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TOURNAMENT TIME

Herd begins C-USA tournament against SMU today

BY JARROD CLAY
THE PARTHENON

After closing out the regular season with a win over Southern Miss, the Marshall men's basketball team now turns its attention to the Conference USA tournament.

As the six seed in the

tournament, the Thundering Herd will take on the 11th seeded Southern Methodist Mustangs in the first round of the tournament, a team the Herd defeated just weeks ago.

That game was played in Dallas, Texas, and the Herd topped SMU 73-68 after leading by as many as

20. DeAndre Kane scored 14 points, but more importantly, he held SMU's leading scorer, Robert Nyakundi to only 10 points.

"They've moved him around in their offense, they're unique in the way they play and move people around," said Tom Herrion Marshall head coach. "We

felt like last time, it was much more suitable to put DeAndre on him, and we'll still do that but maybe not as steady of a diet."

With three seniors, the Herd is one of the more experienced teams in Conference USA. With that experience comes knowledge of tournament play.

"They should have a sense of urgency — we should be operating with one," Herrion said. "It's a one-game season for us, that's how we've got to approach it. Survive and advance, that's kind of our mantra and that's what we're doing

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MARRIAGE DAY EVENT RAISES AWARENESS

BY TRAVIS EASTER
THE PARTHENON

Students came together Tuesday to show their commitment to marriage equality.

Marshall's LAMBDA society played host to a marriage day event in the Memorial Student Center.

"We do this as a fun way to raise awareness and show our support for same-sex marriage," said Lauren Cunduff, LAMBDA Society president.

Students were allowed to marry whomever they wanted in a non-legally binding ceremony officiated by a member of the LAMBDA Society. Participants received a certificate to mark the occasion, a ring and a wedding cupcake.

Marshall students Pam Pierc and Whitney Myers took part in a ceremony.

"I'm out here to show support for the gay community, and I hope marriage equality will soon be legal across the board," Pierc said.

Currently, six states and Washington, D.C. allow same-sex marriage. Maryland and Washington have also passed bills allowing same-sex marriage. Washington's law takes effect in June of this year and Maryland's in 2013.

History major Marcus Fioravante said he thinks that a lack of knowledge is the reason same-sex marriage has been so slow to catch on.

"There are still a lot

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Tornadoes destroy multiple towns in Ky., W.Va.

WEST LIBERTY, KY.

BY DAN MATICS
THE PARTHENON

It's pitch black, there's no electricity. Power lines litter the roadways like an unraveled ball of yarn, weaved among splintered wood and twisted metal.

This is the scene following Friday's EF-3 tornado that destroyed West Liberty, Ky., and wreaked havoc on a good portion of Appalachia.

Walking from three miles out is the only way to get into the town. There is destruction as far as the eye can see.

Public information officer for Kentucky State Police Endre Samu said following touchdown of Friday's twister, hundreds of police, fire, medical and military

personnel swarmed from across the state.

"There's a lot of resources here right now," Samu said. "Approximately 30 different varieties are present."

Samu said the first priority was the triage and medical treatment of victims, as search-and-rescue teams hit the streets saving people trapped inside what's left of homes and businesses.

As teams searched, some were victims themselves. Dustin Gibson of the West Liberty Volunteer Fire Department was called to action, while worrying about the location of his family.

"It's unexplainable," Gibson said. "It's just really emotional. I haven't gotten in touch with my brothers and my grandmother."

Communication was problem for hundreds of families trying to contact one another. Cell phone service was knocked out. Firefighters like Gibson were forced to borrow satellite phones to reach outside relatives.

As daylight hits the next morning, things didn't get any brighter for Tim Blackburn, resident, as the magnitude of destruction sets in.

"It looks like a bomb was dropped on the town," Blackburn said. "There's nothing left."

Most everything in the town was either gone or damaged beyond repair — from houses, the funeral home, the courthouse, city hall and the town's main bank — destroyed.



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A West Liberty police car was smashed by Friday's tornado.

Magistrate Frankie Spencer said the destruction of the town's bank and courthouse is what put West Liberty on lock down to prevent looting.

"There have been armed

guards, twenty-four seven," Spencer said. "Protecting the banks and government documents."

Blackburn said he's having

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WAYNE COUNTY, W.VA.

BY JOANIE BORDERS
THE PARTHENON

Tornadoes have hit Wayne County on Friday night leaving a wake of destruction in their path.

The National Guard as well as various different members of the community, have banded together to provide relief from the natural disaster.

Vernia Abbott, member of the community who is currently helping direct the relief efforts, said that at least 150 homes were affected by the storm.

"There are people who lost their entire home," Abbott said. "Their homes are no longer livable, that would be the worst damage."

Member of the National Guard's assessment team and Marshall University freshman, Brandon Bain, thinking he was heading to help with flood damage, said he was surprised to learn tornadoes had hit and see trees everywhere.

"I expected property damage mostly, maybe some damage to dirt roads — washouts, but definitely not this kind of damage to the houses and trees," Bain said.

With the assessment team, Bain has been taking pictures of the damage to see how many resources need to be allocated.

"Right now, we are just assisting in any way we can," Bain said. "We are working with the department of highways, the electric company and power companies

to do our best to make sure the area looks as good as it did or better than it was before."

