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## FREE-FOR-ALL



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Assessment day is a day for both students and faculty to assess and critique their respective departments. Classes prior to 4 p.m. were excused. Many campus organizations sponsored activities for enjoyment.

**TOP:** Katie Harman, junior elementary education major from St. Albans, W.Va., races through an inflatable obstacle course with her 14-year-old brother, Trey, as part of Assessment Day activities at the Memorial Student Center Plaza on Wednesday.

**LEFT:** Alicia Lewis, junior culinary education major from Charleston, makes cotton candy for students as part of Assessment Day activities at the Memorial Student Center Plaza on Wednesday.

## Records of Marshall Academy and Marshall College Gazette uncovered

BY BRITTANEE BARTON  
THE PARTHENON

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SCANNED PAGES FROM THE MARSHALL COLLEGE GAZETTE

An original composition book from Marshall Academy and Marshall College is being transcribed and released as an eBook by Jack Dickinson, member of the Morrow Library special collection staff. The handwritten records are representative of the years 1855-1879.

Dickinson said he took on this project because this is the oldest documentation ever found in Marshall history.

"The reason I wanted to take this on and produce a book out of this is because this has names of girl students," Dickinson said. "No one else has ever been able to find or prove there were girls here before the Civil War."

Dickinson found the names of seven girls and double-checked the identities with the census books on the first floor of Morrow Library. In addition, Dickinson found the names of children from prominent Huntington families such as Holderby, Laidley and Buffington.

The composition book begins with 1855 and 1857 editions of the Debating Society of Marshall Academy Constitution, bylaws and minutes of meetings. Marshall Academy consisted of high school kids, primarily between the

ages of 10 and 19. In 1861, Marshall became a college, resulting in a new constitution and bylaws.

The last entry occurred on April 19, 1861, the day before a boat pulled into Guyandotte and announced Virginia had seceded from the Union, beginning the Civil War. The debate question recorded for that day seemed to be a predictor for the war, stating "Is there more happiness in the savage than in the civilized state?"

Dickinson also found names of 13 Marshall College boys who fought for the Confederacy.

The final entries in the composition book are from 1879. Three issues of the Marshall College Gazette were found, which are the earliest copies of a newspaper at Marshall. Contents included editorials, advertisements and topical articles. There is no record of whether or not the issues were published.

One of Dickinson's favorite quotes from the Gazette comes from an article entitled Scientifics, "Although we object to the female as a professional personage, we do not

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## Fourth Avenue construction yields bike lane

Five-foot lane spanning from Marshall to downtown Huntington will keep bikers safe



BY ASHLEY FOSTER  
THE PARTHENON

The City of Huntington will continue the reconstruction of Fourth Avenue for the rest of the week to pave the way for the new bike lane that will extend on both sides of the avenue between Marshall University and downtown Huntington.

Fourth Avenue, which is currently four lanes wide will be decreasing to three lanes to make room for a five-foot bike lane on either side of the street. This is the first time Huntington bikers and drivers will be able to safely share the road.

Charles Holley, director of development and planning for the City of Huntington, has been working toward the bike lane project for 10 years.

"I think Huntington will reap serious benefits from the construction of the bike lane, including health benefits for one," Holley said. "It will also hopefully persuade more people to bike instead of drive which will improve our air quality. Huntington has the 17th worst air quality of any city in the country. The purpose of this project is to promote health and community in Huntington."

Holley also foresees the bike lane bringing economic benefits to the area as well.

"We are trying to create a connection with Marshall and downtown Huntington," Holley said. "Doing this will put more people on the streets and create opportunities for businesses to thrive."

Bill Peck, employee of Huntington Cycle and Sport on Fourth Avenue said he is looking forward to the addition.

"This will be the beginning of bike awareness in Huntington," Peck said. "Hopefully, more people will start cycling, which will help people to save on the cost of gas. We plan to have a big party here at the store once the bike lane is finished."

Students and community members who wish to become more active will also benefit from the bike lane. Kathleen Clark, first year graduate student studying science and human resource management, said she thinks the bike lane will encourage exercise in the city.

"There is a huge exercise initiative in Huntington right

now," Clark said. "This will be a good step in the right direction for people to become active."

For students who do not have a bicycle, Marshall provides access. The Marshall Recreational Center offers free bicycle rental to students for the day.

Brent Patterson, professor of digital media in the department of art and design at Marshall, is an avid cyclist along with his wife and children.

"With the new fine arts building going in downtown, the bike lane will create a great chance for students to cycle because the building will be only 15 minutes from campus," Patterson said. "The lane will be great for current cyclists to feel safe on the road and encourage



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Fourth Avenue construction takes place Wednesday. The City of Huntington is decreasing the number of lanes to three in order to make room for a bike lane on each side.

other people to join. This is a fantastic project, and the key to progressing will be for more people to get on bikes to ensure the building of more bike lanes in the future."

The reconstruction of Fourth Avenue, with the bike lane addition, is set to be finished later next week.

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# NEWS

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## Philosophy professor to publish book

BY HENRY CULVYHOUSE  
THE PARTHENON

A Marshall University professor will release a book about German philosopher Martin Heidegger in January 2013.

Philosophy professor Jeffrey Powell edited a book of essays about Heidegger, entitled "Heidegger and Language." Heidegger

influenced the fields of phenomenology, existentialism and politics. He is credited with influencing philosophical giants like Jean-Paul Sartre and Hannah Arendt.

