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SGA will plant the first garden on campus



FILE PHOTO

The garden which will be planted behind the Career Services Center on Marshall's campus will be the first garden on campus. The garden came from ideas of students who were working for a better environment.

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Mike Hamrick was disappointed to see the overwhelming amount of WVU fans compared to our small Marshall fans.

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The exhibit displays a wide variety of disciplines, ranging from painting and photography to video and sculpture.

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BY TREVAN J. HANNAHS
THE PARTHENON

The saying goes "give 'em an inch and they'll take a mile." The Student Government Association will be working with this with 6,000 square feet when they give just an inch of effort this spring.

Earlier this week, the SGA met for the first time to discuss issues and future plans facing its term for the spring 2011 semester. Student body president Patrick Murphy said one of the major plans at hand is the planting of a garden on campus behind the Career Services Center at 18th St. and Fifth Ave in Huntington.

Student governor representative Joe Stefanov said he thinks he will be leaving a lasting impression on Marshall's campus by planting this garden.

"I think it's a good idea, doing something positive for the environment and something that will help Marshall in the long run,"

Stefanov said.

Murphy said it was originally Steve Hensley's idea and he has had an integral role in the plans for the future garden.

For the last couple of years, Steve Hensley, dean of student affairs, said he has always had the idea in the back of his mind because of students who were interested in the betterment of the environment. From there, Hensley said he began to look around the campus for an appropriate place.

"Denise Hogsett, who is the director of career services, said 'Why don't we do something in the backyard of the career services area?' So I walked over there and looked. It's about 6,000 square feet, it's flat. It's fine so I thought, why not," Hensley said.

Hogsett said the office had been discussing beautification for the day of service.

"The space back here is just a yard basically, it is not utilized. I

hate to see that piece of property really not be utilized if it could be utilized for something that is productive. So I recommended that we might look at this space and see what we might do," Hogsett said.

After looking at the area, Hensley said he began to think of what good the garden could do for the city and Marshall University in terms of energy efficiency, food, beautification and relaxation.

"In the spirit of consuming foods that are locally grown, to be efficient of energy and a just a place of beauty and respite, I thought 'why don't we plant a garden?' Maybe some flowers, some vegetables, some herbs," Hensley said.

Prior to the SGA meeting on Tuesday afternoon, Murphy and Hensley said they met with Dale Osburn, the associate director of physical plant, to discuss the maintenance in preparation for the garden.

Osburn said that he, along with plant operations, will begin to build the garden with money provided by the SGA, in the next couple of weeks and hope to have decent flower beds by March. After the soil has been tilled, he said they, along with the SGA, will begin to break ground and then begin to plant tomato plants and different types of herbs by the end of April. Osburn said no official date has been set for the end of April.

Hensley said he is encouraging any student, faculty, or staff member involved on campus to come out this spring and "get their hands dirty" as the SGA begins to break ground for the garden.

In terms of garden maintenance, Murphy said the SGA has come up with many ideas as well to keep the garden looking

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Student rights organization questions Marshall University's student codes for violations of First Amendment rights

BY KELLEY BUGLER
THE PARTHENON

A student rights organization says Marshall's speech codes limit First Amendment freedoms.

Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, FIRE, announced Marshall as a speech code violator for the month of January, and it focuses on standard three of Marshall's code of student rights and responsibilities.

"I truly cannot think of another speech code that prohibits such a staggering amount of constitutionally protected speech," wrote Samantha Harris in a story posted to FIRE's website.

Harris is the director of speech code research for FIRE.

Harris lists five violations Marshall's code has in conjunction with standard three, and she refers to these policies as covering so much speech that "there is very little speech for which Marshall can't punish."

Harris did not respond to e-mails or phone calls to comment on her article.

"The reason most school speech codes are found unconstitutional is because they are too vague," said Frank LoMonte, executive director of the Student Press Law Center. "Courts say students need 'fair notice' of what is and is not allowed," LoMonte said.

The Marshall speech code violations include racial harassment, embarrassment, obscene conduct or expression and disrespect of persons.

"This article makes me think about our speech code," said Steve Hensley, dean of student affairs. "I admire free speech, but unfortunately, there is a thin line between free speech and harassment," Hensley said.

Hensley gave an example of a past incident where Marshall's speech code worked in favor of a student group.

The Lambda society, an organization that supports the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and straight communities of Marshall, wrote meeting times and

other information with chalk on campus sidewalks.

"Other students on campus altered Lambda's messages and added derogatory and offensive language," Hensley said. "Because of our code, Lambda members were able to take the incident to student judicial affairs rather than getting into conflict with the students."

Hensley said if the students had not altered Lambda's message and had only written the offensive language next to the meeting information, then it would not have been an issue.

"We respect the exchange of information, but when the students interfered with Lambda's

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Professor conducts research on local food systems

BY COREY OXLEY
THE PARTHENON

Farmers' markets aim to sell quality food at affordable prices. Organic foods like peaches, apples and eggs are items that farmers' markets receive from farmers in the area to sell. Organic foods are sometimes higher in price because of production costs and limited supplies.

James Farmer, Marshall University integrated science and technology professor, has been researching farmers' market participation and organic foods even before he came to Marshall.

"We did data collection from here, at Marshall, with undergrads last spring semester and came up with a questionnaire for a survey that we did over the summer," Farmer said. "Over the course of the summer we had about 712 people from Indiana participate in the survey."