Freshman nursing student, Lyndsay Beckett, and her family said they are feeling the full weight of the tornadoes destruction in Dunlow, W.Va. Being in Huntington only experiencing light rain and wind during the storm, Beckett said she blew it off when she saw the tornado warning, until her sister in her hometown of Dunlow texted her saying that she could see a tornado a mile away.

"I couldn't get in touch with my family for hours, and when I finally made it home, someone had to pick me up on a four wheeler to get to the house because there was so much debris," Beckett said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE POWERS

Friday's tornado caused large amounts of environmental damage in Wayne County, W.Va.

Beckett said her family found shelter in their bathroom during the storm. However, their house was destroyed. When the family tried to reach family members down the road,

Beckett said it took four hours. Beckett and her family said they are living in a camper and staying with relatives until the damage is

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NEWS

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SGA elections underway, Harrell runs unopposed

BY ZACHARY MORRIS
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Student Government Association has begun the spring election.

This year, there is only one candidate on the ballot for the presidential seat. Ray Harrell, Jr., the current student body president, is running as the incumbent, and if elected, he will be the third in the history of the SGA to win re-election.

Harrell said this year's election is different from usual, with him being the only candidate.

"This year's election is unique in that I'm running unopposed," Harrell said. "This hasn't happened since a few years back. Rather than take the easy road and not put effort into it, we've decided to have a presence during both election days, with members of my staff fielding concerns of students."

The polls are set up from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Marshall Recreation Center and the Memorial Student Center to allow students a second full day to vote.

"It's a comforting feeling in that it's been a lot less stressful than last year," Harrell said. "It's always good to see and be apart of competition though. I hope that this year's low turnout for candidates doesn't inhibit people from running

next year."

While voting, students will also have the ability to vote on senators for the SGA within their college. Each college has a set number of seats based upon the amount of students within that college.

Cassie Smith, junior communications disorders major, from Williamson, W.Va., said today is the first she's heard of elections.

"I didn't know anything about the election until

today," Smith said. "I feel like if they had promoted it more throughout the campaign, they would see a bigger turnout in voters. The voting station is set up in a corner and not very advertised."

Students can still apply for a seat within their college after the election if there are spots that weren't filled. Two weeks after the elections, the unfilled seats will become at-large seats, and those who ran within

their college but didn't win will be able to apply to be a part of the SGA as a member-at-large.

"I really hope the seats go to those who deserve it, Smith said. "We really do have some great students here at Marshall that can really bring a great reputation to campus and accomplish some great things."

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Amicus Curiae wraps up with discussion on women

BY HENRY CULVYHOUSE
THE PARTHENON

The Dean of the West Virginia University College of Law asked an audience of more than 30 faculty and students to "remember the ladies" Tuesday night.

Joyce McConnell described how the struggle for women's equality shaped the Constitution at the Marshall University Foundation Hall. McConnell's talk was the last of the Amicus Curiae Lecture Series, sponsored by the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy.

McConnell said the Constitution originally excluded women.

"Women were not included in the Constitution," McConnell said. "There was also no mention of equality in the Constitution drafted in 1787 or in the bill of rights."

McConnell said many constitutional scholars and judges contend the Constitution still does not establish women's equality.

"In 2011, Justice Scalia gave an interview published in California Lawyer Magazine in which he said the Constitution does not protect against discrimination based on gender," McConnell said.

McConnell said states passed laws to prevent women from working, voting or owning land.

"All of this was premised on the notion that women could not cope beyond hearth and home without a father, husband or big brother to guide them," McConnell said.

McConnell said although women were given the right to vote in 1920, they gained other rights later.

"Even though women gained the right to vote through hard protest and struggle, women were still not full citizens," McConnell said. "They were excluded until 1970 from jury service on the basis of their sex."

McConnell said the invention of birth control gave women more independence.

"For the first time in women's history, women could prevent pregnancy and more easily participate



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More than 30 faculty members and students gather Tuesday for the final event in the Amicus Curiae Lecture Series. The final lecture was delivered by Joyce McConnell.

having to ask ourselves now is if this going to be the end of access," McConnell said. "Will the right to birth con-

"It was really interesting to realize there were so many cases other than just the ones you hear about in high school," Romero-Delao said. "You always just hear about Roe v. Wade."

Director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy Patricia Proctor said Tuesday's talk was a good conclusion to the lecture series.

"It was exactly on point to what we're trying to do, which is reach out and keep people aware of issues that are constitutionally relevant," Proctor said. "I think Dean McConnell did a great job."

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"I think what we'll start having to ask ourselves now is if this going to be the end of access. Will the right to birth control end?"

> JOYCE MCCONNELL

in the workplace and in the public sphere," McConnell said.

McConnell said the debate over access to birth control is alarming.

"I think what we'll start

trol end?"

Senior international affairs major, Cynthia Romero-Delao, from Leesburg, Va., said McConnell's talk taught her how courts shaped women's rights.

Career Services to offer resume workshop to graduate students

BY REBECCA STEPHENS
THE PARTHENON

Career Services will host a resume and curriculum vitae (CV) writing workshop for graduate students from 4 p.m. through 5 p.m. Thursday in the Student Resource Center as part of a series of workshops designed for graduate students.

Mirek Bialk, senior career counselor, will instruct the workshop. Bialk said the focus of the workshop will be advanced resume writing and how to turn a resume into a CV, as there are many graduate students who apply for grant positions or Ph.D. programs that would require a CV.