Powell said the book is a collection of essays by contemporary scholars about Heidegger's theories on language.

"I've been pretty fortunate to get to know a number of

well known people over the years," Powell said. "A number of those people populate this book."

Powell said Indiana University Press will publish the book.

"Indiana University Press has the first rights to all translations of Heidegger," Powell said. "In the English language, Indiana University is the top press in the

world on Heidegger."

Powell said he edited the book because he has a longstanding fascination with Heidegger.

"I had originally written my dissertation on Heidegger and the question of language," Powell said. "The question of language in Heidegger is taken by scholars as one of the most important

questions in Heidegger."

Powell said Heidegger's treatment of language has been open ended for years.

"It's really been sort of left open by Heidegger," Powell said. "The secondary literature has not been that forthcoming in dealing with the issue."

Powell said he thinks this book may help answer a few of those questions.

"I really wanted to get a concentration of different people writing on the issue who are highly regarded Heidegger scholars who will make a good faith effort to make sense of this question," Powell said. "Whether they do or not, the public will judge."

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## LGBTQ offers services to all

BY TRAVIS EASTER  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Outreach Office offers a wealth of information to Marshall students, regardless of sexual orientation.

"It's important for a campus to serve the needs of its students," Vice President of Multicultural Affairs

Shari Clarke said. "There are LGBTQ students at Marshall, and like every Marshall student, we want to insure that their needs are met in a safe and welcoming environment that enables them to succeed in their academic pursuits."

The largest program the LGBTQ office offers is the Marshall Safe Space Program. Safe Space is a group about 100 faculty and students on campus that have been trained to help LGBTQ students with problems they might face.

Members of the program learn about the issues LGBTQ students might face in college, coming out to friends and family, and the resources Marshall has to assist the them and their allies. They also learn how to help a student if they are being harassed or become the victim of a hate crime.

"It's hard work trying to advertise and get the word out," Ray Blevins, graduate assistant in charge of the office said, "A lot of people still don't know where I'm at."

Working with LGBTQ students, Blevins offers

talks and presentations open to classes and residence halls on campus to help students better understand a wide range of LGBTQ topics including homophobia and stereotypes.

Blevins also works with the Cabell County Health Department to get students information about sexually transmitted diseases and preventing them.

The LGBTQ office also has lending library of books and other multimedia resources, both for entertainment and educating students about the LGBTQ community and the problems it faces.

The office also assists various LGBTQ related student groups on campus. There are three main groups at Marshall are LAMBDA, the Gay, Straight, Bisexual Alliance and Adore, all offering students a different focus.

The LAMBDA Society is mainly geared toward activism, often holding marches and rallies, as well as being the main orchestrators of Pride Week conducted every spring. The GSBA provides LGBTQ students and allies' students a more social atmosphere. The newest group, Adore, is an LGBTQ Christian group. They offer a place for LGBTQ Christians who don't feel comfortable at another campus Christian club meeting or being involved with one of the other LGBTQ groups.

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"It's important for a campus to serve the needs of its students."

> SHARI CLARKE

## Romney accuses Obama of evasion

BY LESLEY CLARK  
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WASHINGTON — With the Republican presidential nomination more firmly in hand after his three primary victories Tuesday, Mitt Romney accused President Barack Obama on Wednesday of hiding his true intentions and creating "straw men" to distract attention from his record.

Speaking from the same stage where Obama had spoken 24 hours earlier, Romney cited an incident last month when the president didn't realize the microphone was on when he was speaking to Russia's president to question whether Obama is telling the electorate the truth.

"He does not want to share his real plans before the election, either with the public or the press," Romney said in an address to the American Society of News Editors convention in Washington. He cited Obama's remarks to President Dmitry Medvedev that he'd have more flexibility to deal with Russian concerns after November's election. "His intent is on hiding. You and I are going to have to do the seeking."

A day after primary wins in Wisconsin, Maryland and Washington, D.C., Romney joked in response to a question about whether he'd asked his remaining rivals to drop out of the race.

"No, I haven't. But now that you bring it up," he said to laughter before adding, "I think people are free to make their own decision."

Still, he noted, "I hope that we're able to resolve our nomination process as soon as possible," saying that Republicans need to be "somewhat competitive" with Obama's

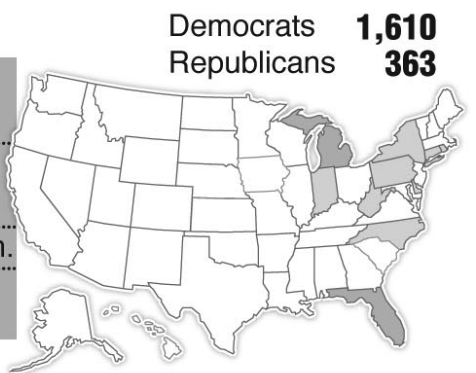
## What's next

ELECTION 2012

Key primary in GOP candidate Rick Santorum's home state of Pa.

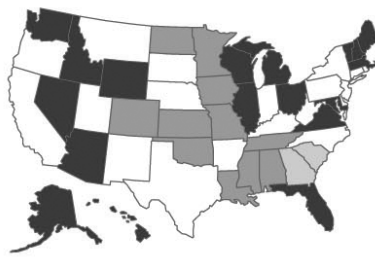
### Upcoming contests

	Both parties	Dem only
April 24	Conn., Del., N.Y., Pa., R.I.	
May 5		Fla., Mich.
May 8	Ind., N.C., W.Va.	



