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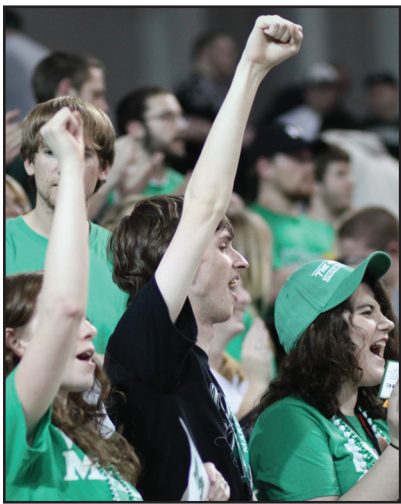
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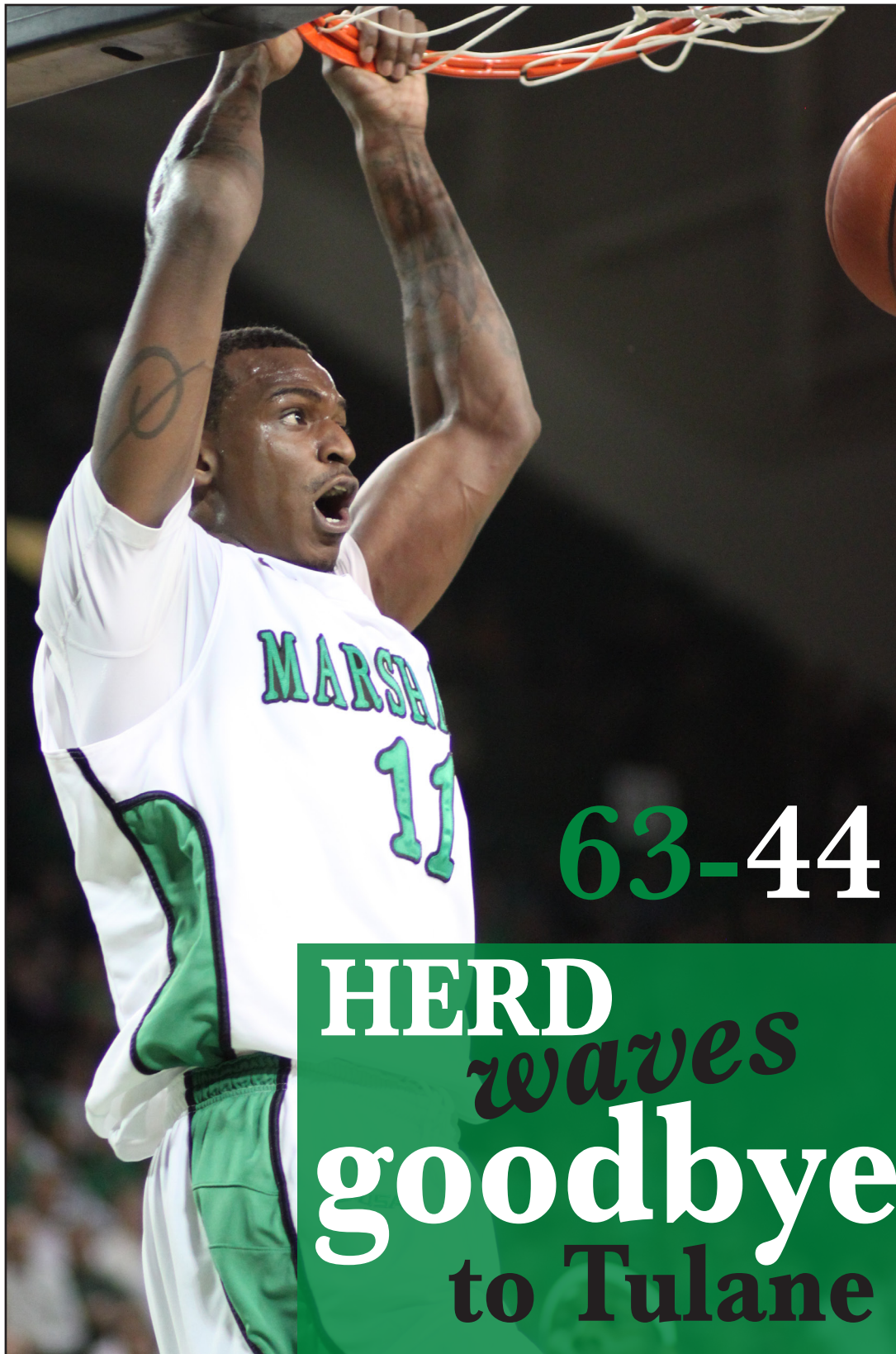
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LEFT: Junior center, Nigel Spikes, slams home a dunk during Wednesday's victory over the Green Wave. Spikes finished the game with nine points and seven rebounds.