"I think it's a good opportunity because applying for any kind of position has always been a competitive process," Bialk said. "And although our economy gives signs of improvement, our economy is still extremely weak. Therefore, it's even more competitive."

Donna Spindel, dean of the graduate college, said there are many strategies to putting together an effective resume or CV, and Career Services offers great advice for students.

"When you're applying for a job, whether it's academic or nonacademic, what you present on paper

is usually the first thing people will learn about you, and it's pretty crucial in helping you get your foot in the door," Spindel said.

Career Services also presented workshops for graduate students last year, which focused on interview skills and job searching, Bialk said. The workshops will be offered again this semester.

"We were very interested last year in partnering with Career Services in order to present graduate students with workshops that would be helpful to them," Spindel said. "They were really helpful to us in setting up a series of workshops. They were pretty effective. Based on that experience, we decided we would start with the one that I thought was most effective last year and that was in resume and CV writing."

The next Career Services workshop for graduate students will be in April, and it will focus on interview etiquette, Spindel said.

"We're sort of moving on this chronologically," Spindel said. "The first thing your perspective employers see is the paper record, and the second thing is that you get called in for an interview."

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Weather prediction proves difficult with recent storms

BY SHANE ARRINGTON
THE PARTHENON

The science of weather prediction has advanced far beyond the days of hanging a rock outside to see if it is, if it is raining and if it is a sunny day, but it takes just one look at multiple weather forecasts to see it is still not 100 percent.

One Marshall University professor of meteorology, Kevin Law said while weather prediction has advanced much in the last 20 years, it's not perfect.

"Weather prediction is fairly reliable one day in advance," Law, West Virginia State climatologist, said. "Even two to three day forecasts are much more reliable than they used to be. Further into the future, forecasts get much less reliable. Advancing technology has helped accuracy tremendously."

But even at one to three

days accuracy can be unreliable.

"The storms that broke out this past Friday are a good example," Law said. "The Storm Prediction Center called for a moderate risk of severe storms in eastern Kentucky for Friday issued on Thursday. However, I don't think anyone could have predicted storms that powerful would have made their way through eastern Kentucky one day in advance."

Unpredictability of weather conditions is not limited to storms. The lines can also blur with basic temperature prediction.

Local news station WSAZ had Tuesday's high at 55 degrees, and AccuWeather.com had it at 62 degrees. Not a huge difference, but 62 and 55 could mean a slight difference in wardrobe.

Law said weather prediction is also made more difficult during late winter and early spring. He said this also explains how in the past week, Huntington has had highs almost reaching 70 degrees one day and a few days later, the high didn't surpass 40 degrees.

"The rapid change in temperatures isn't so unusual, particularly for a spring time weather pattern, though this year it has been extreme," Law said. "I think we are seeing an earlier spring pattern this year since it has been a mild winter overall."

It doesn't even take days for the weather to have a huge jump, Tuesday for instance had those starting their day early waking up to temperatures in the 20s, with the highs getting near 60 degrees as the day progressed.

WSAZ meteorologist

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50°F	38°	66°	48°
Feels Like: 47° Get FREE weather on your desktop	Low	High	Low
Past 24-hr: Precip: 0 in Snow: 0 in	Chance of Precip: 0%	Chance of Rain: 0%	Chance of Rain: 10%
Wind: From SE at 6mph	Wind: SSE at 8 mph	Wind: S at 12 mph	Wind: S at 10 mph
Through 2am: Clear with temperatures falling into the low 40s. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	A few passing clouds. Low 38F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 66F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.	A few clouds from time to time. Low 48F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.

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SPORTS

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USA ESSENTIALS

Four wins in four days. It sounds simple enough. That is what the Marshall Thundering Herd basketball program needs to revive the ever-fleeting hopes of a NCAA Tournament bid, but Championship Week breathes new life into every team from the top to the bottom of conference standings. With the impending start of the Conference USA Tournament on Wednesday, Championship Week has officially begun for Thundering Herd fans. The Herd men begin with a 3:30 p.m. matchup against Southern Methodist to kick off the week. A win over the Mustangs advances Marshall to round two, where a tough Tulsa

team is waiting. The Herd fell to Tulsa 79-70 back in early February, but overlooking SMU is not an option. The women find themselves in a similar position — against the same team. The women's basketball team will take on SMU at 2:30 p.m. — just an hour before the men. A win in that game would move the Herd to a difficult matchup against the hosting Memphis Tigers. Survive and advance is the name of the game. Everyone is back to equal — with an automatic NCAA Tournament berth on the line. This is what you need to know about the Herds' matchups, along with the other opening round games:

MEN'S MATCHUPS:



1 p.m. (CSS)

Team: Rice
Record: 17-14 (8-8)
Coach: Ben Braun
Key Players: Dylan Ennis, G, C-USA All-Freshman Team; Arsalan Kazemi, F, All-C-USA Second Team
Bottom Line: The Owls go as Kazemi goes. If the junior can record his 17th double-double of the season, Rice should be able to handle ECU.

Team: East Carolina
Record: 14-15 (5-11)
Coach: Jeff Lebo
Key Players: Miguel Paul, G, All-C-USA Second Team; Darrius Morrow, F, All-C-USA Third Team
Bottom Line: The Pirates are tied for the league lead in assists per game — with Paul leading the way at 5.8. If he can find his teammates, the Pirates can pull off the upset.