### Who's won what

As of April 4



- Romney Ill., N.H., Fla., Nev., Maine, Mich., Ariz., Alaska, Idaho, Mass., Ohio, Vt., Va., Wash. Wyo., Hawaii, Wis., Md., D.C.
- Santorum Iowa, Mo., Colo., Minn., Kan., Okla., N.D., Tenn., Ala., Miss., La.
- Gingrich S.C., Ga.
- ☑ Paul Has not won a state but won delegates in states with proportional allocation

### Delegate scorecard

Democrats	Republicans
Needed to nominate 2,783	Needed to nominate 1,144
■ Delegates won	■ Delegates won
Obama 2,854	Romney 655
	Santorum 278
	Gingrich 135
	Paul 51

NOTE: Delegate totals as of April 4

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"billion-dollar quest."

Romney's address came the day after the president delivered a scathing critique of Republicans before the same crowd, looking to frame the election as a choice between a president who's watching out for the middle class and Republicans intent on starving government.

Asked about Obama's address, Romney called it "rhetorical excess" and said there were too many "distortions and inaccuracies" to name them. He defended the House of

Representatives' Republican spending plan, which the president described as "social Darwinism," and criticized Obama for saying that Republicans would roll back environmental regulations and allow corporations "to do whatever they want."

"These things are just straw men that have no basis in reality," Romney said.

He didn't mention his Republican rivals, aiming squarely at Obama, who he said thought that the answer to the economic crisis was "more spending,

more debt and more government. The 'new normal' the president would have us embrace is trillion-dollar deficits and eight percent unemployment."

Romney argued that his vision for the U.S. was one "where the pursuit of success unites us, not divides us" and where "poverty is defeated by opportunity, not enabled by a government check."

"If we become one of those societies that attack success, one outcome is certain: There will be less success."

## Marshall students assess life in the residence halls

BY MARISSA DEMARIA  
THE PARTHENON

It would not be Assessment Day if a multitude of surveys were not dispersed for student's consideration.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life, like most other departments and organizations at Marshall University strive to improve the services it provides each year. Thus, the department saw Assessment Day as an excellent platform to accumulate data from students about it time in the residence halls and then coordinate that data into its new initiatives.

"Feedback is important to every department

on campus, and residence life is no different," said Tracey Eggleston, residence life specialist for the department of housing and residence life. "We want students living in the halls to enjoy their experience and how can we improve if we do not know the changes that students would like to see."

Eggleston said residence life staff enjoys hearing about things they do well and those things that they can improve upon because knowing their strengths and weaknesses, correlates well in their mission for success.

Students were sent an email with the information

to complete the department's annual survey. Once the survey was completed, students had the option to take their completion certificate to the front desk of their building to receive a T-shirt designed by one of the many students living in the residence halls.

Stephanie Hurley, residence life specialist for the department of housing and residence life, said the department chose to give away T-shirts so students could "strut their stuff" with some flair.

"Students love free swag and we wanted to show how significantly we appreciate their contribution in assessing the department," Hurley

said. Eggleston said once the data from the surveys is collected, staff members collaborate to formulate a timeline to accomplish new goals.

"Every summer, we look at the departmental goals and initiatives and reevaluate them based on student feedback," Eggleston said. "This reevaluation helps us to make sure each team within our department stays on track and helps us to better serve the students wants and to make necessary policy changes."

As with all matter of adjustment, change is as inevitable as it is progressive. Eggleston said the



T-shirt design created by a resident hall resident.

department truly tries its best to implement all the changes students want, but sometimes obstacles arise.

"Change is not always immediate," Eggleston said. "Sometimes large amounts of time have to be put into

planning and funding these projects."

The department's survey will remain available for students to take until Friday.

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## SPORTS

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## LEADING THE PACK

## Senior Aaron Dobson assumes leadership role

BY JARROD CLAY  
THE PARTHENON

From the first time he took the field in a Marshall University uniform, it was apparent that wide receiver Aaron Dobson had the potential to become a star.

That potential has become a reality for the South Charleston native, who made national headlines last season when he made an unbelievable one handed catch against East Carolina that was coined "the catch".

Dobson is now in his final year of eligibility, along with fellow senior wide out Antavious Wilson. The two combined for 1005 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2011 and are looking to use this year's spring practice to become an even better duo.

"I feel like we are a great combination on opposite sides of the ball so they can't double team me or him (Antavious)," said Marshall senior wide receiver Aaron Dobson. "I just feel like we are going to put a lot of pressure on the defense."

Standing at 6'4", Dobson is a big target down field for quarterback Rakeem Cato.

Cato, who is entering his second year as quarterback, admits that Dobson provides a bit of a security blanket for him, as he knows he can just throw a ball up and Dobson will likely come down with it.

"It makes me very comfortable knowing he's a big guy down the field," Cato said. "Hopefully, the other teams will double and triple

team him, but if they play one-on-one we're going to attack with him."

Aaron Dobson is one of the stars on the field for the Thundering Herd, but now heading into his final season in the green and white, Dobson has embraced the roll of a leader on and off the field.