Farmer said the idea originated from the Indiana Department of Agriculture.

During the summer, Farmer said he worked with four graduate students from Indiana University. He said they attended farmers' markets and gave customers

a short survey to fill out regarding what type of produce they purchased or intended to purchase.

"The most popular vegetable purchased was sweet corn," said Farmer. "Peaches, followed by apples, were among the most popular fruits."

Farmer said, in the fall semester of 2010, they conducted follow-up interviews to try to understand the variables that promote or constrain participation in farmers' markets or community-supported agriculture.

The class consisted of 10 undergrads that conducted 36 interviews with residents in Indiana over the phone.

"The questions in the survey started out very broad," said Farmer. "We asked questions like 'Why do you go to the farmers' market?' They would then respond with answers that would enable us to dig a little further into reasons why they would want to support local farming."

Farmer said, at the end of the survey, they would ask questions that dealt with demographics, income and gender so they could get an idea of what type of people were shopping at farmers' markets.

"We had to provide two deliverables for the project," Farmer said. "The first was a brochure, which Christine

Ingersoll developed, that explained what a CSA (community-supported agriculture) is and showed the different types of produce that were in season. The second was a poster that she also developed to show the different types of produce, freshness and quality the markets have to offer."

Farmer said he wanted to reach the family side of the market with the poster so he could promote that farmers' markets could be great for local families.

"It's science and design working together," said Christine Ingersoll, Marshall University professor of advertising. "Dr. Farmer created a wonderful base of research to create the poster."

Ingersoll said the poster started out as a hand drawing and crayons were used to add color to it.

Farmer said he is interested in conducting research on farmers' markets in Huntington, but it depends on funding from the state.

"If we can get more people to shop at farmers' markets, then we can sustain local communities ecologically, culturally and economically," said Farmer.

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Thundering Word places fourth in Oxford

Marshall's Thundering Word received a fourth place finish in each half of the M&M Swing Invitational Saturday and Sunday in Oxford, Ohio.

Elaine Adkins, a freshman oral communication education major from Huntington, placed third in poetry and received top novice in both halves.

Kai Stewart, a freshman oral communication education major from Parkersburg, W.Va., placed fifth in the Lincoln Douglas Debate and second in the public forum debate.

Jasmine Lewis, a freshman political science major from Huntington placed second and fourth in poetry interpretation, fifth in persuasion, fifth in dramatic interpretation, first and second in programmed oral interpretation and fifth in individual sweepstakes in both halves.

Kendrick Vonderschmitt, a junior political science major from Louisville, Ky., placed sixth in the Lincoln Douglas Debate, second in the public forum debate and fourth in persuasion.

Ryan Jackson, a junior political science major from Huntington, placed second in poetry, second in duo, third in prose and sixth in individual sweepstakes.

Kayla Johnson, a junior French and English education major from Gallipolis, Ohio, finished fifth in informative, fifth in rhetorical criticism and second in duo.

This Week in MARSHALL History

BY ERIN MILLER
THE PARTHENON

This week in Marshall history: it was the year that Martin Luther King Jr. told the world of his dream, the Beatles rose to fame and gas sold for less than fifty cents a gallon. It was 1963, an era of big hair and small basketball shorts.

The week of Jan. 16, Marshall Campus was abuzz about an unusual basketball game between the alumni class of 1940 and the class of 1962. This was the first alumni game for Marshall which came about because of an open date on the schedule.

The game included notable players such as Walt Smittle, Bill Francis, Bruce Belcher, Jack Freeman, and Ed Lambert. The younger players managed to take the win at a score of 96-61. The Parthenon's headline read "Varsity chalks up easy victory in first contest against alumni", but that is not to say the alumna did not put up a commendable fight. Several of its players scored points that even impressed their younger counterparts showing that, no matter their age, they still had it in them.

All the while students were preparing for their final exams and beginning to set up their next semester's schedule. Students filed into the dorms to finish the last of their winter semester and seniors began saying goodbye to their alma mater. Advanced registration had just begun and high school students around the country were coming in for tours of the campus.

"I liked Marshall because it's such a small campus," says Meghan Poe, a present-day psychology major at Marshall University in her senior year "I got to live at home in the beginning, but I did think about living on campus last year."

Admissions services in 1963 predicted little change in the incoming freshman class size but did, however, say they had high hopes for the class of 1964-1965, the year that high school senior size would reach its peak (of the 60's anyway). As a modern day parallel, Marshall recently welcomed one of its biggest freshmen classes (over 2,000 full-time freshmen) in history to its campus.

But some things never change. Near the center of the paper was a short story about two arrests that may seem like small news for the 60's. The title read "Preliminary hearings for two Marshall students arrested last week on charges of illegal possession of marijuana have been continued by magistrate Johnny Miller."

A feature piece on ROTC lieutenant Jerry Holman was printed, telling new and returning students how much the program has helped him. CBS news offered eight competitive fellowships in radio and television and Chevy took out a large ad for the new '63 Chevy Nova 400 station wagon and the Corvette Sting Ray sports coupe. "You'll make the wisest choice no matter which Chevrolet you choose."

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The new profile earns mixed reviews



Above: Facebook users' information is now displayed at the top of their profile right under their name. A "featured friends" option is now available, which is similar to the top friends feature on MySpace. Below: The new profile also gives users a new way to share their favorite sports teams, musicians, books, religions, political affiliations, and more.