Parthenon prediction: Rice- 68 ECU- 71



3:30 p.m. (CSS)

Team: Marshall
Record: 18-12 (9-7)
Coach: Tom Herrion
Key Players: DeAndre Kane, G, All-C-USA Second Team; Dennis Tinnon, F, C-USA All-Defensive Team
Bottom Line: The Herd has never lost to the Mustangs. Marshall needs to dominate the glass and keep a poor-shooting SMU from grabbing cheap points on second chances.

Team: SMU
Record: 14-15 (5-11)
Coach: Matt Doherty
Key Players: Robert Nyakundi, G, All-C-USA Third Team; London Giles, G, Junior
Bottom Line: The Mustangs must find a way to score. SMU ranks last in C-USA in scoring offense and rebounding margin. If Doherty's squad cannot keep the rebounding margin close, this one could be a blowout.

Parthenon prediction: Marshall- 78 SMU- 64



7:30 p.m. (CSS)

Team: UTEP
Record: 14-16 (7-9)
Coach: Tim Floyd
Key Players: Julian Washburn, G, C-USA All-Freshman Team; John Bohannon, C, Sophomore
Bottom Line: This is not the same Miner team that finished second in the C-USA tourney last year. UTEP has lost three straight including an embarrassing loss at SMU to close the season.

Team: Houston
Record: 15-14 (7-9)
Coach: James Dickey
Key Players: Joseph Young, G, C-USA All-Freshman Team; Darian Thibodeaux, G, Senior
Bottom Line: The Cougars are young — boasting three freshmen starters, but it will be a senior who must lead Houston to the victory. Thibodeaux has been clutch in leading the Cougars victories in its last three games.

Parthenon prediction: UTEP- 60 Houston- 68



10 p.m. (CSS)

Team: Mike Davis
Record: 14-15 (9-7)
Coach: Ben Braun
Key Players: Cameron Moore, F, All-C-USA First Team, C-USA Defensive Player of the Year; Jordan Swing, F, Sophomore
Bottom Line: Moore is averaging a double-double on the season. This one should be an easy tune-up leading into UAB's second round matchup against UCF.

Team: Tulane
Record: 15-15 (3-13)
Coach: Ed Conroy
Key Players: Ricky Tarrant, G, C-USA Freshman of the Year; Jordan Callahan, G, Junior
Bottom Line: The wheels came off for the Green Wave as C-USA play began in January. Tulane lost seven straight by an average of 11.8 points to cap the season.

Parthenon prediction: UAB- 85 Tulane- 71

WOMEN'S MATCHUPS



12 p.m.

Team: Tulsa
Record: 13-14 (8-8)
Coach: Matilda Mossman
Key Players: Taley Mayberry, G, All-C-USA First Team
Bottom Line: The Golden Hurricane won three of its final four games to conclude the season, including a 75-70 victory over the Pirates on Feb. 19.

Team: East Carolina
Record: 11-18 (5-11)
Coach: Heather Macy
Key Players: Chareya Smith, F, Senior
Bottom Line: The Pirates must find a way to stop Mayberry, who averages more than 14 points per game. For ECU to have a chance, they will have to keep the game in the 60-point range.

Parthenon prediction: Tulsa- 76 ECU- 66



2:30 p.m. (WMUL 88.1 FM)

Team: Marshall
Record: 16-13 (7-9)
Coach: Royce Chadwick
Key Players: Shay Weaver, G, C-USA All-Freshman Team
Bottom Line: For the Herd to make a run in the tournament, they will have to do what they have been able to do of late — play a strong second half.

Team: SMU
Record: 13-16 (6-10)
Coach: Rhonda Rompola
Key Player: Akil Simpson, F, All-C-USA Second Team
Bottom Line: The Mustangs have lost six of seven to finish the season. For a chance to win, SMU must play strong defense and control the tempo in an ugly contest.

Parthenon prediction: Marshall- 70 SMU- 61



6 p.m.

Team: UCF
Record: 12-16 (7-9)
Coach: Joi Williams
Key Players: Aisha Patrick, G, All-C-USA First Team
Bottom Line: The Knights have struggled of late, holding on to leads in the second half. A strong finish could put UCF over the top to move past the Golden Eagles.

Team: Southern Miss
Record: 12-17 (6-10)
Coach: Joye Lee-McNelis
Key Players: Jamierra Faulkner, G, All-C-USA First Team
Bottom Line: The Golden Eagles have found success in low-scoring games. If Southern Miss can keep the contest in the 60s, they will have a chance.

Parthenon prediction: UCF- 64 Southern Miss- 59



8:30 p.m.

Team: Rice
Record: 15-14 (9-7)
Coach: Greg Williams
Key Players: Jessica Kuster, F, All-C-USA First Team
Bottom Line: The Owls won the first contest between these teams by 28 points. Barring a letdown, Rice should handle the Cougars in blowout fashion.

Team: Houston
Record: 3-25 (2-14)
Coach: Todd Buchanan
Key Players: Roxana Button, G, All-C-USA First Team
Bottom Line: The Cougars must find a way to score points. Houston sits in last place in scoring in the conference. A 50-or-less point performance will not garner a victory.