"I have to step up," Dobson said. "I definitely put it on myself to be a leader and to be more vocal out on the field and hold people responsible for what they do."

Dobson's ability to be a leader became apparent in the final games of the 2011 season, especially in the final game of the season.

In the victory over Florida International in the Beef O' Brady's Bowl, Dobson tallied 81 yards and two touchdowns including a 35-yard touchdown catch with 30 seconds remaining in the game for the Herd.

"I think he's (Dobson) very important," head coach Doc Holliday said. "I told Aaron after the bowl game that I want to see him make the same improvements he made from his sophomore to his junior year to his senior year. He needs to make that jump as far as his skill level and his leadership."

Just two weeks into spring practice, it is already apparent that Aaron Dobson is the leader on this Thundering Herd team that only has five seniors. Dobson has especially shown great leadership on the offensive side.

"Leaders set great standards and make sure everyone around them lives up



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Aaron Dobson reels in a touchdown catch during Marshall's Sept. 10 victory over the University of Southern Mississippi. Dobson led the team in touchdowns and receiving yards during his junior season.

to those standards," Holliday said. "When you start getting that on the field — leadership and the coaching coming from the players — then you know you have a chance to be a pretty good football team."

Rakeem Cato is going into his second year working with Dobson, and Cato said even from last fall, he has seen Dobson grow not only as a player, but as a person and a leader.

"He's been progressing," Cato said. "He's a big person and everybody looks up to him and respects him as a

man and a player. He's the big guy on campus right now."

For the past two seasons, the face of the Marshall program has been defense end Vinny Curry. But Curry is now on his way to the NFL and is obviously no longer with the Herd.

With the face of the program gone, it is time for someone new to fill that void, and coach Doc Holliday said who better to do it than Aaron Dobson.

"He's got to be one of the faces of the program," Holliday said. "He's one of our

better players, and we expect him to lead and it's great that he's from right down the road in Charleston. So it's great to have a guy who can be the face of a program that's a local guy."

Being from South Charleston, which is just 47 miles away from Joan C. Edwards Stadium, Dobson said he does not feel any extra pressure being the hometown guy. In fact, it's comforting for Dobson.

"I just know what I've got to do to get to where I want to be, so I just have to come out

here and play hard," Dobson said. "I feel like it makes me feel better to come out here and play in front of fans I've played in front of my whole life. I was born here so it feels nice to play in front of fans who know who I am."

Last season, Aaron Dobson piled up 331 more receiving yards than any other receiver on the team and looks to use spring practice to create an even better hook up with Rakeem Cato.

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## COLUMN

## Opening day has finally arrived

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Cincinnati is a baseball town.

Of that, I have very little doubt. And even with the Cincinnati Bengals recent quasi-success in the last seven years, I am positive the city could go without a team in the National Football League.

I am sure of this because of the tireless support given to owner Bob Castellini and the Reds.

Those from Cincinnati, including myself, know baseball better than almost every other city in the nation — and we're damn proud of that fact.

Though I never saw him play in person, I can tell you the exact date Pete Rose hit 4,192 (it was Sept. 11, 1985).

I can name all three members of "The Nasty Boys" (Randy Myers, Rob Dibble and Norm Charlton). I can even recall the year the Reds moved to the National League Central division (1994).

There is, perhaps, no better place in the country to be on opening day of the MLB season than Cincinnati. The spectacle of the parade and opening day ceremonies followed by America's oldest professional baseball team taking the stage for the first time in a season.

Though I will not be in the city I once called home for the festivities, you can bet I will be tuning in with the television set turned all the way down and Marty Brennaman cued up on the radio.

It's how I have always done it. And the way I will likely do it for the rest of my life. It's a special thing to be a Reds fan on opening day.

And yet, Thursday will not be as special for me.

That's because over the past couple of years, Major League Baseball has decided the Redlegs are no longer deserving of playing the first game of the season. Instead, opening day becomes a two-day-long

spectacle where what was once all eyes on my team, has turned into a money-maker highlighting the ever-favored Cardinals, Yankees and Red Sox, with maybe the addition of new media darlings — the Marlins and Angels.

Sure, the Reds will be on ESPN2 tomorrow for the whole nation to see. Problem is — they are playing the new-look Miami Marlins. How many times is everyone going to have to hear about the beautiful new stadium, the addition of Jose Reyes and, ironically, the team's loss Wednesday to the Cardinals?

I'm guessing it will be frequently.

It's not that I'm not interested in all those things. I'm a baseball fan. I couldn't claim that if I wasn't. But to tell the truth, I would rather the game be on Fox Sports Ohio. At least then it would be about my team.

So many great things are happening with Reds baseball right now. Joey Votto's mega-contract showed the world that Castellini is willing to spend money in order for this team to win.

The squad features one of the most electric pitchers in

the game in Aroldis Chapman. Following whether or not he will end up in the starting rotation or in the bullpen is one of the more exciting storylines in baseball.

And this team has the ability, with the stars aligning and a little bit of luck, to really make a run come October.

Still, the media has forgotten this team. Sure, they make a comment here and there and Votto's contract brought on a bit of commentary, but the Reds are still bottom of the hour news.

It is really a shame that the execs at Major League Baseball (e.g. Bud Selig) have forgotten their roots. The Reds are the oldest team in baseball. And instead of honoring that, the MLB has stuck them at the bottom of page six.

