:
Federal employees traditionally receive a small annual pay increase. Its purpose is to offset inflation. Each year, the dollar becomes less valuable as the cost of insurance, fuel, food, and other necessities increase. Receiving a small annual pay increase is a reasonable way to combat inflation and retain employees. Congress has approved a bill to freeze federal pay increases for two years and President Obama is expected to sign it. This will prompt a flood of retirements and the government will lose a substantial amount of talented employees. Economist Dean Baker described the situation

as "a clear case of Obama abandoning principle to beat up on relatively powerless people, backing down before the money holders. It would be nice if he would show the same vigor going after Wall Street, the insurance industry or the pharmaceutical companies." Baker's assessment is on target. The alleged purpose of the freeze is to help reduce the Federal Deficit. However, the government would only be saving a fraction of a percent of the total deficit. This is a clear case of political wrangling between the Obama Administration and the GOP. It is unethical and unacceptable for the President to use the salaries of federal

employees as a political bargaining chip. Moreover, the timing of this action was likely designed to mitigate the response from unions and federal employees. The plan was publicly announced three weeks prior to the Congressional approval. This left little time for concerned parties to react. In essence, the Obama Administration has pulled a fast one on the federal workforce. Unions, federal employees and concerned citizens should remain mindful of this freeze during the next election.

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Choices in diet cause obesity not fast food

People have been crying foul about fast food for years, blaming it for America's obesity problem. While McDonald's has been adding healthier items to their menu here in America and pumping out commercials encouraging an active lifestyle, they've decided to go all out on gluttony in Japan.

According to a Jan. 12 Wall Street Journal article "Beefing up McDonald's," the Japan branch of the mega fast food chain is launching a series of limited edition burgers in their aptly named "Big America 2" campaign this month. These burgers, with names like "Idaho" and "Miami," range anywhere from 542 to 713 calories apiece. What does that translate to? Well, the "Texas 2" is 645 calories, which is slightly more than the caloric content of 12 Oreo cookies. That's a lot, and that's not even going into other unhealthy aspects of it, such as the fat and sodium content.

While I am personally grossed out by the idea of eating something like that, I'm amazed at all the comments and criticisms on the web from people who are terrified at the inevitable fat fate Japan faces because of evil companies like McDonald's. Japan is in better shape than America, health-wise. In 2004, the same year that Morgan Spurlock's documentary "Super Size Me" was released, the World Health Organization stated that 23 percent of Japanese citizens were overweight. That's less than a quarter of the population. Compared to America, where 67 percent of the population was rated overweight in 2006, Japan is doing just fine. Their obesity rate is increasing, but it's still nothing compared to America's waistlines.

Critics should bear one thing in mind, though, before they start screaming bloody murder about McDonald's again: It doesn't matter how many fruit bowls and salads you put on the menu. People don't go to fast food restaurants to eat healthy, they go to get a big, greasy heart attack with a side order of gravy. Because it's yummy and oh-so cheap.

There's no trickery involved here, people. The choices we make in our diet are no more confusing to us than they are in Japan. If they choose to eat fish and rice and keep a slender figure, that is their decision. If they wish to gorge on deep-fried burgers and fries, they will get fat and that is also their decision. Just like it is yours. Bear this in mind next time you are trying to decide what Dollar Menu items to get after class. A bag of frozen veggies is less than two bucks and would last you longer.

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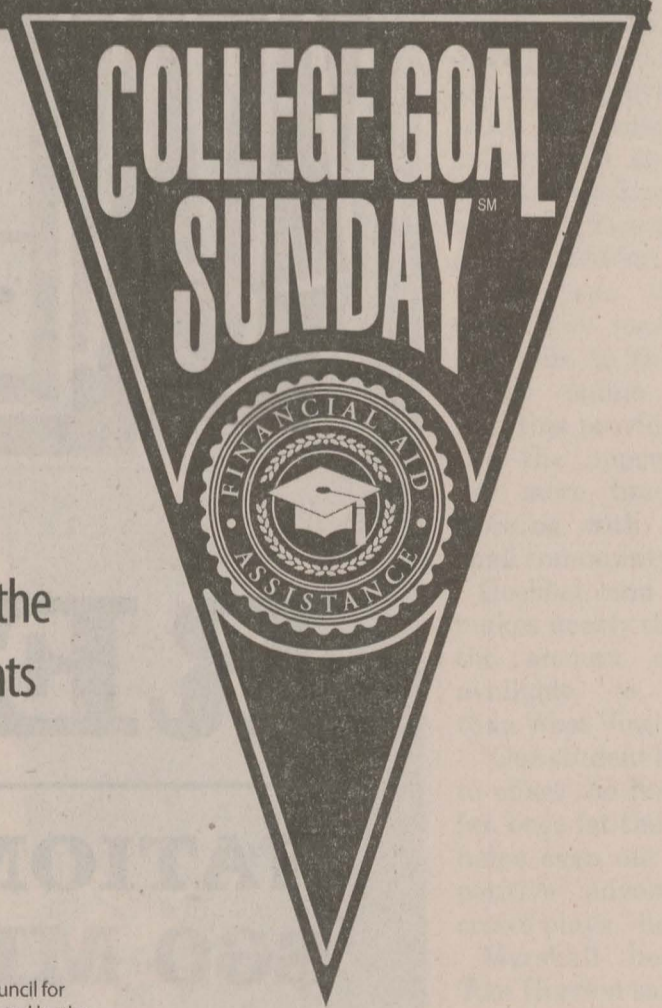