Parthenon prediction: Rice- 62 ECU- 44

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- Jack Kerouac, "On the Road"
- I don't read

EDITORIAL

For-profit schools should be heavily regulated to ensure proper education

These days, it seems that everybody is going to college. It is not commonplace to find people who already have a degree reentering college to better their economic value in the workplace. Many have been scared into universities in the last five years due to the recession, and in some instances, people have been waiting to make money off of this anxiety. For-profit schools, such as the University of Phoenix, have seen a spike in their enrollment in the last five years. These institutions seem to offer the world to individuals who have either not been accepted by a standard community college or university, but fail to leave their students with anything but high debt and a subpar education. If these institutions are going to exist, it is time they become reformed and held to a set of standards to ensure their students are getting a worthwhile education.

In the last decade alone, 400 for-profit institutions have been established. Millions of individuals see for-profit schools as a chance to better themselves and their current situation. But when people enroll in these schools, they

are met with the stark reality that what is advertised is not always what you get. The University of Phoenix has a graduation rate of around nine percent, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education. For-profit degree holders account for 12 percent of degrees in the United States, but these students also have a 50 percent default rate on student loans. Even after they have made an investment in this for-profit education, they are often left without any more job prospects than they had going into the school.

As there will continue to be a push for education in this country, it is important to keep the standards of education intact. If for-profit schools are going to exist they should be regulated heavily by the government to ensure their students are actually getting an education that will better their lives. Putting education before profit should be the standard set. It should also be an option to be available for community colleges and public universities to a broader range of students. This would be a sure way to allow students to get the education they deserve.

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COLUMN

Santorum, Romney do not serve interests of the working class

BY KATIE QUINONEZ
NEWS EDITOR

National media outlets have been clamoring about the importance of yesterday's "Super Tuesday" in which 10 states held contests for GOP nominees.

This was not only a pivotal moment in the election on a national level. Those in the Tri-State area were affected because Ohio has been considered to be the most significant state for nominees to secure votes in.

With GOP presidential hopefuls Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum neck-in-neck, claiming 32 percent of voter support in the state of Ohio, it's anyone's game.

In an attempt to gain support throughout the state and snub opponent Santorum, Romney campaigned across Ohio on Monday, touring various factories and warehouse in an attempt to reach out to the blue-collar workforce.

It cannot be overemphasized enough that neither Romney or Santorum have the interests of the blue-collar workforce in mind. Their policies and backgrounds simply don't reflect any amount of empathy for it.

Before Romney was elected governor of Massachusetts, he was CEO of Bain & Company, one of the most prestigious management consulting firms in the world. The immense wealth he gained from this position has helped fund many of his campaigns. Romney is a business man to the core.

Santorum has been a media commentator, corporate consultant and a lawyer at K&L Gates. What would an obnoxiously wealthy businessman or lawyer know about the blue-collar workforce?

Santorum's adjusted

gross income totaled at \$923,000 in 2010, though the previous year, he engrossed more than \$1 million. Santorum's finances are miniscule in comparison to Romney, who boasted an income of \$21.7 million in 2010 alone. His tax rate: 13.9 percent.

Real median household income was calculated at \$49,445 in 2010.

While Romney and Santorum alike have been pandering to the large religious demographic in the region with some mild success, voters should question how the lifestyles of these individuals reflects how public policy would actually unfurl under their reign.

In addition, let us not forget Romney's "not-concerned-about-the-very-poor" debacle. In context, Romney said his lack of concern for lower income families was due to the "safety nets" in place to assist them, i.e. food stamps, housing vouchers, Medicaid, etc. Something Romney does not realize, apparently, is these programs suffer in a failing economy. A region such as Appalachia is no stranger to poverty, and it is ridiculous if voters still support him after this heinous statement.

As a resident of Ohio, I hope voters were not blinded by the standard politician tactics employed by Romney on Monday, and I implore Ohio residents, along with the other states that were included in the "Super Tuesday" elections, to recognize that ultra-wealthy politicians are completely incapable of empathizing with the blue-collar workforce.

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COLUMN

As print becomes obsolete, history could also

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The other day, I drove behind a couple on the West end of Huntington at the exact moment they had their picture taken. I started thinking about how I had just been documented as a piece of history. I daydreamed about how my modern car would, in the far future, be pointed out by their grandchildren as old-fashioned. "Whoa! Cars were weird back then!" they'd exclaim.

But would they? The picture was snapped with an iPhone. One that will likely be lost, shattered or dropped in the toilet before the picture is ever transferred off of it-if there was ever any intention of doing so. That, or the phone will become obsolete - passed up by something faster, smarter and more stylish within the coming years.

I know you're thinking "so what?" and that pictures are often uploaded to computers, mostly straight to Facebook, from mobile devices. Yes, but Facebook will eventually be forgotten, just like the phone. Think about it. How many of you had a MySpace? And how many of you spent a pretty

hefty chunk of your teenage years on that MySpace? Now how many of you are now locked out of that page, either because you can't remember the password (here's a hint - try your favorite Usher song or the name of your I-swear-I'm-going-to-marry-him-eighth-grade-boyfriend)

Unlike books, journals, newspapers and printed photographs, information stored on the internet is not tangible. As soon as we choose to place information exclusively online, we lose control of what happens to it in the future. We lose the ability to tuck things away

with my kids one day.

Is it crazy for me to think that all of the information we are placing online could easily be lost as times change? I imagine people in the future may pick up a computer and have no idea what it is or how to use it. Let's not forget that the life of computers is relatively short. Advances in technology have changed the way a computer works drastically in just the past 10 years. We have all got those obnoxious 20 pound desktops that won't even turn on now gathering dust in our homes. I know I do.