Nonetheless, I will be watching tomorrow — Marty turned up loud as he always is — and nothing short of excited that baseball season is back.

Call me crazy, but 162 games isn't nearly enough for me.

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Cincinnati Reds first baseman Joey Votto hits a home run off the Washington Nationals during the first inning at Nationals Park on Aug. 17, 2011.

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### EDITORIAL

## Two-year anniversary of UBB brings memories, questions

Today marks the two-year anniversary of the Upper Big Branch mine disaster that left 29 miners dead and went down as the worst coal-mining disasters in America in the last 40 years. It has not been until recently that we have seen the operators of UBB facing criminal charges and some receiving the longest sentences ever given to coal officials. This, along with multiple safety investigations that linked the disaster to bad safety practices by mine officials, have shown us why UBB happened.

There has also been recent legislation passed in West Virginia that seeks to reduce the chance of future disasters and combat the litany of dubious maintenance lapses that were responsible for the disaster. Both the convictions of officials and new legislation are good. However, it is important to note that little within mines has changed since the UBB disaster, and change seems shores away at this point as bills that would directly ensure fewer disaster become watered down in the legislative process.

Although there was a new mine safety bill passed recently by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, it fails to address

many of the key factors that caused the UBB explosion. For example, little has been done to combat the dangerous amounts of coal dust within mines. Not only did coal dust play a major part in causing the explosion, it also infected three quarters of the 29 miners with black lung. There needs to be more legislation that directly addresses the root causes of the explosion — for the sake of all who work in the mines and all the families that are supported through coal mining.

Let us remember UBB and the families that are left without their fathers, brothers and sons. However, do not let us forget that these tragedies are still possible and without better legislation to directly address the causes of mine explosions they remain an unfortunate reality within the state.

Let us hope that justice is served to the individuals who have thus far evaded prosecution, despite having played major roles in the cause of the explosion. This is for the families of the miners at UBB. You are not alone in your struggle for justice and a safer future for all miners.

### GUEST COLUMN

## Tax the rich, find alternatives to capitalism

BY JORDAN FANNIN  
GUEST COLUMNIST

There is nothing more indicative of the fact that the play of humanity is a tragedy than when a worker can, in one gesture, turn out their empty pockets to the International Revenue Service while declaring with all sincerity that increasing taxes on the rich is, by its very nature, the punishment of success.

The crescendo of free market and doomsday prophecies has subsided and in its place we hear a new cry: Tax the rich! Finally awoken from their slumber, the people are just now recalling that the slanderous assault on so-called "socialism" was never a reality, but merely a nightmare. And how could we not? It was not three decades of harsh federal regulations that resulted in the global economic crisis, but the wholesale

deregulation of risky, white collar gambling. It was not 30 years of overbearing taxes upon the wealthy that sucked dry the social and economic safety nets that provide us with stability, but tax evasion, cuts and fraud. Nor was it the bolstering of union power that crippled industry, but the outright massacre of organized labor.

One need only briefly examine the economic and political trajectory of the last three decades to come to an unwavering conclusion about the cause of the economic strife and political terror that threatens to suffocate us today.

Needless to say — the residue of the McCarthy witch hunts and the astronomical effort put forth to smear and slander any and all elements of the Left continue to hamper our progress in encouraging a critical dialogue about capitalism and its alternatives. Luckily,

recent events have helped us to begin to overcome these barriers — from the Arab Spring to Occupy Wall Street, we find that even our greatest detractors feel the need to defend their sacred calf, whereas in the past its sanctity was supposedly self-evident.

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> JORDAN FANNIN

While the Thatchers and Reagans of the world see this new popular discourse as a means of defending an obviously failing system, the mere existence of such a discourse betrays the frailty of capitalism.

Why must we tax the rich? Even if we set Marx aside and examine the current economic and political

climate from a more moderate perspective, the reasons are clear: A deteriorating economy, abysmal levels of unemployment, overwhelming personal and national debt, depreciating wages, and low demand make for a cocktail of serious problems that cannot be ignored

and whose solutions necessarily require large sums of money.

That money must come from somewhere and the reasons themselves speak to why that money must come from the wealthy: We cannot squeeze blood from a stone. The middle class — if one ever truly existed — is no more and the working

class has shouldered the entire burden of our global economic crisis.

Only one class profited from the crisis, and even those who took a blow (though one could hardly call it such, given their enormous wealth) want for nothing. Except, perhaps, another personal jet. The logic is clear: We need money. Who has the money? The ruling class.

If we want to go so far as to base our judgment on moral or ethical grounds, again the reasons are clear. The economic crisis was not, as some may say, the result of this-or-that action of this-or-that individual or firm. It was, instead, an historical process that unfolded year after year. The ingredients that mixed to produce such a horrid dish, however, all came from the same pantry. Who had the will and power to deregulate hazardous markets? Who had the will and

power to push for tax cuts, evade taxes and commit tax fraud? Who had the will and power to effectively assault the unions?

Who actively engaged in criminal (or at the very least unethical) activities that ignited and compounded the global economic crisis? Finally, who had the will and power to demand taxpayer money in the form of a bailout, which was never seen nor heard from again? It was not the teachers nor the coal miners. It was the wealthy.

