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TAKING A STANCE

Marshall SGA drafts resolution, works toward unity concerning budgetary matters

By **KIMBERLY SMITH**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Faculty Senate called a special session meeting Monday for the Student Senate to discuss the current budgetary issues, the multi-million dollar budget cut by the West Virginia Legislature, the Senior Administration's sweep of funds and recent actions by the faculty senate. Former Student Body President Ray Harrell Jr., led the discussion, along with former Chief of Staff Adam Fridley and current Student Body President EJ Hassan.

"We will be discussing everything from start to finish and answer any questions as best as possible," Harrell said. "We feel it is important that, as the collective representatives of our student body, we are all well versed on these issues so that we may better respond to our constituency should they come to us with any questions."

A resolution drafted by members of the SGA covered all of the issues facing Marshall and the student body.

"The resolution is simply the stance of the SGA and ultimately the student body on the issues regarding the budget," Hassan said. "More specifically, it is the SGA requesting that we move forward in order to tailor the discussion to issues regarding the students, specifically potential tuition increases."

The resolution addresses West Virginia Legislature approved budget cuts, which cut \$5.13 million in appropriations to Marshall. It also discusses President Stephen Kopp's plan to address state appropriations that included the sweeping of nearly \$6 million from colleges and departments.



Adam Fridley (left), former SGA chief of staff, Roy Harrell Jr. (middle), former student body president and EJ Hassan (right), current student body president lead a discussion in a special session meeting Monday in the Memorial Student Center.

Harrell said a major misconception regarding the budget sweep was what was happening to the money and why.

"The funds were placed in a holding account in order to delay any big purchases," Harrell said. "It was not to be reallocated across the different departments and colleges."

He said the different departments or colleges could trust that each dollar accumulated could be accounted for and was available.

Kopp apologized for how the sweeps took place and returned all swept revenues to their respective accounts.

The main conversation of the special session regarded a section in the resolution, which states teachers and professors should use class time to only discuss what is relevant to the class and what is on their syllabus. According to many of the senators, this issue was brought to attention because it involves students' tuition dollars and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Student Government Association is committed to fostering a sense of unity and common purpose and encourages all parties to come together for the sake of the students."
> From the SGA resolution April 29, 2013

for instead of gossip regarding the budget situation.

Some of the senators supported an amendment to remove this section, but ultimately, the vote was to keep the language encouraging appropriate class time discussion.

"These discussions are what we're here for," Harrell said. "This isn't supposed to be easy."

The rest of the time was spent discussing the language of the resolution.

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KEY FACTS

> Legislative Cuts = \$5.13 million

> Continued decline in state appropriations led to further budget constraints.

> President Stephen Kopp and the Board of Governors sought to shield students from bearing substantial tuition increases.

> April 9, 2013: Kopp swept nearly \$6 million from revenue accounts.

> Money swept was placed in holding account in order to delay big purchases. The money was not to be reallocated across departments/colleges.

> An outcry from some faculty, staff and students took place.

> Article in Chronicle of Higher Education called the move "fiscally responsible."

> Kopp apologized for how the sweeps were carried out.

> Proposed budget parameters were discussed at the April 18, 2013 BOG meeting. These parameters include the elimination of most individual college/program fees and the assessment of a flat fee on all students that would be allocated by the president's office.

> BOG Finance Committee made those parameters provisional.

> Kopp recommended to the BOG to table his own proposal in order to work on repairing trust with faculty.

> The BOG, led by Joseph Touma, called for an "united front" to address budget issues.

> April 19, 2013: An emergency general faculty meeting took place at the Catholic Newman Center.

> All revenue accounts were restored.

> Kopp addressed assembly, called for budget work group composed of several constituency groups to work collaboratively toward "real" solutions.

> A motion to vote no confidence in Kopp was made.

United Methodist Students seek student connection

By **CODI MOHR**
THE PARTHENON

Sunday evenings on campus typically involve students finishing up homework, preparing for the business of the coming week or returning from visiting their homes. United Methodist Students, Marshall University's Methodist student group, provides an opportunity for students to connect spiritually and with each other at "7:17" Sundays at 7:17 p.m., which is a time that references the Bible verse, 1 Corinthians 7:17.

The Rev. Benjamin Wells, leader of UMS, said the ministry creates a new point of entry for students and allows them to be involved regardless of denomination.