It's troubling to me that we are abandoning the most reliable form of recording our history - ink and paper - for a form that is bound to rapidly pass us by. Will you be pulling up your Facebook photos to show your grandchildren your wedding day? I sure hope you remember that password, or that Facebook does not crash all together before then. If you forgot the password, there is always the "folder" you have on your hard drive - that is, if your 2010 Dell desktop will still turn on in 2050.

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> Kelsey Thomas

or because you eventually deleted it all together when you realized Facebook was more fun?

My point is: We're now recording our entire history on a medium that is likely to become outdated. We don't keep journals anymore. We keep Live Journals. Our photo albums are no longer intimate family birthday parties and Fourth of July cookouts protected by glossy plastic sheets, but rather huge collections of pictures we've subconsciously composed to be shared with hundreds, sometimes thousands, of 'friends.'

into a drawer for future generations to find.

The fact that newspapers are dying is a great example of this change. Sure, placing the news online works. You still get the facts, probably more effectively than picking up a two-foot wide newspaper that bleeds ink all over your fingers and makes a lot of noise as you turn the page when you're awkwardly trying to read it during a meeting. But can you still cut out that article you liked and pin it to your bulletin board? Personally, I enjoy the fact that I've got a 9/11 edition of TIME Magazine to share

Conference USA tournament brackets

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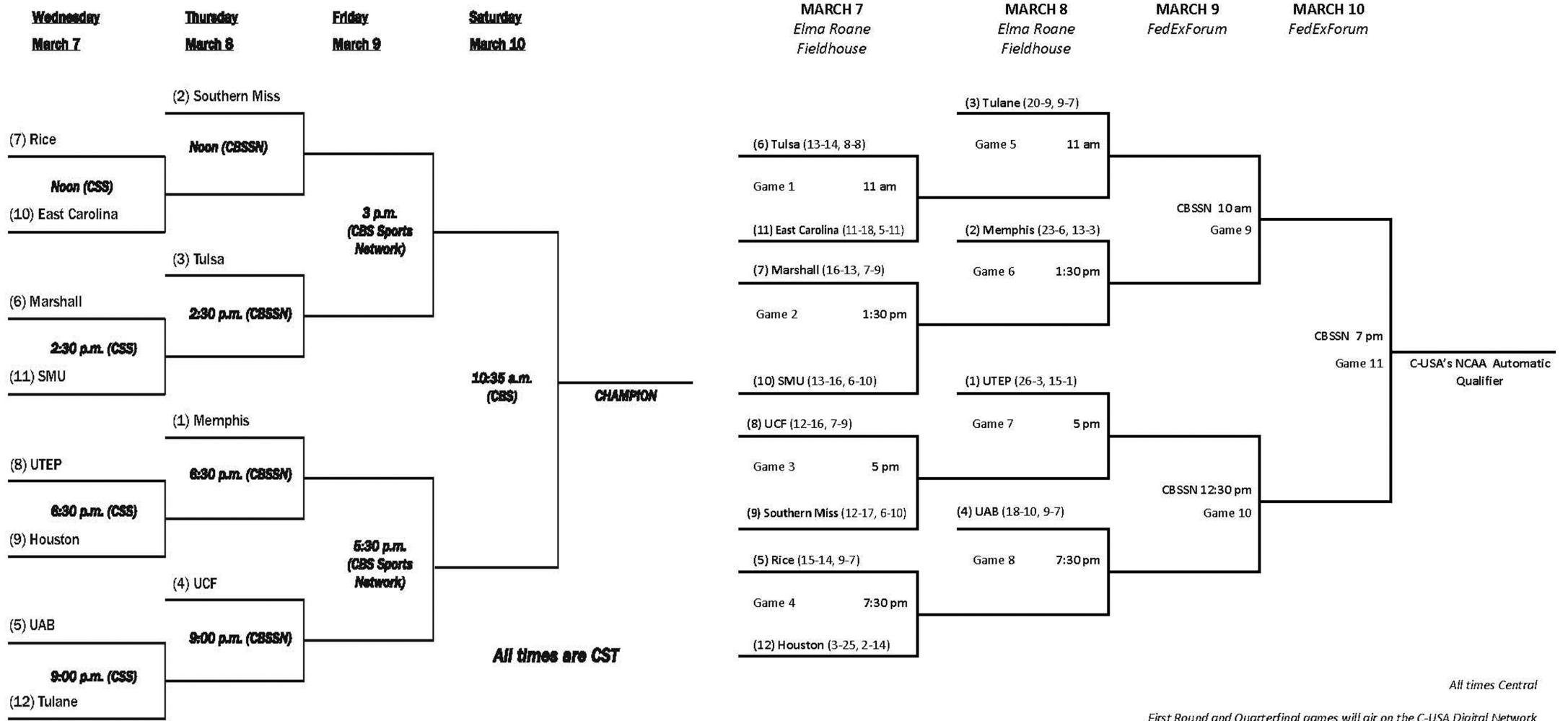
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WEATHER

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Brandon Butcher said the nice weather is common following the storm systems Huntington experienced this weekend.

"It is often that following a strong storm system we'll, get an equally dominant area of high pressure one that is able to clear

out entire regions of the country," Butcher said. "This is going to be one of those times as sunshine should be spotted from Utah straight across to the Atlantic."