While the suits repeat the refrain "There is no alternative to capitalism" we respond, with great humor "There must be!" For if there is no alternative to the current economic system — whatever that alternative may look like — then humanity is most certainly doomed.

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 It is with deep interest that I attempt to bring this paper before the public. Its object is not for the learned but for the unlearned. It seeks daily bread of our literary life from the news papers and it is the duty of every one to patronize one or more news papers. If people have not had the opportunity of educating themselves in youth, and have lost that information which the cultured man possesses, it is his essential duty to inform himself of the public issues of the day (no more). We have men of the present generation who know more of the general news of the day than some of our Collegiates. The reason of this is, that those men who are well informed, who keep themselves posted, are those who are continually perusing the leading journals of the day. Every man who wishes to know something of public life, if he wishes to know something of the world, should take and read ~~at least~~ some good paper. The object of this paper has in view not only to give the general news of the day but to discuss subjects that will have some relation to the improvement of the age. The subscription is less than any other paper that is published with reference to advantage and we hope that all who have the opportunity to peruse the columns of this issue will verify this fact. With these brief suggestions we submit our paper to the public hoping that it will be of use to the community.  
 The Editor

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 Man's Conscience  
 It is said by some, and indeed I believe that all persons acknowledge that when a man does some things he ought not to do that he feels mean about it. Now why should he feel mean? Is man totally depraved? Has he no moral excellencies of his own nature? Is he entirely beyond the reach of all things that pertain to a better life? We think not. No man exists but what has in him a longing after some thing better. The Savage takes his rest at night in the happy hunting ground. Some of the people of ancient times had beautiful temples erected to their several gods, and beside all these they had one to the unknown God. Why was this? Because the little monitor within was not satisfied. It wanted something better. And so it is man's err reaching after something higher, unless his conscience has been soothed, and it has ceased to warn him when he does any thing mean. Men may so misuse and abuse their conscience that it finally ceases to warn them, not exactly cease, but they cease to heed its counsel. They may, by doing the same thing repeatedly, lose all respect for the warning of the little monitor. Let me warn you my friends to be careful how you deal with a man who does not try the warning of his better nature. That man is ripe for any sort of low degrading, defaming, infamous conduct. Give name, your property, your life is in danger when you are associated with such a man. By cultivation and strict

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 4. The showing of liberty by the Marshall College boys produced a grand sensation, by rising the red shirt. - flag  
 5. Border & Ault, carved their names on the pillars of undying fame - the fresh tree trunk of Marshall.  
 6. There has been a grand addition to the chemical & philosophical apparatus of Marshall College, Prof. P. has constructed a telephone which works with success.  
 The time is near at hand with the M. College Segnors, for they will soon have to mount the rostrum for their sheep skins.  
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object to her trying her hand in the scientific field occasionally."

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for \$2 a year.

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under review by John Deaver Drinko Library. Once approved, it will be placed on Marshall Digital Scholar, where the original document and the transcribed version

will be available side by side.

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California gun show case may end without definitive legal shot fired

By Howard Mintz  
 San Jose Mercury News  
 (MCT)

SAN JOSE, Calif.—A 12-year legal battle over an Alameda County ban on gun shows on public property may end with a soft pop instead of a bang.

With a scathing dissent from the chief judge, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday ordered county lawyers and gun show promoters Russell and Sally Nordyke into settlement talks to resolve a case that was expected to break new ground in Second Amendment law.

The brief order, signed by nine judges, would leave unresolved questions about the constitutionality of local laws banning gun shows on government property.

The 9th Circuit order was prompted by issues that arose during arguments in the case last month, when county lawyers suggested the Nordykes could put on gun shows at the county fairgrounds with some basic changes, such as tethering guns to tables to display them, thus restricting the ability of patrons or sellers to carry them around.

Chief Judge Alex Kozinski, joined by 9th Circuit Judge

Ronald Gould, clearly believed the court should have resolved the central legal issues.

"The parties have not asked for mediation," Kozinski wrote. "We overstep our authority by forcing the parties to spend time and money engaging in a mediation charade."

"Our job is to decide the case, and do so promptly," he continued. "This delay serves no useful purpose; it only makes us look foolish. I want no part of it."

Don Kilmer, the Nordykes' lawyer, said there will be a "good faith" effort to resolve the case, even if it leaves key

gun rights issues for another day.

"Our objective has always been to get gun shows back into Alameda County," Kilmer said.

Sayre Weaver, a lawyer for the county, said the ordinance has exceptions that have always given the Nordykes' leeway to put on a gun show if they make adjustments.

"I think the Nordykes will need to present some ideas on how they'd conduct a gun show in compliance with that exception," she said.

An 11-judge 9th Circuit panel was considering the latest chapter in the Nordykes' attempt to

overturn the 1999 ordinance, established in response to concerns about gun violence in the East Bay. The case had broad implications for similar laws in counties across the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as the potential to define further how far states and local governments can go in enacting gun control laws after several recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings.

A federal judge in San Francisco also was awaiting the 9th Circuit's ruling before deciding a Santa Clara County gun-related case, which involves a lawsuit against Sheriff Laurie Smith over allegations of arbitrariness in

her decisions about who gets permits to carry concealed firearms.

In the Nordyke case, a three-judge 9th Circuit panel previously found that though Second Amendment limits on gun controls apply to laws such as Alameda County's, the ordinance was constitutional and a valid way to restrict weapons on government property.