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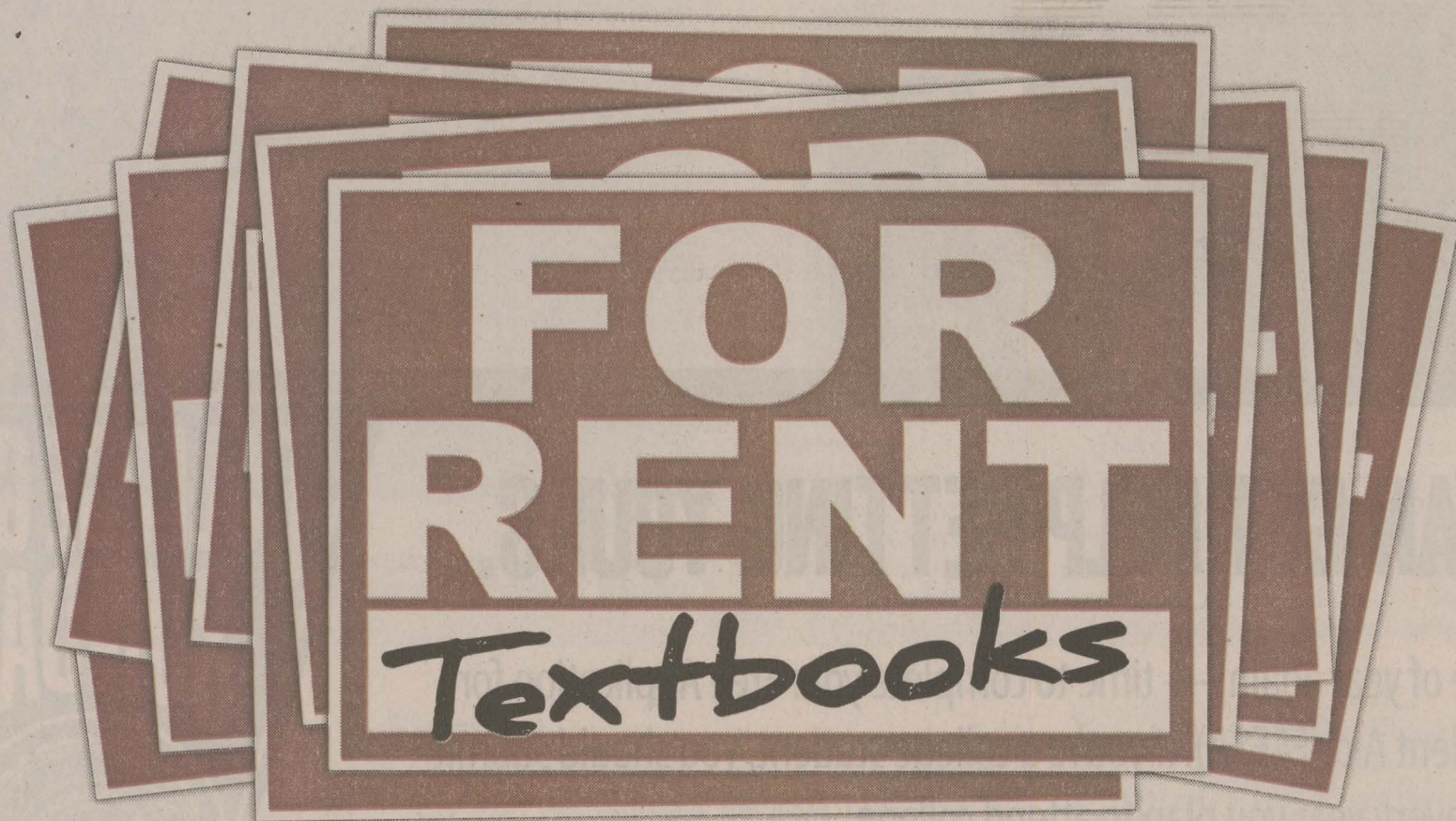
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