BY JORDAN BEAN
THE PARTHENON

Facebook's new profile layout is a dramatic change from profiles of the past.

About a month ago, Facebook started inviting users to "get the new profile", and eventually everyone was automatically converted to the new layout. Facebook users are no strangers to updates and alterations, but this design is the most dramatic change so far.

The user's information is now displayed at the top of the profile right under their name where the status bar used to appear. Right below that are five of the user's most recent photos. Facebook also included a new "featured friends" option, giving users the option to highlight their closest friends and family members, a lot like Myspace's "top friends".

The user's profile picture is in the upper left-hand corner of the screen, and below there are links that feature different sections of the profile: wall, info, photos, friends, etc. Under that is a vertical list of the user's closest friends and family.

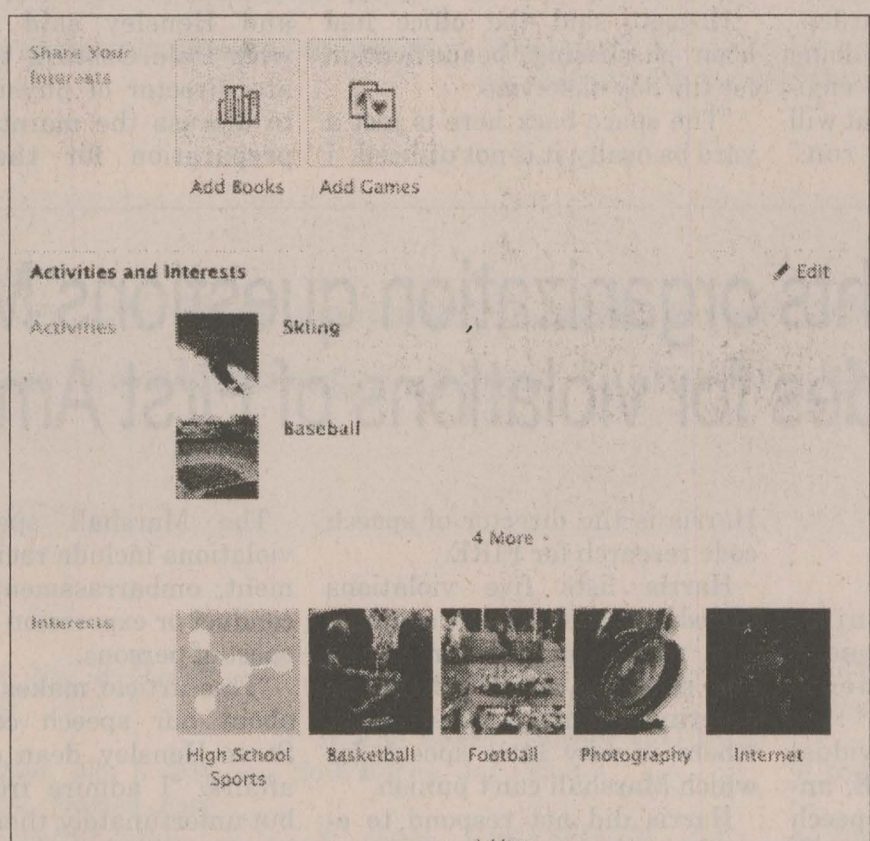
According to an announcement by Josh Wiseman, software engineer at Facebook, the profile also gives you new ways to share your interests and activities. You can list the projects you worked on at your job, classes you took in school, your favorite musicians and sports teams, and more. You can also share your life philosophy by connecting to the religions, political affiliations, and people you follow and admire.

The new profile has its pros and cons, according to students.

"I like being able to see everyone's info at the top of the page," said Shelby Brewster, junior theatre performance major. "I don't like not being able to control what goes up there on my profile."

Since the first time Facebook changed its layout in 2006, users have been letting their opinions be known.

"I don't like that the person's current status is no



longer clearly presented at the top of their page," said Josh Bush, junior psychology major from Barboursville, W. Va. "Having the info there now is pretty cool, but that is the worst change they made with the new Facebook," Bush said.

Some users are happy with the change.

"I like the new Facebook profile," said Jamie Mathis, junior English major from Huntington. "It enables me to easily see what interests and commonalities I have with people."

Facebook has also added the option to update your security information. Users can list a contact e-mail, phone number and security question to further protect their private information and make it easier for Facebook to contact them in the case of a problem.

In "An Open Letter From Facebook Founder Mark Zuckerberg", Zuckerberg explains that, "The plan

we've come up with is to remove regional networks completely and create a simpler model for privacy control where you can set content to be available to only your friends, friends of your friends, or everyone.

"We're adding something that many of you have asked for — the ability to control who sees each individual piece of content you create or upload. In addition, we'll also be fulfilling a request made by many of you to make the privacy settings page simpler by combining some settings."

Users say they are still adjusting to the change, adding security information and altering the look of the profiles, but overall the new Facebook serves to protect users' private information and make it easier to connect with people.

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Rice	2	2	10	8

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Enjoy this weekend, because NFL might disappear for a while

BY MARK PURDY
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS
(MCT)

For NFL purists, this weekend is the best weekend. Sunday's two conference championship games have all of the Super Bowl intensity with none of the preposterously out-of-control Super Bowl packaging.

Bears vs. Packers, Jets vs. Steelers - fine matchups - it will be a full day of America's favorite game, with no pregame and halftime performances by neon-dancing ostriches.