The Supreme Court has already found the Second Amendment right to bear arms applies to local gun control laws, but has left unresolved questions about when such laws may be permissible.

Romney, Santorum headed for climax in Pennsylvania

BY PAUL WEST  
 LOS ANGELES TIMES  
 (MCT)

MARS, Pa.—The end of the Republican presidential contest was looming as Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum headed for campaign stops Wednesday in Pennsylvania.

A Romney victory on April 24 could be the culmination of a long and contentious primary war. Losing his home state would likely force Santorum to abandon an increasingly uphill attempt to carry the conflict all the way to the national convention in August.

With a triple-primary sweep on Tuesday, Romney advanced more than halfway to the 1,144 delegates he needs to secure the nomination. But polls show that Republican voters are in no hurry for the race to be over, and Santorum isn't giving up.

The most recent statewide polling gives Santorum and his supporters hope that the race will go on past Pennsylvania. A Quinnipiac University survey completed Sunday showed the former senator with a 6 percentage point lead over Romney. Santorum hit the home-state theme repeatedly Tuesday

night.

"You know me" was Santorum's refrain in remarks to a lackluster crowd of perhaps 250 supporters in suburban Pittsburgh, where his career in politics began more than two decades ago.

Over the next three weeks, the GOP contenders are expected to campaign aggressively across this state, which resembles other places where Romney has prevailed. The Republican primary electorate has more of the moderate voters who lean Romney's way and relatively fewer of the evangelical Christians who continue to resist him. Much of the Republican establishment is either staying neutral or is on his side, despite — or, in some cases, because of — past association with Santorum.

Romney will employ the same hard-edged tactics that he used to overtake Santorum in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin: an unwavering negative ad assault over earmarked spending, Senate votes to raise the national debt and allegations that two decades in the nation's capital had transformed Santorum into a creature of Washington.

Already, according to

Pennsylvania politicians, automated calls from the Romney campaign are going out across the commonwealth, reminding voters of some history that Santorum would like them to forget (his 2004 primary endorsement of Senate moderate Arlen Specter over a popular conservative challenger). If past is prologue, it is only a matter of time before superior financial resources and that flood of attack ads turn public opinion Romney's way.

But Santorum's remarks on Tuesday night were both a warning and a reminder that Romney's formula is untested on Santorum's home turf. Last month, Newt Gingrich withstood the Romney assault in his adopted home state of Georgia — by campaigning as if he were seeking statewide office, rather than the presidency. The former House speaker largely ignored other states holding primaries the same day, a template Santorum is likely to follow (Romney is a heavy favorite in four other eastern primaries on April 24: New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware).

Santorum has acknowledged that Pennsylvania is must-win for him. A defeat

would effectively destroy his credibility as a presidential contender. But a victory could carry him to the final primaries in June, particularly because, as he alluded to Tuesday night, the May primaries are in states more favorable to a conservative candidate.

For Romney, knocking Santorum from contention with a Pennsylvania win would shorten the primary season by up to two months (in theory, by even more than that, if Santorum, Gingrich and Ron Paul were otherwise able to make a case that Romney hadn't secured a delegate majority ahead of the nominating convention).

With the primary phase behind him, Romney would be able to devote his energies to uniting Republicans and erasing sour memories of a rough intra-party struggle. He could raise money in earnest for the general election and focus more intently on challenging a vulnerable incumbent president.

After his latest primary wins, those tasks are high on Romney's must-do list. But the top item is, still, disposing of the Santorum threat. Until he does that, he can't really claim the nomination.

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## CAMPUS QUIDDITCH



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**LEFT:** Marshall students gather outside of the First-Year Residence Halls on Wednesday to enjoy a game of Quidditch, which was made popular by J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.

**RIGHT:** Traven Monroe, freshman nursing major from Urbana, Md., plays a human Snitch in Wednesday's Quidditch match. According to J.K. Rowling, a golden Snitch flies around the pitch at high speeds. The first Seeker to catch it wins 150 points for their team, ending the game.



## The inside snitch on Quidditch at MU

BY ZACHARY MORRIS  
THE PARTHENON

Quidditch, a sport played by the witches and wizards in the wizarding world of Harry Potter, has made its way to Marshall's campus.

The sport, played on brooms, is a memorable part of the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling and has been adapted in a way to allow muggles, or non-wizards, to play.

There are two goals of Quidditch. The first goal is to have your team members score goals. This is done by getting the quaffle, the ball used in Quidditch, through

one of three rings that are guarded by a Keeper. The second goal is for the Seeker of the team to catch the golden Snitch. Catching the golden Snitch automatically ends the game. Scoring a goal is worth 10 points and catching the snitch is worth 30.

During the game, there are two Beaters who carry small dodgeballs, called Bludgers, and hit players with them. Once a player has been hit with a Bludger, they are required to return to their side of the field. If they are in possession of the quaffle, then they are required to drop it when

they're hit.

On Assessment Day, a group of students got together and decided to host a Quidditch tournament for Marshall University students to participate in. Leif Olson, a freshman from Peterstown, W.Va., was the referee for the games, and he said saw some interesting team names during the event.

"I was hoping for teams, but it seems to be more of a hodgepodge," Olson said. "It seems to work better that way. Some of the team names we saw were Team A, Team One, the Sex Magnets and the Seven Musketeers."