Butcher also said the sun might not last, with showers expected to come late Thursday.

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of people who think being gay is a choice, they don't

understand why someone would choose to be gay, when in reality you're born that way," Fioravante said.

Five states allow

civil-unions, and 38 states have state statutes or Constitutional provisions defining marriage as being between one man and one woman.

West Virginia passed its Defense of Marriage Act in 2001.

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trouble coping with the level of destruction.

"You just drop your jaw, and you don't know what to think," Blackburn said.

As residents come to terms with the disaster

Mother Nature left behind, some said their emotions were shifting from heartbreak to resilience.

"We will rebuild this town,"

Spencer said, "better than ever."

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TOUR

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Newsboys will be touring with fellow Christian artists Abandon, Anthem Lights, The City Harmonic and Evangelist Bob Lenz.

"It's going to be a pretty cool night," Frankenstein said. "I think we just provide the ingredients, but you just never know what's going to happen and how people will react, and that's what makes it so fulfilling. When you're

working for something bigger than yourself, it's worthwhile."

Anyone interested can buy tickets through Big Sandy Superstore Arena box office or ticketmaster.com. Tickets are \$20, \$25 and \$30. A limited number of VIP

seats will be sold at \$82.50, which includes a meet-and-greet session with the bands.

The show starts at 3 p.m.

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right now." If the Herd would defeat the Mustangs for a second time, Tulsa would be awaiting the Herd, but for coach Herrion, its one game at a time.

"We have to get past SMU and then worry about Tulsa if we're fortunate enough to get

by SMU," Herrion said. "All of our focus right now is obviously on SMU — as it should be and needs to be."

Since joining Conference USA, Marshall has not fared too well in the tournament. Last season in El Paso, Texas the Herd defeated Houston in the first round before losing to the host, UTEP, in the second round.

"We went to El Paso last year, and unfortunately we had to play them (UTEP) in the second round in their building," Herrion said.

I think we're more prepared this time around."

If the Herd hopes to win the Conference USA championship it would have to win four games in as many days.

"It's different. It gets more

challenging and more fun if you're able to get passed that first game because then you have a such short period of time to prepare for your next opponent," Herrion said.

Marshall will tip off with SMU Wednesday from inside the FedEx Forum in Memphis, Tenn. at 3:30 p.m.

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fixed. However, the community is coming together to help out.

"A bunch of people from the church came together and made dinner for the family, the National Guard is here and lots of people have donated water to the victims," Beckett said.

Bain said the National Guard has been warmly welcomed by the community.

"When we go around, people are just glad to see

that we are here," Bain said. "People are always asking us if we need anything to eat or drink. You can just see how appreciative people are, they are even willing to help out. It really comes down to the families and the people, everyone being willing to do what they can do to help out."

Abbott said in addition to the National Guard, the governor and the speaker of the house were on the ground right after the tornado struck.

"The reaction from the community has been overwhelming," Abbott said. "I think we have about 100-150

troops on the ground, numerous AEP trucks to get the power back on, the tree cutters and of course the outpouring from the community."

Abbott said they have also had people, churches, Wayne County family resource network show support. Having used an estimated 700 gallons of fuel for just the generators, Abbott said that the donations of fuel jugs and truck loads of five gallon jugs of fuel and kerosene have been the most valuable items donated. Because of the generous donations of from the

community, Abbott said fuel has not had to be purchased since Saturday.

"There are still a lot of people who don't have electricity, though we've restored some of it we still need to keep them warm," Abbott said.

"Also, I have people that are on oxygen. I have had people that have had their roofs totally removed, they are still looking at the sky and need their roofs covered. Our main goal is to keep people warm and dry."

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PRESENTING THE NEWSBOYS:

"God's Not Dead" tour

**Christian rock band
to visit Keith-Albee
Performing Arts Center**

BY KAYLA MARCUM
THE PARTHENON

Christian rock band, Newsboys, will bring their worldwide "God's Not Dead" tour March 11 to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center of Huntington, W.Va.

The band said the focus of this tour is centered on evangelism and discipleship.

"These shows are a chance to live out what we believe as Christians," said Jeff Frankenstein, pianist, bassist and vocalist for the band. "Serve the poor and the widows, and help those in need. These shows end up becoming bigger than just the show."

Frankenstein said major contributors in reaching these goals are tour partners Compassion International and I Am Second.

"Firstly, with I Am Second being onboard, it's helped us tremendously," Frankenstein said. "Because I think when you're a band, and you're doing like 200 shows a year, it's hard for us to do follow up with discipleship and the things that go along with events where people are presented with the gospel. A lot of times, it's just like, 'we're a band and we

do our thing and we're off to the next town.' We don't get to ever really see the impact the shows have on people in the communities we play in. I Am Second makes a lot of sense because they have tons of training tools, curriculums and all kinds of things they can implement into each city."