It might also be the last most perfect pro-football weekend for a long, long time, if you believe the voices who are talking about trouble on the horizon when the NFL's labor agreement expires March 3.

Perhaps you missed it with so much attention being paid to, you know, real games and stuff. But earlier this week, the NFL owners held a meeting at which the league's labor negotiator said "it will be hard to get a deal done" in time to avoid a lockout. Also this week, the NFL Players' Association has filed a claim of collusion against the league allegedly for conspiring to restrict players' salaries.

In other words, the mush slinging has already started. Couldn't they at least have waited until after someone hoists the Vince Lombardi trophy?

Instead, it is obvious what lies ahead of us this spring and summer and maybe autumn: both the owners and players will be eager to hoist the Shelley Long trophy. I should probably explain.

During the 1980s, Shelley Long was a big television star in "Cheers," which was then America's most popular comedy series. Long played the female lead in the show. Her professional life was rolling along great. But after five seasons, Long decided she could find better jobs and more money elsewhere. So she abruptly quit the show. Cheers continued rolling along. And Long's career went somewhere else.

Ever since, if I see anyone or any sports team or any business make a decision to blow up a good thing for no sensible reason, I award them an unofficial Shelley Long trophy. In this case, I am poised to award it jointly to the owners and players.

The NFL has had a terrific year as a product. Against the trend of diminished television ratings for many other sports as well as entertainment shows, the league actually increased in viewership this season. I know this because every week the networks and the league send me e-mails telling me what amazing numbers they are drawing.

Attendance is holding fairly steady as well. And can you visit any public place in America where more than a dozen

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Centerpiece timeline of the rivalry between the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears; the two teams will meet in a playoff game for the first time in 60 years.

Keys to NFC championship game

BY SAM FARMER
LOS ANGELES TIMES
(MCT)

What the Green Bay Packers need to do to defeat the Chicago Bears in Sunday's NFC championship game (3 p.m. EST, FOX):

No quarterback has a hotter hand than Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers, who's coming off a close-to-flawless performance at Atlanta. He's had some concussion problems, though, and the Bears sacked him twice in the regular season finale. As well as backup Matt Flynn played in a near-upset of New England, the Packers need Rodgers at his best to make this final push.

Yes, the Packers are running the ball more effectively than they did during the regular

season, but they're going against the league's No. 2 rushing defense, and it makes no sense for them to pound their heads against the wall with rookie James Starks. Green Bay views those quick screens and slants as an extension of the running game, and Rodgers frequently checks out of runs to throw those. Packers' receivers are very good after the catch.

Chicago's Jay Cutler has done a better job of avoiding turnovers this season, with 16 interceptions compared with 26 in 2009. But every so often, he will throw the ball directly to a defender. It happened Sunday, but Seattle safety Jordan Babineaux dropped a sure interception at the goal line with 100 yards of open real estate in front of him. The Packers

have superb defensive backs, led by top-notch playmaking corners Charles Woodson and Tramon Williams. They aren't likely to let an opportunity slip through their grasp.

There's no more disruptive defensive player in the league than linebacker Clay Matthews, who has been terrorizing quarterbacks all season. Defensive coordinator Dom Capers has done an outstanding job of moving him around and creating the best mismatches, then letting the former USC star carve a path to the quarterback.

After starting the season with consecutive three-sack games, Matthews never got more than one sack in any subsequent game, but that's largely because opponents commit extra bodies to help slow him.

As usual, defense is

a great job of buying more time by stepping up into the pocket. "Peppers is the key to their rush," NFL Network analyst Matt Millen said. "But if you just focus on Peppers, you miss the rest of it. The underrated guys that are playing well for them right now — Matt Teaina and Anthony Adams — are getting a big push inside."

The historically pass-happy Mike Martz is Chicago's offensive coordinator, but he isn't running a variation of the "Greatest Show on Turf," nor is he trying to. The Bears have become very balanced, not relying just on the arm of Jay Cutler but mixing in a healthy portion of runs. That's less risky and keeps a defense honest. It also gives Green

Bay corners Charles Woodson and Tramon Williams fewer chances to make big plays.

The Bears can't afford to lose track of where Packers linebacker Clay Matthews is on the field. He's incredibly disruptive and moves around quite a bit. Minimizing his impact will be a top priority, although the Bears can't be too focused on that and let another defensive player beat them.

Against the aggressive Dom Capers blitzes, Cutler needs to take short drops and get the ball out quickly to running back Matt Forte. The Packers had eight sacks in two post-season wins and 47 during the regular season, trying to use their aggressiveness to their detriment.

Jets' next road block: Steelers' Ben Roethlisberger

BY ART STAPLETON
THE RECORD (HACKENSACK N.J.)
(MCT)

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. - From his size and toughness to an ability to deliver in the clutch, Ben Roethlisberger represents everything Rex Ryan wants in a football player.

Ryan just wouldn't have him playing quarterback if he were with the Jets.

"I would've made him a defensive end when he came out (of college)," Ryan said with a laugh. "Obviously, he has the heart. He's tough, a competitor. He's anybody's kind of quarterback. Anybody would love to have that."

The challenge of having to beat Roethlisberger and the Steelers twice in five weeks — at Heinz Field both times, no less — is incredibly daunting, especially with the historical implications Sunday night in Pittsburgh.