TOP: Junior forward Dennis Tinnon searches for a teammate. Tinnon scored six points and grabbed 12 boards.

MIDDLE: Fans cheer on the Herd as time runs out in Wednesday's victory. Official attendance for the game was 5,590.

BOTTOM: Sophomore guard DeAndre Kane takes control of the ball at the top of the key. Kane led all scorers with 13 points.

SBIRT helps students cope with substance abuse

BY MOLLY URIAN
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students will see more than a sign-in sheet when visiting Student Health Services.

The new program incorporates a form of four questions during check-in to learn about student's use of alcohol and other substances and behavioral concerns.

Screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment was established in February 2011. Student health, in conjunction with Prester Center, introduced the questionnaire as part of its patient screening process. Individuals are offered information, brief treatment and counseling provided by Marshall's Student Health SBIRT therapist, Lola Toney.

Toney said since SBIRT has been in place at Marshall's student health, more than 1,500 students have been screened and one-third have screened positive for possible misuse of alcohol and drugs.

Through the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Behavioral Health

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Honors College introduces da Vinci fellows

BY BRITTANEE BARTON
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Honors College depends on instructors from different departments instead of having a consistent faculty.

The new da Vinci Fellowship program hopes to create continuity in the college by ensuring fellows teach one

honors class a semester for two straight years.

The program begins one year after the establishment of the college. The first two faculty fellows are Allison Carey, assistant professor of English, and Jamie Warner, professor of political science.

Carey said her motivation to apply for the

program comes from her involvement with an honors college during her undergraduate career.

"I got my bachelor's degree at the University of Tennessee, and technically, my degree is in college scholars, which is an interdisciplinary honors program where we built our own major," Carey said. "Mine was

languages and literature, which included lots of English classes, a couple years of Japanese and French through my junior year. I remember how wonderful the classes were and how important some of the professors were to my growth as a student so I wanted to be involved in that."

Carey also earned a

master's degree in English at the University of Florida and a doctorate degree in English literature from the University of Tennessee. She teaches courses in English education methods and film.

Carey said she expects the benefits of the program to

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Marshall professors Allison Carey and Jamie Warner are the first two faculty members to join the Vinci Fellowship program. Each faculty fellow has to teach two semesters of an honors seminar.

Revolution offers breakfast ministry to commuters



Students from Revolution pass out breakfast to commuters.

BY SHAUN FRENCH
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Revolution, campus outreach program, offers a breakfast ministry for commuters the first Monday of each month.

A group of six, led by Beth Thacker, junior forensics chemistry major from Ona, W.Va., distribute bags of breakfast items and hot chocolate to commuters at the parking lot across from the Science Building on Third Avenue.

"We do this because the commuters are the underserved area of the campus," Thacker said.

"It's hard to reach commuters, but they're also 76 percent of Marshall's campus. We thought the best way to reach commuters would be to go into the parking lot where they congregate in the morning."

Thacker, is a commuter student, said she started the commuter breakfast ministry her freshmen year, spring 2010, because she wanted to reach other commuters with whom she related.

"I realized nine times out of 10 I would come to campus without breakfast, and that's the most important meal of the day," Thacker said. "My idea

was to meet the need, commuter students have, being breakfast, and also sharing the Gospel through verses we stick on the bags."

Emily Thomas, sophomore biology major from Middlebourne, W.Va., said she likes to help with the commuter breakfast ministry.

"It's a good way to communicate with people I normally don't come into contact with because I live on campus," Thomas said. "I get to share about God and about his love for them. It's cool to interact with people and to spread the word of God that way."

Thacker said they

purchase the breakfast items and hot chocolate by using funds from Revolution. She said she wants to offer the ministry every week, but it costs \$100 for supplies each time.

"We still think it's worth it, reaching an under-served people group, commuters," Thacker said.

Thacker hopes to expand the commuter breakfast ministry to the stadium parking lot on 20th Street and the parking lot on Fifth Avenue across from the Twin Towers dormitories in the near future.

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Lewis College of Business celebrates accreditation

BY FRANCES LAZELL
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The Lewis College of Business invited students, faculty and community members to celebrate its Association to Advance College Schools of Business reaccréditation Wednesday at the Memorial Student Center.

The AACSB International accredits business colleges that achieve the 21 set standards for business and 15 additional standards for accounting.