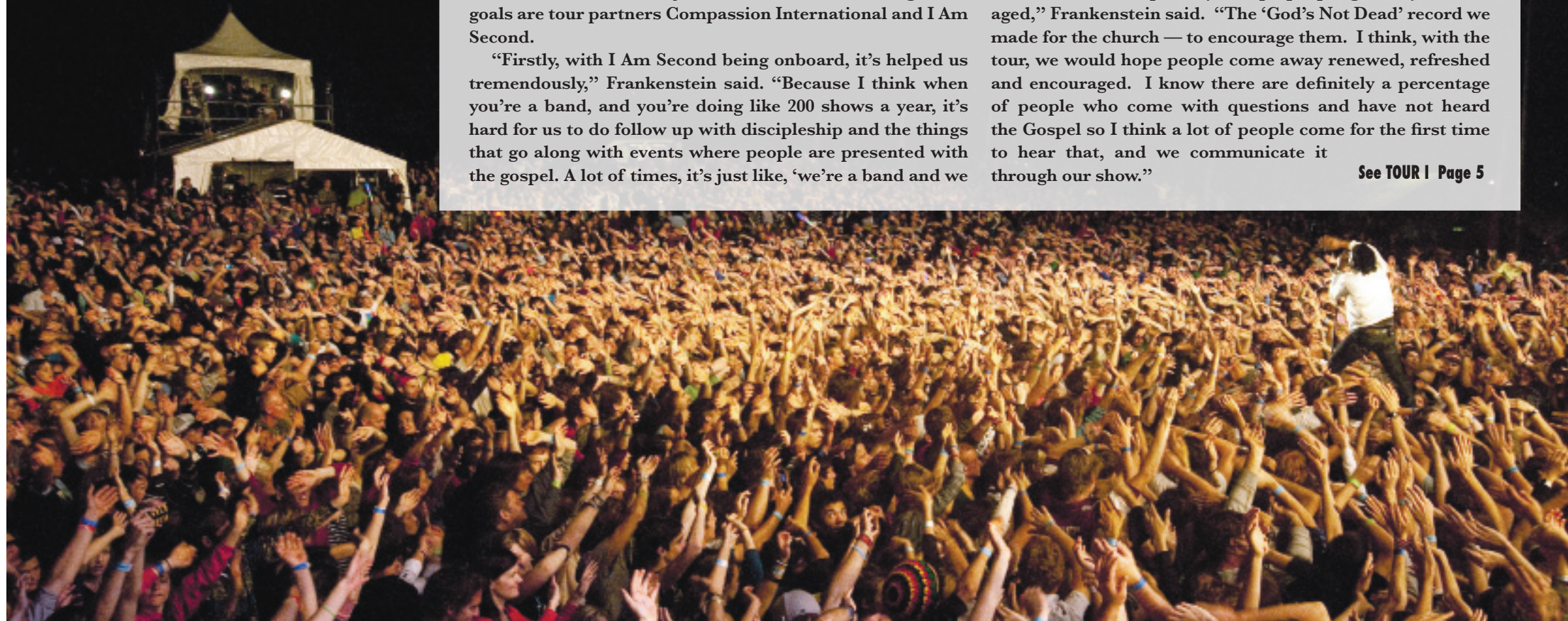
Frankenstein said Compassion International is a ministry close to his heart because he is a sponsor of multiple children through them.

"It's cool to see at the end of the night, like 200 kids get sponsored in foreign countries, and their lives will be changed forever," Frankenstein said.

Frankenstein said above all things the band wanted to urge believers to stand boldly in their faith.

"On this tour especially, I hope people go away encouraged," Frankenstein said. "The 'God's Not Dead' record we made for the church — to encourage them. I think, with the tour, we would hope people come away renewed, refreshed and encouraged. I know there are definitely a percentage of people who come with questions and have not heard the Gospel so I think a lot of people come for the first time to hear that, and we communicate it through our show."

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Student security maintains safety in residence halls

BY ALLYSON WARNER
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Student security is an important process in maintaining the safety of students living in residence halls on campus.

These students sit at the front desk in all nine of the halls around campus from 4 p.m. through midnight weekdays and from 8 a.m. through midnight weekends. Their job is to occupy the front desks and make sure no one enters the building that should not be there.

"One of the aspects is for students living in the halls to be successful, and for that to happen, their living environment must be safe," said LaKeshia Glover, residence life specialist and head of student security.

Student security officers do not only sit and monitor who enters and leaves, but they also check residents' room keys, gather mail each day and sign visitors in and out of the building.

The staff responsible for student security range from about 50-60 students, including undergraduates, graduates, full-time, part-time, on campus and off campus residents.

"These students are then broken down into a team of nine, along with supervisors and one coordinator," Glover said.

Glover said she thoroughly enjoys her job and enjoys working with the students, but she said it also comes with challenges. She said the biggest challenge for her is keeping in contact with the security team and maintaining a

personal relationship with them.

Katie Markel, psychology major and student security employee, said she started working as a security personnel last semester and really enjoys it. She said she made her decision to work with them after she spoke with different people already working with student security and they seemed to enjoy what they did.

Student security works personally with different resident advisers in the building they are assigned. Resident advisers are eligible to work for student security, but not all of them do.

These students go through training before the start of each semester. At training, they receive a manual, go over policies and procedures of the different residence halls, learn how to work with student security personally and how to handle any particular situation.

"The most challenging part for me is when you get someone who doesn't feel like signing in or if we get someone who doesn't want to obey the policies," Markel said.

"We have a staff that gets how important their job is and takes it very seriously to ensure these students are safe in the residence halls," Glover said. "They know the people who are in the buildings are supposed to be there and not cause any problems."

Applications for student security are welcomed all year, but they said they normally hire once in the fall and again in the spring.

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