Then again, after what the Jets have accomplished in thrilling fashion over the past two weekends, nothing is more daunting than what they have overcome.

Gang Green has sent home two sure first-ballot hall of fame quarterbacks in Peyton Manning and Tom Brady by not only coming up with phenomenal defensive game plans, but by perfectly executing them.

Their attention now turns to the Steelers and Roethlisberger. At

6-foot-5 and 241 pounds, he's as imposing a road-block as they come.

Just another future Hall of Famer with Super Bowl "bling" standing in the way of the Jets and their first Super Bowl since Joe Namath guaranteed victory 42 years ago.

"The guy is a once-in-a-blue-moon kind of football player, one of the two, three biggest challenges in this league, because you can't prepare for what he naturally does," Jets defensive lineman Trevor Pryce said. "How do you prepare to tackle a guy as big as a polar bear? How do you prepare for a guy who can flick a ball 50 yards at the drop of a dime? How do you prepare for a guy who can run like he does?"

"How do you prepare for someone who wants to win like he wants to win?" All fair questions, to be sure, yet the Jets somehow have found answers for the seemingly impossible thus far, earning a return trip to the AFC Championship Game.

They beat Manning in his building, avenging their loss from last year's title game. They baffled Brady in his building, avenging a humbling loss from last month.

The quest to once again upend Roethlisberger and the Steelers is fueled by a different sort of motivation, considering they came away winners while at their most desperate moment when they visited Heinz Field on Dec. 19.

If the Jets prevail, punching their ticket to the big game in Dallas, they will become just the third team to topple the top three seeds en route to a Super Bowl, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

And considering the quarterbacks they've gone against, all on the road, such a playoff run has the potential of standing alone as the most improbable of all.

"OK, I'll be honest: I wasn't wanting Indy to be in there," Ryan said. "I was like, 'Oh, great, now we're playing Indy. All right, we'll go face (Manning) and see what happens.' Same thing in New England, (and) now you have Roethlisberger."

Manning, Brady and Roethlisberger have won a combined six Super Bowls. Roethlisberger earned two in the first five seasons of his career, the last one coming two years ago. He was suspended for four games at the start of this season for violation of the league's personal conduct policy. His image off the field took a greater hit than any he has absorbed between the lines, although he always has seemed to thrive on the physicality of games like no other quarterback in the game today.

"You try to rattle him," Jets defensive tackle Sione Pouha said. "The problem is that Ben does as much rattling of guys as guys do to him."

Manning wants little



(DAVID L. POKRESS/NEWSDAY/MCT) Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is sacked by the New York Jets in the second quarter. The Jets defeated the Steelers 19-16, at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey, Sunday, November 18, 2007.

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Mike Andrick, open letter to Marshall fans

THE PARTHENON **EDITORIAL**

Students need to rally together to show support

Athletic director calls for more fans at our games

What a proud moment to be a Marshall student! The men's basketball team defeated our rival, WVU. Was everyone thinking the team was going to lose? Was everyone else saying a little prayer?

But the exciting news faded for a few minutes

after reading Herdzone.com today to find a letter to Herd fans from our athletic director. Mike Hamrick was disappointed to see the overwhelming amount of WVU fans compared to our small Marshall fans, "For future Capital Classic games, we need to have the building

half-full of fans wearing green and white."

We don't blame Hamrick for his puzzlement - what happened? Why wasn't there an equal amount of fans? Are people still getting over the football loss to WVU? Where is the green and white?

We have had some disappointing seasons in football and basketball, but we

encourage students to continue supporting our sports programs. These athletes work hard all year juggling practices and school to perform at their best each game. The least we could do is show up to the game and cheer on our athletes. We know the teams would really appreciate the support and it does intimidate the opponents to witness a sea of

green and white.

Hopefully the win over WVU will encourage students and the Marshall community to attend all upcoming sporting events.

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Starbucks presents bright future for payment technology

It could be the beginning of the end for the wallet, as Starbucks announced this week that it would soon accept payments at nearly all of its locations through customers' cell phones.

Now you can get your "Trenta," the new 31-ounce iced beverage being sold by the coffee giant, without taking anything out besides a cell phone.

It presents a fascinating look into the future of our economy and how people will pay for the items they want in the future.

Users of the Starbucks application will be able to load their gift card with cash and then add it to the phone. Then, using the application that will display a code for the scanner at the checkout, they just wave it at the scanner and money is debited from the account.

It seems magical and far-fetched and it has a few issues to overcome. First, you still need a physical Starbucks card to reload it. Why can't customers get a card number and add their own funds to it from the phone itself?

Is there any sort of protection to protect customers from having their phone stolen and used to pay for the overpriced coffee?

At the same time, it does present an optimistic future for payment technology. Imagine when credit card companies integrate this new technology, how much easier it could be to pay for things.

And the amount of fraud protection that could result.

There might even be a possibility that customers even need a physical credit card number, just an image that associates the individual with the bank account. More so, there's no need for replacement cards (still may need replacement phones).

On the other hand, if these cards run on batteries, there's a possibility that it runs out. If someone loses a charger and has a dead phone—that could present an interesting situation where a person doesn't have physical cash to pay for it.