The games were played in the field outside the tennis courts. Alicia Lewis, junior culinary education major from Charleston, said she didn't expect to be playing. "I actually got roped into it," Lewis said. "My friend Rachael wanted to come see it, and when they needed more people to play, I ran back to my dorm and changed so I could participate."

Quidditch has been introduced to colleges across the country and started at Middlebury College in Vermont. Then following the creation of the muggle version, the International

Quidditch Association was established in 2010. This is a nonprofit organization that promotes the sport, and it has been growing with the addition of several tournaments around the nation.

Lewis said her favorite part of the experience is getting exercise and seeing the Snitch run around in gold shorts.

"First, I played a Chaser, and the last two games, I've been a Beater," Lewis said. "At first, I wanted to just get out and run around and get my bearings. Then in the second game, I saw the Beaters hitting the other players with

Bludgers, and I wanted to try that."

The Golden Snitch, which is portrayed by one wearing a golden outfit, was sported by Traven Monroe, freshman nursing major from Urbana, Md., who wore nothing but gold shorts for the event.

"The most challenging part of playing the snitch is when you haven't ran in awhile," Monroe said. "First, I was a Seeker, and I decided to play the Snitch because I enjoy running, and it attracts women. I really like the attention."

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## Lecture series aims to improve Huntington

BY CHELSIE SCHULDIES  
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The "Dine and Discover" lecture series continued Wednesday with a discussion on community service and how anyone can be involved in making a change in Huntington.

Byron Clercx, chairperson in the department of art and design and college of fine arts, spoke about re-designing, revitalizing and rebranding downtown Huntington through community service.

Clercx said he wants people to celebrate Huntington and find a way to make a difference and be involved within the community.

"I didn't suddenly wake up and decide I wanted to be in community service," Clercx said. "It was more a recognition that I needed to help other people to change the things I cared about."

Clercx said part of community service is surrounding yourself with likeminded people and selecting a project that you care about and then figuring out how to get

the resources in order to complete the job.

On a small scale, removing weeds from flower beds, planting trees and picking up litter on the streets and in the river is one way to participate in community service.

"You can do two things," Clercx said. "Walk around and look at trash on the sidewalk and continue to complain about it, or surround yourself with people who want to make a change and be a part of the solution."

One question Clercx said he was asked early on was "Why bother getting involved when nothing will change?" Clercx said he did not become involved with civic involvement with the idea that anything will be dramatically changed.

Clercx said he knew he could not sit around and be a part of the people who complain about things but don't do anything to make life better.

Jeff Kovatch, assistant professor in the department of biological sciences

and organizer of "Dine and Discover," said there is a community service event every year at the end of April called "Ohio River Sweep" where people come together and pick up trash in the river.

"If you think trash on the sidewalk is something, you haven't seen river trash," Kovatch said. "There are refrigerators, tires, grills and even bowling balls. It is a great time to get out there, to get muddy, fall in love with the litter and fall in love with Huntington."

Clercx said he and his

colleagues want people to become "difference makers" in Huntington.

"Be a difference maker in your relationships with one another and with your community," Clercx said. "I don't care what it is. Find a way to make a difference. Find a way to change somebody's life — even if it's your own."

The next Dine and Discover lecture is April 17 at Black Sheep Burrito and Brews.

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## Master pianist shows students "Oh! What a Piano Can Do"

BY KEYAIRA MCCAULEY  
THE PARTHENON

"Oh! What a Piano Can Do" will give students the opportunity to see just that when master pianist Duke Thompson performs a variety of musical genres and styles for the Huntington community at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. April 13 at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

Thompson said the title, "Oh! What a Piano Can Do," is very appropriate. The audience will even hear the

piano sound like a fiddle.

"Students can expect a variety with all solo piano arrangements of classic rock, the blues, classical music, original compositions and bluegrass," Thompson said.

Audiences will have the opportunity to sit at an onstage table for a more intimate evening and an up-close and personal listen to the newly restored Steinway piano.

Thompson said he became interested in playing the piano when he was just seven years old.

"I came home from school one day, and there was a piano there," Thompson said. "It became easy for me, and I really liked it."

Thompson received his Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from Arizona State University, owns a blues club in Canada and, among other things, is the founder and president of the Maryland Conservatory of Music.

According to the Marshall Artists Series' website, Thompson's total mastery of the piano, combined with

his stage presence, captivates his audience.

"Music is one of the great arts and is perhaps the one that we, as human beings, are most associated with," Thompson said. "It's so good to actually be a part of making music."

Thompson said "Oh! What a Piano Can Do" will tap into different emotions. Some of the songs are fun, but some will put audiences into a kind of hypnotic state.

"This is a concert of

different colors so listeners are really being pulled around," Thompson said.

Brittany Gordon, of South Charleston, said she loves the piano and enjoys hearing the many different ways it can be played.

"When I was four years old, my dad brought a piano and fixed it up and kept it in the living room," Gordon said. "I always wanted to learn how to play it but decided to focus on sports instead. Even though I never really learned how to

play it, I still always like to hear someone who knows what they're doing play it live."

Thompson said he did a show at Marshall in 2001 that was mostly classical music.

"When I used to do classical concerts, I had to play note for note — now I can improvise," Thompson said. Admission is free for full-time students with their Marshall I.D.

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