"It's simply a place to come, be with other people, worship and hear God speak to us through the scripture with no agenda," Wells said. "We're not trying to convert anybody

to our group, and you don't necessarily have to identify yourself with anything to come and be a part of this. It's just a place of unity."

Wells said it is important to start the school week by connecting with fellow students.

"It's a good way to start off the week," Wells said. "Students connect in worship, connect with the community and start the week hearing something that God has to say to us."

According to Wells, the combined reach of ministries offered by the university adds up to less than one percent of the student population. With "7:17," UMS hopes to reach a piece of the remaining majority of students in an effort to promote a unity of Christian spirit.

The service includes a variety of speakers and musicians coming together each week for a brief, 10 to 12 minute reflection

of scripture, group prayer and worship through song.

Members plan to reach out and involve a large population of students through word of mouth and through increased efforts to connect and build relationships with new students in the upcoming fall semester. The service is inter-denominational and its goal is to connect a group of students without denominational affiliation.

"A lot of it comes down to relationships," Wells said. "The majority of folks walk through the door because somebody they know or had some connection with has talked about it."

"7:17" takes place every Sunday for an estimated 45 minutes in the chapel of the Campus Christian Center.

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'Study S'more' focuses on finals preparation

THE PARTHENON

Finals are nearing and sometimes students just need to eat a s'more to alleviate some of the stress. Students can eat their s'more Tuesday at 4 p.m. at "Study S'more," an event at the Student Resource Center located on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Sarah Craiger, resource specialist, said she hopes students will receive motivation for their final exams.

"We wanted to give the students a fun way to get prepped for their final exams and projects," Craiger said. "Kind of like a kick off to the end of the term."

In addition to s'mores, students will have the chance to win prizes. The SRC staff will

offer test taking and project preparation tips for accomplishing final assignments in class. The staff will also cover tips on how to prepare for final exams.

Craiger said she is excited for the event and preparing students for their final exams.

"I am most excited about the s'mores," Craiger said.

NEWS

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Marshall students react to Cincinnati school shooting

By **KELCIE COBURN**
THE PARTHENON

On Monday, a student from Cincinnati pulled a gun in a classroom and shot himself.

Officials said the student was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment where he remains in critical condition. School officials said classes will resume tomorrow in hopes of allowing students to talk about the tragic event and to make sense of it.

School shootings and random acts of violence are becoming all too familiar across the

nation. From the Sandy Hook shooting to the recent Boston Marathon tragedy, it seems as though society has been accustomed to inevitable acts of violence. Schools have cracked down on security in efforts to make schools safer, but keeping the general public safe is a bigger task.

Disputes of gun control and questions of whether limiting gun ownership will actually have an impact on the future safety of society are hot topics all over the country.

Acts of violence such as these are common and often raise questions of what people can do as a society to prevent disastrous situations, similar to Monday's shooting.

The Huntington community often hears stories of violence and crime that are very close to home.

Even though shootings and violence in society cannot be completely stopped, Marshall University students said they, as a student body, can work

towards having a community that is less dangerous.

Sarah Kay, junior international business major, said personal safety is all about being careful about what you do and where you are.

"When you hear about stuff like this, it always makes you put yourself in that position," Kay said. "Here on campus, you always are hearing about something dangerous that's happening in Huntington. I think it all comes down to just being aware of your

surroundings and being careful about where you go and who you hang out with."

Some think it is crucial to be able to defend one's self in dangerous situations and it is important to have knowledge about self-defense.

Connor Meadows, junior communications major, said he is a gun owner and believes it is essential.

"It's important to own a gun because you are the only one responsible for your own defense in certain situations," Meadows

said. "If you have firearm training from a professional, I would recommend owning one because you just never know when you might need it."

The ability to defend one's self is undoubtedly important, but the way it is carried out can be controversial. No matter what self-defense tool is available, the most important tool is having knowledge of what to do and how to be safe.

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JOSEPHINE E. MENDEZ | THE PARTHENON
The John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps practices, Monday, in preparation for Heritage Day, Saturday, at the Heritage Farm and Museum. The ensemble will also perform at the 2013 National Flute Association Convention in New Orleans.

Fife and Drum Corps preps for upcoming showcases

By **JOSEPHINE E. MENDEZ**
THE PARTHENON

The John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps will perform Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Heritage Farm and Museum for Heritage Day.

The group is led by Wendell Dobbs, who is a flute professor at Marshall University. For the upcoming show, they will perform music from the era of the War of 1812.