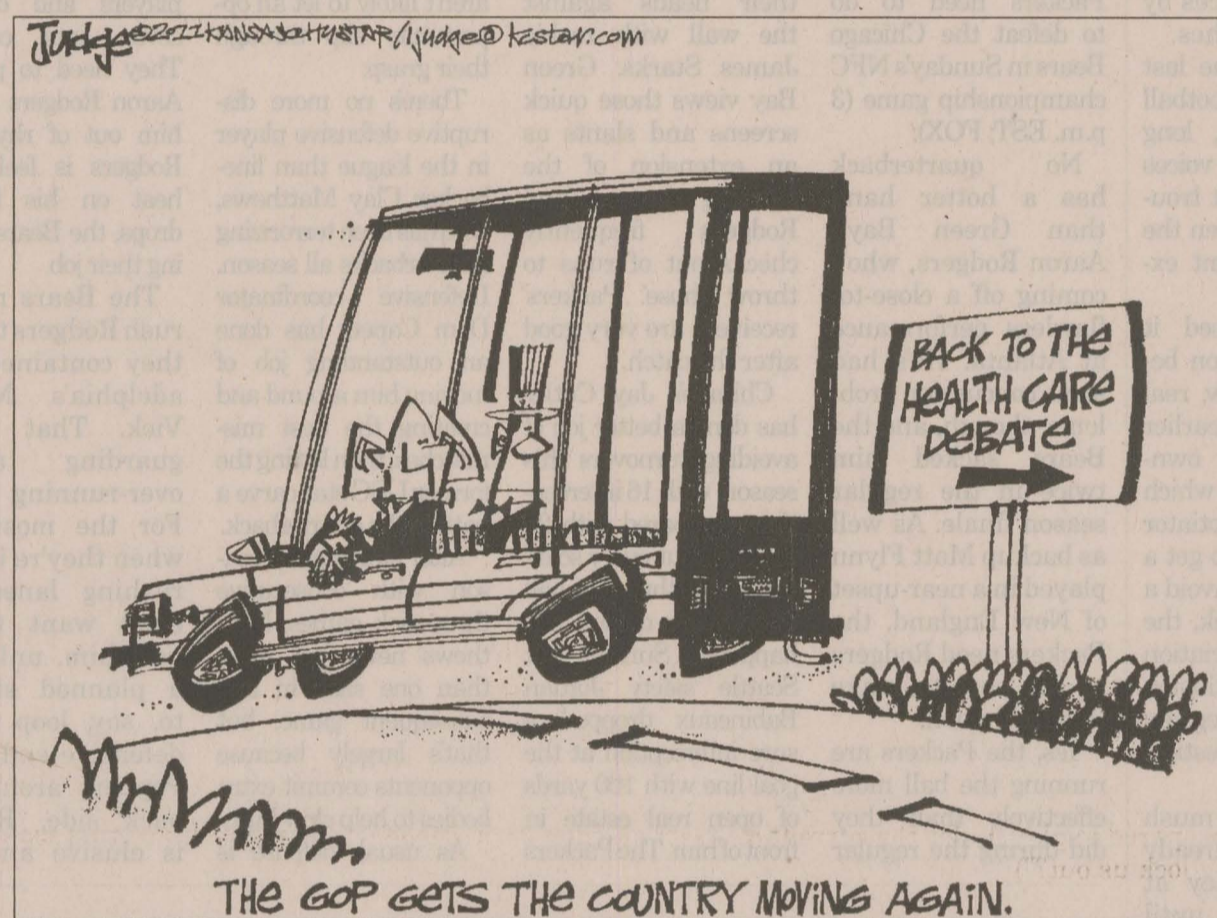
The chances of it happening are probably slim to none, but still, it's always worth being mindful of where technology can go wrong.

The other applications that could work for this is the Hawk Card. Imagine managing and getting updates on meal plan balances, Hawk cash remaining—and adding to it from a mobile application.

But the technology is far too cost-prohibitive to even consider putting in a business smaller than the beverage giant and chain grocery stores, but it's always fun to speculate on how payments will evolve over the coming years.

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Online poll

If the gubernatorial election were held today who would you vote for?

- Rick Thompson
- Earl Ray Tomblin
- John Perdue



RESULTS

How do you feel about this season of herd basketball?

- Losing Season.....44%
- Winning Season.....33%
- Too Soon to Tell.....22%

Experience a new country through study abroad program

BY MARIBETH SMITH
THE PARTHENON

There are opportunities here at Marshall that will enhance your college experience dramatically. The study abroad program offers three different types of programs including being an exchange student, interning, or doing a semester or a summer abroad. These programs offer the experience of learning and living in cultures that one can read about in history books.

Lance West Jr., freshman international business major from Huntington, said, "I would without a doubt take advantage of an opportunity to study abroad! There are so many outstanding benefits to studying in another country" when asked if he would go abroad if the opportunity presented itself.

Experiencing other countries' history and present day culture is only a few steps away.

"It makes students much more appealing to employers" said Clark Egnor, international programs representative, asked why it is a good idea for students to study abroad. Egnor also went on to explain that many students go through personal growth, expand their horizons and have a life changing experience.

If experiencing another country's rich culture is something of interest, start planning now to go abroad next spring. "It is important to get across that students need to start planning in the first year of study at Marshall," said Egnor.

Egnor explained that, although it is not mandatory in the first year of study, it is easier because students can take general education classes abroad. The office of international affairs recommends a full year of planning before going abroad. It ensures that all the steps have been taken and you are completely prepared.

Once you have decided where you want to go, you might apply to the school.