Rosie McVey, recruitment and retention graduate assistant for the college, said being part of an AACSB accredited school gives students many opportunities because the AACSB is nationally and internationally known.

"AACSB is very renowned to many companies," McVey said. "Some companies only hire people who are from AACSB schools. It really sets you apart from others because they see our school was accredited and that we do have higher qualifications compared to schools that are not."

Emilee Miles, senior finance major, said being part of a school that maintained its accreditation will be useful when she

applies for jobs.

"It is important to be a part of a reaccrédited school because it is nice to know that our classes and our programs are up to the standard of the other accredited schools," Miles said. "Our quality education will help us to get jobs in the future."

The college's maintenance of the AACSB accreditation makes the college one of the 643 colleges to be accredited in business and one of the 173 to be accredited in accounting.

Deanna Mader, interim associate dean and director of recruitment and retention for the college, said the high standards required to obtain reaccréditation help to increase the level of education students receive.

"The AACSB International has higher standards and you must meet all of them in order to be accredited in the first place and then maintain the accreditation," Mader said. "The education the student gets from us is superior because we have met those higher standards."

Miles said the AACSB accreditation was one of the reasons she looked at Marshall University and the



FRANCES LAZELL | THE PARTHENON

Students, faculty and members of the community gather to celebrate the Lewis College of Business' Association to Advance College Schools of Business reaccréditation Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center. The college is one of 643 that is accredited in business.

determining factor when she was narrowing down her colleges.

"I am about to graduate so getting a job is one of

my top priorities, and the reaccréditation makes me feel more comfortable when I apply for jobs," Miles said. "I think big companies and

businesses look for students who attend accredited schools."

AACSB International accreditation makes the Lewis College of Business one of

the two schools accredited in West Virginia.

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WVAGS to host graduate education fair at capitol

BY REBECCA STEPHENS
THE PARTHENON

The West Virginia Association of Graduate Schools will host the first graduate education fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in the upper rotunda at the State Capitol Complex in Charleston.

The education fair is free and open to the public. It will consist of information stations that represent the different institutions of the WVAGS. These institutions

include Fairmont University, Marshall University, Mountain State University, Shepard University, West Liberty University, West Virginia University and West Virginia Wesleyan College.

"One of our main goals is to really raise the visibility and importance of graduate education in the state of West Virginia and the region, which is why we had this idea of simply being present for a day while the legislature is in session,"

said Donna Spindel, Dean of the Graduate College.

The information stations will provide materials, such as brochures and flyers. The education fair will also showcase the impact of economic development and growth in the state.

"We want to inform legislators about what we do and what we have available for students around the state," Spindel said.

The representatives at the information stations will

include deans and graduate school faculty from the institutions involved with the WVAGS, said William M. White, dean of the graduate college at Mountain State University.

"We need to increase people in the state for graduate degrees," White said. "The hope is graduate education will be something people automatically think of."

The idea for the fair was proposed at the last meeting of the WVAGS had at West

Virginia Wesleyan College in Fall 2011, Spindel said.

"It seemed a logical extension of what our purpose is," Spindel said.

Spindel founded the WVAGS in Fall 2010 by contacting the institutions in the state that have graduate education programs and asking if they would be interested in meeting as a formal organization.

"I think sometimes graduate education gets lost, and I think this organization

provides us with a great opportunity to make it more visible, to elevate our presence in the state," Spindel said. "Graduate education makes tremendous contributions to the state and the region not just by training people in particular areas, but in innovative, creative thinking and technology advancement, all of which comes out of research."

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Forum discusses LGBT rights

BY JUSTON DONADIEU
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Marshall University Amnesty International hosted an open forum Tuesday night about human rights issues for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities around the world.

More than 30 students and community members filled an auditorium-style room in John Deaver Drinko Library for the event.

Ashley Clark, president of Marshall Amnesty International, led the discussion.

"We fight for the rights of marginalized people around the world," Clark said. "Gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered individuals across the world are harassed and often killed out of hate."

Four guests spoke at the forum. The first guest, Shawn Schulenberg, assistant professor of political science, presented "The Lavender Tide," which explored the origins of intolerance against gays in different countries and cultures.

"I would like to talk about some of the paradoxes regarding sexuality that we see in places like South America to give some general context to the issue," Schulenberg said.

Shawn King, assistant professor in the honors program, spoke in-depth about the stigma of being openly gay in America and the harmful effects

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> SHAWN KING
assistant professor in honors program

this stigma brings.

"Even though we are progressing as a nation in passing more tolerant legislation, hate crimes continue to rise," King said.

King said 90 percent of LGBT college students reported they were harassed in 2011, while the number for straight students was at 62 percent.