"We try to limit ourselves to music that was around during the era of Chief Justice John Marshall," Dobbs said. "We have several French tunes since they were very important during that time period as well as a few frontier tunes."

Dobbs founded the John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps in

2007. He said the idea came about after several alumni flute majors were given positions in The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps in Washington, D.C.

At the time of its formation, Dobbs was the John Deaver Drinko Fellow and he was able to get the corps up and running through their support and funding.

"My favorite thing about being in the fife and drum core is how authentic it is," said Greg Fifer, a business major. "Everything from the music we play to the uniforms and even the way our drums look. It kind of takes you back in time."

For the past six years, the corps has grown in popularity.

Its membership ranges from 13-18 members each year.

"I have been with the fife and drum corps for six years, and I have loved every minute of it," said Kayla Ariyan, a music education major. "Being in the group has allowed me to travel to so many different places. I am most excited for our upcoming trip to New Orleans for the National Flute Convention."

The John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps was chosen to play at the 2013 National Flute Association Convention in New Orleans. They will be the only fife and drum corps performing at the event.

"This will be a great experience for everyone in the corps regardless of their major," Dobbs said. "For the flutist in

the group, they will get to experience the National Flute Association, and everyone else will get to experience New Orleans. It's a win-win."

The group also played for the National Flute Convention in 2009 in New York City.

"It's such a great opportunity for us," said Madelyn Mazzeo, a music education major. "Not many other universities offer a fife and drum core."

Along with the flute conventions, the group has played at several local events including Assessment Day, the Fountain Ceremony and football and basketball games.

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NBA player Jason Collins announces he's gay

By **JOSH ROBBINS**
ORLANDO SENTINEL (MCT)

Longtime NBA center Jason Collins on Monday became the first active male player in a major American pro team sport to announce that he's gay.

Collins, who finished the 2012-13 season with the Washington Wizards, made his declaration in a first-person essay that was published online by Sports Illustrated and will appear in the May 6, 2013, issue of the magazine.

"I'm a 34-year-old NBA center. I'm black. And I'm gay," Collins says in the essay.

"I didn't set out to be the first openly gay athlete playing in a major American team sport. But since I am, I'm happy to start the conversation. I wish I wasn't the kid in the classroom raising his hand and saying, 'I'm different.' If I had my way, someone else would have already done this. Nobody has, which is why I'm raising my hand."

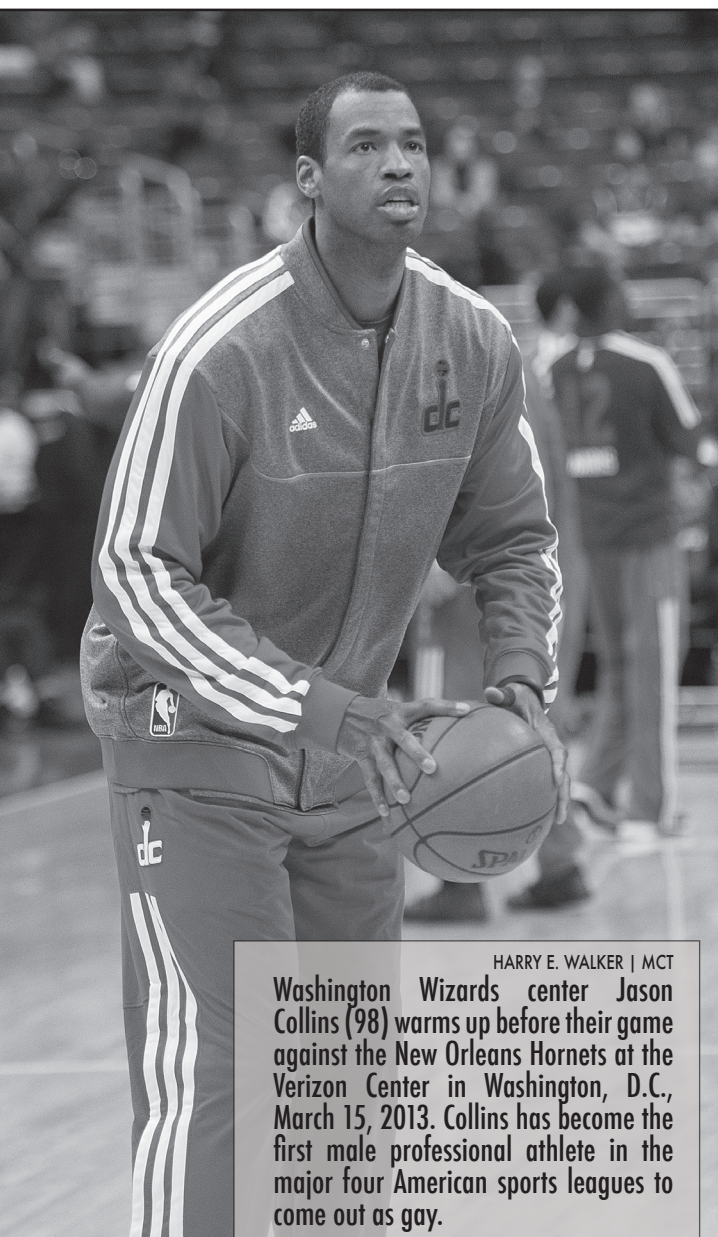
NBA commissioner David Stern lauded Collins in a statement released Monday.