"To go abroad in fall or spring the application is the same as if a student was just going to school in fall or spring," said Sarah Musgrave, financial aid counselor.

After the application process is complete you must

choose what classes you would like to enroll in. This is one of the tricky parts, because you want to make sure that the classes you choose to take will count towards your degree. You must apply for the credit to be approved by Marshall. The study abroad advisor, regular advisor, the dean and the registrar must approve of the credit(s) prior to departure. Once it is approved you're halfway home when it comes to your credit. The other precaution you need to take is to have the credits sent over from where you studied to Marshall after the course(s) are completed.

After credit is dealt with, you must figure out how this trip will be paid for. This part is where most students struggle. "When I think of study abroad programs, I think that it will be overly expensive," said West. The financial aid office helps students with this dilemma. Musgrave is in charge of helping students figure out how they will finance their trips. Musgrave said that getting loans to go abroad is the same as getting loans for attending classes in the US. Students must still go through FAFSA. She said that summer is a little trickier, considering a student can only get a certain amount of money per year, if they use they're money in the fall and spring they are not eligible in the summer.

"It is a case-by-case basis," Musgrave said. So to figure out financing for your trip abroad, contacting Musgrave in the financial aid office for financing.

When it comes to studying abroad, many students don't know where to start and have misconceptions about the process.

"I also feel like it's difficult to find a lot of information regarding various study abroad programs," West said.

For students who feel the same way, resources and people willing to help you get all the information you need are in the office of international affairs. They are always willing to help and make your study abroad program special and right for each individual.

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Kale Eickhof, a creative writing major at Minnesota, holds wallaby in Australia.

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Weekend

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people gather and see someone wearing a piece of NFL clothing? Not in my neighborhood. That sounds like the perfect time to go in and risk horrible damage to the most-followed and well-liked sports league in North America.

Be ready. In the countdown to March 3, when the current labor agreement expires, you will see the usual Kabuki theater of outrage and posturing. Be prepared for dueling sound bites from owners ("We want to make the game better by rolling back rookie salaries and giving more money to veterans and retirees") and the union ("We're prepared to play under the current contract and don't see a need to change it, so why lock us out?")

At this point, it's all but a given that the owners will indeed shut down the league on March 4 and promise not to reboot until a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA) is in place. The college draft may still take place in April, though no one knows for sure.

Here in the bay area, with new coaches taking over the Raiders and 49ers, there will be a flurry of activity as Hue Jackson and Jim Harbaugh rush to get their staffs hired and make as much contact with players as possible before the inevitable shutdown.

"The CBA is going to take care of itself," Jackson said Tuesday at his Raiders introductory press session. "It's going to be a challenge for every team in our

league."

Other than money, another CBA issue to be resolved is the potential schedule expansion from 16 games to 18 games. Players might go for it, if roster sizes and salaries are bumped. But all of this could affect the Raiders more than other teams because they have a season ticket base somewhere south of 30,000. This means they rely on single-game buyers to buy up a lot of seats. As owner Al Davis pointed out.

"What does a club do that's in a depressed area like Oakland, where we find out that the fans don't have all the money we're hoping they do?" Davis asked. "What do the Raiders do about 18 games, which means another home game? These are important things that we have to decide."

And you get the impression that none of this will be decided in a flash. Or even during the summer. My league sources say there's a 50-50 chance the season won't start on time. Could it be canceled entirely? Don't laugh. Those of us in cities with hockey franchises remember how, in the summer of 2004, owners and players had a loud dispute that delayed the season. Pundits kept saying there would surely be a settlement because neither side would be stupid enough to shut down the game for an entire season.

Then the NHL shut down the game for the entire season.

Enjoy this weekend, if you're an NFL purist. And you might want to record it on your DVR to watch in October.

Roadblock

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or no part of contact, even though his pocket rarely is threatened. Brady holds the ball until the last second and releases it just before getting hit. Roethlisberger would just as soon lower his shoulder and level a defender to buy time for his receivers downfield. Which basically means all the schemes in the world could be of no help the moment Roethlisberger starts freelancing.

"It's really street ball," Jets defensive coordinator Mike Pettine said. "The play doesn't really

start until he gets hit." And don't think for a second Pittsburgh is going to let the Jets do all of the hitting.

"They've been pretty consistent about stating their intentions all year, (and) we've been pretty consistent about stating ours," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin told reporters Tuesday in Pittsburgh. "That's two trains on a track."

The defense that has eliminated two legendary quarterbacks is on a collision course with a third that refuses to budge, no matter how hard you hit him.

Come Sunday, something has to give.

Garden

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vibrant each week during the appropriate seasons. "Hopefully by now, and the time Dale says it would be good to start doing it. We want to get a sheet of people signed up. Each week different student organizations can take care of it," Murphy said. Both Murphy and Hensley said they feel this could

be the start to a better garden system on campus and said they feel this could gain interest around the different greenhouses surrounding the area.

After the garden has been planted and plants begin to bloom, Hensley said he could see many additions to the area such as benches and trees, making an ideal place of relaxation on campus.

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Rights

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right to free speech by altering their message, then it was a problem," Hensley said.

Chief of staff Matt Turner said on behalf of President Stephen Kopp's office that the code is not in place to restrict free speech.

"It is for the welfare of students," Turner said. "It gives students grounds for bringing up issues in front

of a student board."

Turner said FIRE's article is not rushing the administration to make a change right away.