"We have come a long way, but we have a long way to go," King said.

The final two speakers were Zach Morris, sophomore public relations major at, and Emma Stevenson, former National Guard service member from Kenova, W. Va.

Morris spoke about his opinions and insights regarding the mistreatment of the LGBT community, citing verbal harassment he has witnessed since his elementary school years and more recently at his workplace.

"It bothers me to see this kind of thing still happen, but there are also people who will stand up and speak out," Morris said.

Stevenson said it was a major struggle being a lesbian in the military.

"It was in the service, while I was stationed in Texas, that I discovered myself," Stevenson said.

She described her struggle to tell her family she is gay and how she was eventually discharged from the Army for telling a sergeant. Stevenson ended the presentation portion of the forum on a note of encouragement to others in similar situations.

Following the speeches, Ashley Clark opened the floor to a question-and-answer session, which spanned more than a half an hour.

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Steve Dillon- DL 6'3", 275 lbs. Palmdale High School (Calif.)	Marcus Gilchrist- DL 6'4", 240 lbs. Port Charlotte High School (Fla.)	Stefone Grace- SAF 6'3", 200 lbs. Milford Academy (Conn.)	Kevin Grooms- RB 5'10", 165 lbs. Broward High School (Fla.)	Chris Hall- TE 6'4", 230 lbs. Fork Union Military Academy (Va.)	Deyonte Henderson- LB 6'0", 215 lbs. Oak Ridge High School (Fla.)
Gunnar Holcombe- QB 6'2", 185 lbs. University School (Fla.)	Devon Johnson- LB 6'2", 209 lbs. Richlands High School (Va.)	AJ Leggett- CB 6'0", 175 lbs. Miami High School (Fla.)	Joe Massaquoi- DL 6'5", 230 lbs. T.C. Williams High School (Va.)	Josh Murriel- OL 6'5", 302 lbs. Port St. Lucie High School (Fla.)	Gage Niemeyer- OL 6'6", 305 lbs. Mount San Jacinto C.C. (Calif.)
DeAndre Reaves- WR 5'10", 180 lbs. Dominion High School (Va.)	Rakim Reed- TE 6'4", 210 lbs. Fork Union Military Academy (Va.)	Ryan Riedel- LB 6'0", 230 lbs. Cabell Midland High School (W.Va.)	Billy Rone- OL 6'4", 290 lbs. Glendale C.C. (Ariz.)	Shawn Samuels- SAF 6'1", 180 lbs. Bainbridge High School (Ga.)	Andre Scott- SAF 5'11", 175 lbs. Oak Ridge High School (Fla.)
Ken Smith- DL 6'4", 285 lbs. Blinn C.C. (Texas)	Gary Thompson- LB 6'3", 206 lbs. Helix High School (Calif.)	Corey Tindal- DB 5'10", 175 lbs. Atlanta Sports Academy (Ga.)	Kent Turene- LB 6'3", 230 lbs. Atlanta Sports Academy (Ga.)	Clint Van Horn- OL 6'5", 305 lbs. Woodrow Wilson High School (W.Va.)	Deontae West- CB 5'10", 170 lbs. Hialeah High School (Fla.)

Herd lands 15 recruits on national signing day

BY JARROD CLAY
THE PARTHENON

Fax machines inside the athletic department were working overtime Wednesday as Letters of Intent came flooding in from all over the country for Doc Holliday's third recruiting class as head coach of the Thundering Herd.

National Signing Day brought 15 new student-athletes into Herd Nation, and with 15 more already enrolled, Holliday's 2012 class stands at 30 strong.

"This is another outstanding recruiting class," Holliday said. "I look forward to welcoming these young men into the Marshall Football program."

The biggest star of the recruiting class is four-star cornerback A.J. Legget. The 6'0" Miami native was a steal for the Herd, as

Leggett is ninth ranked corner in the country and had been recruited by schools all over, including Alabama and LSU.

When asked about Leggett, Holliday said he could be an instant playmaker, but there was more to him than skill alone.

"He just loves to play the game," said Holliday.

Marshall looked to be bolstering an already strong defensive unit with this 2012 class, especially at the line backer position with five signees at the position.

A.J. Leggett was not the only signee to be sought after by big time programs. In fact, nearly every member of this class had been looked at by BCS schools, but Holliday said the big name schools don't intimidate the Herd in recruiting.

"The guys we've got out there recruiting these kids

do such a great job they can't say no," said Holliday.

Holliday also said when it comes to recruiting in SEC country it takes more than material things to pull recruits in.

"It's not all about brick and mortar," Holliday said. "It's about coaches and about relationships, and our coaches do a tremendous job."

The 2011 campaign saw a heated battle at quarterback all season long, but despite already having three skilled quarterbacks, Doc Holliday went after another.

The newest quarterback who will don the green and white will be Gunner Holcombe, a 6'2" Fort Lauderdale native. Holcombe also received offers from South Florida, Indiana, Western Michigan and Buffalo.

"I don't think there's ever a year you don't look for a quarterback," Holliday said. "Without a good quarterback you stand no chance."

For the third consecutive year, Doc Holliday has invaded the south and put together a recruiting class that can compete with any in the nation. The next step for the Herd will be putting it together on the field.

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Marshall head coach Doc Holliday addresses the media during a press conference for signing day. Holliday and his staff brought 15 new players onto the Herd roster to go with 15 previous commitments earlier this year.



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Senior guard Damier Pitts pulls up for three during Wednesday's victory over Tulane. Pitts scored 10 points and recorded eight assists in the Herd's 63-44 victory.

Rising Above Tulane

The Thundering Herd used a 19-point victory over the Green Wave to snap a four-game losing streak

BY JARROD CLAY
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall Thundering Herd used a dominant performance on both sides of the ball to snap its four-game losing streak against Tulane on Wednesday night.

"We needed that win tonight," said junior big man Nigel Spikes. "We just had to get back on track. We were tired of losing, that's not us. We did what we had to do and got the win."

En route to a 63-44 victory, the Herd had four double-figure scorers, and leading the way for the Herd was DeAndre Kane with 13.

"It was a very balanced effort — good contribution from a lot of guys and a terrific win for us," said Marshall head coach Tom Herrion.

All season long, the Herd's bread and butter has been its ability to out-rebound its opponents and a keeping defensive mindset, but during the losing streak Marshall had strayed from its dominance.

"We kind of got back to our old fabric: Defend and rebound," Herrion said. "Our defense and our rebounding totally carried us tonight. Any time you hold a team in our league to 44 points, it's an outstanding effort."

However, against Tulane Marshall found its mojo on the glass dominating the Green Wave in rebounds 45-22, while twenty of the Herd's 45 rebounds came on the offensive glass, leading to 16 second chance points.

"We're a real good rebounding team and I feel like we haven't been up to

par in our rebounding," said Spikes. "I feel like we got back on track tonight. We've had some really hard, physical practices this week, and that helped us a lot."

On the offensive side, Marshall was very effective. The Herd shot 40 percent from the field, and had 17 assist on 23 made field goals.

"We're sharing the ball better, we've got the ball moving, I thought we ran better offense," Herrion said.

In the early goings Marshall fell behind 10-5 to Tulane before Shaq Johnson provided the spark the Herd needed, netting 3-3 from beyond the arc on his way to 12 points.

"Shaq gave us a big spark in the beginning of the game and got a little run going," Herrion said. "It got us to focus in on our assignments

and lock down our defense and we got some easy baskets in transition. That got the run going."

There's an old saying in sports that says "you play like you practice," and in the past week, it has been no different for the Herd.

"Our practices the past two days and shoot around today have been outstanding," Herrion said. "I think it's reflective of the attitudes of our kids, the leadership of the older guys, and that's what I'm really proud of right now."

The victory moves the Herd to 14-8 (5-3 C-USA). Up next, Marshall will travel to Tulsa, who Herrion calls the hottest team in Conference USA.

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COLUMN

We should all celebrate Black History Month

BY DARRYL LORENZO
WELLINGTON
(MCT)

Welcome to Black History Month. The idea originated with historian Carter G. Woodson, best remembered for having published "The Mis-Education of the Negro" in 1933. In it, Woodson argued, "The so-called modern education does others so much more good than it does the Negro, because it has been worked out in conformity with the needs of those who have oppressed weaker people." Woodson initiated a "Negro History Week" each February, which in 1976 officially became Black History Month.

Woodson chose this month because it includes the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. By celebrating black history, Woodson believed we would move closer to our nation's motto of "E Pluribus Unum." We're getting there, but we're not there yet.

A few months ago I was on a cross-country train ride. I was seated in the observation car alongside several college freshmen. It was a multiracial group, and all the young people were excited by school and the latest fads, music and television shows. One among the gaggle was a young black woman.

When the train briefly stopped in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., I rushed to the window because I had to catch a glimpse of the historic site. So did the African-American college freshman. But her friends were less than wowed.

"This is Harpers Ferry," she explained. "You know, where John

Brown ... The raid."

Her friends wore blank expressions.

"You're kidding," she finally said with a sigh.