"It gives us pause to see if it is something we need to look at in the future," Turner said.

The Student Conduct and Welfare Committee will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at the Memorial Student Center in room 2E10, and Marshall's speech code is on the agenda.

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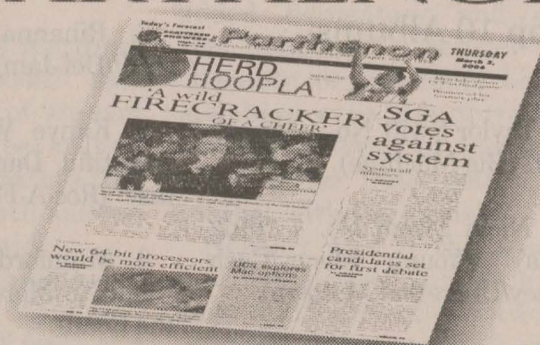
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Birke Art Gallery showcases Marshall Artists

BY JARED ROACH
THE PARTHENON

Marshall students are putting their works on display. On Jan. 11, the Birke Art Gallery held a reception for the 25th annual student juried exhibition, an art show dedicated to Marshall student artists. All art and design students could participate, from freshman to graduate students.

The exhibit displays a wide variety of disciplines, ranging from painting and photography to video and sculpture.

"It's so vast and different" said Tommy Warf, a graduate student with a masters degree in art and education. Warf, who's being featured in the gallery for the seventh time, said that the Birke Art Gallery's exhibits are "Always a great representation of what Marshall's students are doing."

Warf's "Miranda and Carrie are Trying to Keep it Together" is an example of some of the variety seen at the show. The exhibit shows different ceramic sculptures of women in different levels of distress and decay. Constructed from molded clay, the piece is the beginning of a larger installation of between 500 and 1000 individual sculptures.

"Winner of the Foundations Award of Merit", however, was a much simpler piece, both in terms of concept and construction, but not in terms of quality. "Diamond 4", a charcoal portrait of

a woman by Lorin Michki, junior visual arts major.

"Its power is in its simplicity. In essence it's just a sketch of a simple human form," Michki said.

Michki's other piece "Mother of this Modern Era" is also prominently featured, and more conceptual and abstract than this other piece.

"There's the realism in it also elements of a cubist feel to it," Michki said.

"It's about the rise of the modern age and where we are now, as far technology as goes." Despite this, he later went on to say that viewer interpretation of art is much more important.

"That's what good art is", Michki said.

"Attendance was great, considering the weather", said John Farley, director of the Birke Art Gallery as well as Gallery 842.

According to Farley, the reaction to the exhibit was "overwhelmingly positive".

"This exhibit is a favorite for many people, as it is very eclectic", Farley said.

The 25th annual student juried exhibition will be on display until Jan. 27. The next exhibit, "Expressive Cloth: Fiber Arts Invitational Exhibition," will open Feb 8.

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Students displayed various pieces of artwork, exhibiting photography, video, paintings and sculptures.



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"Diamond 4" by Lorin Michki, junior visual arts major, was awarded the Foundations Award of Merit.



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The annual art show provided the opportunity for students to showcase various art styles.

"It's about the rise of the modern age and where we are now, as far as technology goes." -Lorin Michki

Top 10 Albums

1. Taylor Swift No. 1 "Speak Now" (Big Machine)
2. Nicki Minaj No. 4 "Pink Friday" (Young Money/Cash Money/Universal Motown)
3. Bruno Mars No. 7 "Doo-Wops & Hooligans" (Elektra)
4. Daft Punk No. 6 "Tron: Legacy (Soundtrack)" (Walt Disney)
5. Eminem No. 2 "Recovery" (Web/Shady/Aftermath/Interscope)

6. Rihanna No. 3 "Loud" (SRP/Def Jam)
 7. Kanye West No. 5 "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy" (Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam)
 8. Mumford & Sons No. 8 "Sigh No More" (Gentleman of the Road)
 9. Jason Aldean No. 13 "My Kinda Party" (Broken Bow)
 10. Soundtrack No. 149 "Country Strong" (Nashville)
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Top 10 Movies

1. The Green Hornet (PG-13) Seth Rogen, Jay Chou
2. True Grit (PG-13) Jeff Bridges, Hailee Steinfeld
3. The King's Speech (R) Colin Firth, Helena Bonham Carter
4. Black Swan (R) Natalie Portman, Vincent Cassell
5. Little Fockers (PG-13) Robert De Niro, Owen Wilson

6. TRON: Legacy (PG) Jeff Bridges, Garrett Hedlund
 7. Yogi Bear (PG) animated
 8. The Fighter (R) Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale
 9. Season of the Witch (PG-13) Nicolas Cage, Ron Perlman
 10. Tangled (PG) animated
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- Feb 20: Graduate Recital: Mary Withers, voice (3:00 pm)
Guest Artist: Cecilia Zabala, guitar (8:00 pm)
- Feb 23: Faculty Brass Quintet (8:00 pm)
- Feb 26: Single Reed Day (all day)
- Feb 27: Belle and Lynum Jackson Competition (3:00 pm)
- March 1: Young People's Concert (Snowdate: March 2 at 7:30 pm) (7:30 pm)
- March 3: New Music Festival (March 3 and 4, 2011) (9:00 am)
- March 4: MUsic Alive: Chamber Music In Current Times (First Presbyterian Church) (12:00 pm)