Innocent of a moment in history they had never been taught — or which they had covered cursorily and then forgotten — the others could only shrug.

These young people were united in many ways, but they had not inherited a common history.

Woodson would not have been happy. In his vision, the students would all have a modicum of knowledge of the American Revolution, the Constitutional Convention, Presidents Washington and Lincoln, Gens. Grant and Lee, Thomas Edison, World Wars I and II. But they would also share in equal parts knowledge of the Middle Passage, the stories of Olaudah Equiano, Benjamin Banneker, Sojourner Truth, John Brown, Reconstruction, the Buffalo Soldiers, James Weldon Johnson, the Great Migration, Emmett Till and the many heroes of the struggle for civil rights who preceded Martin Luther King.

Yes, today, we have a president who is a black American, and de jure segregation is a thing of the past. But we don't yet have a shared history of who we are as a nation. That's why Black History Month is so important.

Many public libraries will post a Black History Month reading list. Please make use of the recommended titles. Many schools will offer special programs or assemblies on the month. Black History Month is intended to escort us toward an honorable goal. Let's reach it together.

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EDITORIAL

Romney's victory in Fla. shows damage smear ads, PACs can do

Mitt Romney won the primary election in Florida on Tuesday. The momentum Newt Gingrich had felt by winning the South Carolina primary has now been depleted. But is this because Romney simply out-debated Gingrich, or is it because Romney was able to spend nearly \$12 million more in advertising in Florida? If this GOP race has demonstrated anything, it is money, not necessarily intellect, often lends a big hand to winning races. And now that these candidates are able to benefit from their Political Action Committees and their money spent toward smear advertisements, winning a primary comes hand in hand with being able to finance large-scale smear campaigns against your opponent.

Romney's PAC, Restore Our Future, spent \$15.4 million on television and radio advertisements in Florida, according to Kantar Media Campaign Media Analysis Group. Gingrich and his compatriots spent \$3 million in advertisements. These are both outrageous amounts for candidates to spend on advertising themselves. One thing is obvious, however, spending more money on advertising, and having large PACs with wealthy donors,

is now almost a sure way to take a primary. Receiving large sums of money from PACs to run large-scale smear campaigns dilutes the democratic process. Out of all the advertisements in Florida, 92 percent were negative in their nature. These candidates are an example of what political culture has become since PACs have been permitted: Superficial and commodified.

As this race becomes more bitter and more cut-throat, we will only see more of the same when it comes to smear ads. It is important to acknowledge that nothing can truly be learned about a candidate in a 30-second commercial. One is lucky to get any substance even out of a televised debate. These ads are shallow in their nature and intended to convince a public it thinks to be ignorant.

At this point it seems to be less about the candidate themselves and more about their advertising team. The people of the country do not see the candidate anymore. They see the final product, a combination of efficient advertising and PACs funded by individuals who lurk in the background.

POLITICAL CARTOON



COLUMN

Newspapers should not be tossed aside

New ways of accessing news should not discredit traditional mediums for news

BY JOANIE BORDERS
THE PARTHENON

Last week, I read a column in The Herald-Dispatch about the importance of newspapers for today's society, but how, unfortunately, they are dying. I've heard people discuss how newspapers were going to cease to exist for years and in some form of denial I told myself it wouldn't happen in my lifetime. While checking Twitter on Wednesday, a friend of mine made a joke about growing old and having her magazine subscriptions to keep her company and then as an afterthought mentioned by the time she became a senior citizen print journalism would no longer exist. Maybe, it was the reiteration of the fact that print journalism is ceasing to exist that caught my attention, but I became extremely unsettled at this fact.

Of course it bothers me that print journalism

has the possibility of becoming extinct because I am a journalist. I love having the opportunity to interview, investigate and prepare a story. News will never cease to be needed in society, but holding a paper and seeing my name in print gives me a sense of accomplishment that is unique. Newspapers provide the public with the hard-breaking news that happens in our communities, states and country. Not to say that other news outlets are not important, they are, but to be completely well-rounded, I believe the consumption of news should come in an array of forms. Newspapers have been pushed to the side for new technology such as smart phones, iPads, tablets, online news and even social media. Many of my peers get their information about hard new events from Twitter or friends' posts on Facebook. Trust me, I take part in social media just as much as

the next person and my iPhone dies about once a day from being used too often, but these luxuries cannot replace the hard unbiased news that newspapers bring. Just as much I use my iPhone, nothing can replace actually holding a paper in my hands. The column that I mentioned earlier I cut out of the newspaper. How am I supposed to cut out an article, underline, highlight and save tidbits from an online source?

Apart from the reasons as a journalist this unsettles me, it worries me what this implies about our society. In the column I had read previously something the author had said really stuck with me: "Re-acclurate readers to take the print edition of the newspaper and get us all back in the habit of reading the morning paper over coffee or taking it to work to read on a break." Morning coffee? A break at work? Far too often my morning coffee is me grabbing

the cup seconds before I walk out the door or a stop at Starbucks on the way to my destination. A break at work is usually spent studying for the next test or finishing up homework. If I can't even find time for these things, how am I supposed to tell people to sit down and read an entire paper. Unfortunately, I feel like today's society is just too busy and the small things might be slipping through the cracks. Getting up an extra hour to have a friend over for coffee and breakfast is something that I not only value but is also detrimental to the cultivation of my relationships. I won't give that up and try hard to remember its importance when life just seems too busy. Newspapers, to me, are a lot like that coffee with a friend. It's feeding me information about the world around me to cultivate my mind and how I relate to my community.

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“ I pump up the crowd and represent the university. I make sure all the children at the games are entertained and you have to make sure they're not too scared of you.”

> Glenn Boatwright



COLA Creativity and Research Conference deadline approaches

THE PARTHENON

The proposal deadline for the 12th Annual College of Liberal Arts Creativity and Research Conference is Friday.

The conference is open to all majors in the College of Liberal Arts. The conference accepts poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction,

research papers and experiments. David Pittenger, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said the projects range over a variety of disciplines.

“A group of students are writing poetry, an anthropology student is looking at migration of people over borders, and historians are looking at various issues

in American history,” Pittenger said. “It’s really been all over the map.”

Pittenger said last year’s conference was successful.

“We had exceptionally good work, especially from upper classmen,” Pittenger said. “Many submitted senior capstones and year-long projects.”

Pittenger said he expects

this year to be no different.

“The faculty sponsors are very committed, and they see the value in it for the students,” Pittenger said.

Submissions can be made online at the College of Liberal Arts website. The College of Liberal Arts Creativity and Research Conference is April 12 and 13.

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and Human Resources Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities grant, Marshall’s student health and Prestera Center are able to screen students when they visit the primary care clinic or emergency room.

The goal of SBIRT is to provide an additional resource for substance misuse, prevention information

and treatment in a primary health care setting. All services are free to students.

Toney said SBIRT is a preventive, holistic model of integrating substance abuse and behavioral treatment in a non-threatening, non-stigmatizing environment.

“If a student screens positive on the initial screen for these issues, a second screen is conducted to see if the student may have a substance use problem or be at high risk for a substance use

problem,” Toney said. “If more intensive treatment is necessary, referrals are made to local providers.”

Toney said students have been receptive to the information and treatment received, as well as treatment referrals.

“Hopefully we are reaching students before their problems have progressed too far, which increases the chance of making positive changes and reducing harm in their lives,” Toney said.

West Virginia is among 14 states implementing primary and behavioral health care.

Sonia Rehman, coordinator of SBIRT with Prestera Center, said as of Dec. 31, 2011, 127,000 individuals have been screened throughout West Virginia, and Prestera Center has screened 43,000 of those individuals.

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reside in the professor-student relationships.

“It’s a great opportunity for a faculty member to become a more permanent fixture in the life of the Honors College,” Carey said. “Hopefully, it will also develop some relationships with the students we might have over several years.”

Warner said she thinks this will encourage

professors to take on a role within the Honors College.

“Most of what you do as faculty is teach within your own department,” Warner said. “There are required classes for people to graduate. It’s not always as easy as you think to get people to teach honors programs. This is one way to attract people to teach for honors.”

Warner received her doctorate in political science with a minor in women’s studies from Penn State

in 2001. She teaches Introduction to the American Government, political theory classes, and Yeager seminars.

Warner said teachers who participate in the program will see advantages among their professional community.

“We hope this will be a way for faculty to meet each other and talk about teaching,” Warner said. “They can share ideas and brainstorm about new and different

pedagogical methods.”

Each faculty fellow is required to teach two semesters of honors second-year seminar and two other honors seminars during their two-year fellowship. Mary Todd, dean of the Honors College, said this program is expected to continue. It will also increase to four faculty fellows, if funding allows.

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Hospice of Huntington beach party set for Saturday



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Russ Walters and Tana Morrison dance during Hospice of Huntington's Spring Fever Indoor Beach Party on March 12, 2011, at the Veteran's Memorial Field House in Huntington.

BY ASHLEY FOSTER
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Hospice of Huntington will be hosting its fourth annual Beach Party from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Field House.

The event is open to the public, with ticket prices starting at \$35 if purchased in advance and \$40 if bought at the door. Guests

also have a third ticket option of reserving a 10-seat table for \$500. All other seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Food at the party will be a boardwalk-style menu, which includes pulled barbecue chicken, pizza, Coney Island hot dogs and cotton candy. There will also be a cash bar for those who would like to purchase alcoholic beverages.

Party activities will include volleyball, corn-hole, dancing and an inflatable slide. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening. Guests can also purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win a trip for two to Clearwater, Fla.

This event usually takes place in March, but because of the demolition of the field house at the end of February, the party had

to be moved forward. This year's beach party is different because it will be one of the last events taking place at the field house. For this reason, Hospice of Huntington will bid farewell by incorporating a slide show of past events at the field house.

Ashley Mannon, marketing and development assistant at Hospice of Huntington, said she expects a good turnout

for the beach party.

"We are looking forward to another successful event," Mannon said. "We think those in attendance will have a very enjoyable time as we bid a final farewell to the field house."

The musical entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Catalinas from Charlotte, N.C., and disk jockey, Chuck Black of The Dawg 93.7 FM.

Attire will be casual dress and the atmosphere for the evening will be a beach theme.

To purchase tickets in advance, contact Ashley Mannon with Hospice of Huntington at 304-529-4217 or 1-800-788-5480. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Diversity gets 'reel'

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The Signature Events Committee at Marshall University has partnered with the Student Activities Programming Board to bring speaker Brian C. Johnson to campus. Johnson has been noted as a "compassionate speaker, committed to engaging college students in safe, fun and interactive ways," according to campuspeak.com.

Johnson spoke Wednesday in the Don Morris Room to address what he views as one of the most "hotly contested, anger and fear-inducing topics that we have. That topic is diversity and it is frustrating to me," Johnson said.

"As a diversity educator, I look at this as an opportunity for us to really engage in what real community is all about," Johnson said. "Unfortunately, the way we shape diversity in higher education, by pointing fingers of blame, we see diversity as a problem that needs to be solved. Instead of saying, man, we have all of this stuff we can love on in the midst of all of these differences."

Johnson serves as a faculty

member in the department of developmental instruction at Bloomsburg University and is the director of the Frederick Douglass Institute for Academic Excellence. He is currently a doctoral student in Communications Media and Instructional Technology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Johnson's keynote, "Reel Diversity," framed the diversity conversation through modern film.

"He's taking modern-day movie clips and showing you how messages are being sent to you, whether you know it or not," said Tracy Eggleston, residence life specialist for the Department of Housing and Residence Life. "He is showing how that shapes your mind into thinking certain things about different groups."

Johnson explained to audience members how movies shape our culture.

"Movies are a lot more than entertainment," Johnson said. "They are one of the biggest cultural forces that we have, and a lot of times we don't know how we have been programmed by the films we watch. The goal is for people to see how we have been impacted or influenced by



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Brian C. Johnson delivers his speech "Reel Diversity" to an audience of students Wednesday in the Don Morris Room. Johnson was brought in by the Signature Events Committee and the Student Activities Programming Board.

images on screen. It is also a way to educate and entertain at the same time."

Johnson speaks at 15 to 25 venues each semester, promoting his keynote speeches. Those speeches are heavily influenced by a goal of "helping people understand that diversity does not have to be this horrible topic. That is the centralized mission of what I do," Johnson said.

"Brian's presentation is really funny and interactive with the audience," Eggleston said. "We didn't want this to be lecture style

— students are in class all day. Diversity is one of those subjects that people shy away from, so why not have an open forum where students can feel comfortable speaking about this and asking questions?"

Eggleston oversees the Signature Events committee, consisting of resident advisers and resident directors in the Department of Housing and Residence Life. The committee's mission is to establish "memories and traditions on Marshall's campus," Eggleston said.

One audience member, Ebony Robinson, resident adviser of Holderby Hall, notes Johnson as, "educated, enthusiastic and compassionate."

"He speaks with such conviction," she said.

Robinson said that the ultimate message to take away from the program was that better communication will help us to bypass discrimination.

While Johnson spoke mostly of diversity, he also spoke with great rigor about the need for better communication in society.

"The ultimate or underlying

message of what I do in this program is that we have to learn how to talk to each other," Johnson said. "Communication is the cornerstone in every community, and if we can reduce the fear and anxiety and just get people to talk to one another, then we can grow our communities leaps and bounds. I hope people walk away saying, 'wow, I never thought about it like that before.' That is my entire mission, to get people to think."

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