"We have known the Collins family since Jason and (his twin brother) Jarron joined the NBA in 2001 and they have been exemplary members of the NBA family," Stern said. "Jason has been a widely respected player and teammate throughout his career, and we are proud he has assumed the leadership mantle on this very important issue."

Collins has played for six franchises during his 12-year NBA career: the New Jersey Nets, Memphis Grizzlies, Minnesota Timberwolves, Atlanta Hawks, Boston Celtics and the Wizards.

Fans might remember Collins most for his role as the Hawks' starting center during the first round of the 2011 NBA playoffs.

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HARRY E. WALKER | MCT
Washington Wizards center Jason Collins (98) warms up before their game against the New Orleans Hornets at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C., March 15, 2013. Collins has become the first male professional athlete in the major four American sports leagues to come out as gay.

Syrian troops recapture villages near strategic stronghold

By **DAVID ENDERS**
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCT)

A Syrian government offensive near the Lebanese border is being described as the fiercest fighting in months by villagers fleeing the violence, with troops loyal to President Bashar Assad seizing control of villages that had been rebel strongholds.

The fighting near the city of Qusayr, which the rebels have controlled since last summer, has solidified the Orontes River as the dividing line between the country's warring sects, with pro-Assad Alawites holding the area on the western bank of the river and anti-Assad Sunni Muslims on the river's eastern bank.

"They are kicking out all the Sunnis from the west side of the river," said one woman, who said she had fled to the village of Aarsal, Lebanon, from a Syrian village named Burhanah. She declined to give her name. "The lands west of the Orontes have been closed by the army."

Many of Syria's Alawite minority, a sect related to Shiite Islam to which Assad belongs, hail from the coastal area west of the Orontes that comprises the provinces of Latakia and Tartus, which together make up the largest part of the country still undisputedly under government control. Syrians and outside observers long have surmised that Assad might create an enclave in these two provinces, where he can count on the support of fellow Alawites and Shiites who fear radical Sunni Islamists among the rebels who consider their beliefs heretical.

The area around Qusayr has long been a battle zone, with both the government and the rebels considering it strategic to their goals. But residents who have arrived in Aarsal in recent days said they'd been able to remain in their homes throughout the fighting until a week ago, when government shelling intensified and rebels withdrew.

All those interviewed in Aarsal said the fighting was the fiercest they'd seen. Several reported that government shelling had leveled Nabi Mendo, a town northwest of Qusayr.

Residents said the participation in the offensive of fighters from Hezbollah, the Lebanese Shiite militia that has increasingly fought on the side of the Syrian government, was crucial to the government's recapture of the villages.

Rebels use the area to move people and supplies between Syria and supportive communities in Lebanon, and last year it served as an approach to gain a foothold in Homs, the country's third-largest city, which continues to see combat despite a nearly year-long siege by the government against rebel-held neighborhoods in its center.

Qusayr sits astride a highway that connects Damascus to Latakia and Tartus, the major coastal cities in the provinces of the same name.

Until the past several days, the villages near Qusayr still had mixed populations, with Alawites and Sunnis living in relative proximity to each other, unlike the provinces of Hama and Idlib to the north, where farmland along the river became a no-man's land last year and farmers from each side complained of being targeted by the other side. Neighbors who had done business together for years became bitter enemies as each side accused the other of massacring civilians.

Now, however, the sectarian fissure, as well as the river, extends southwest of Qusayr and into northern Lebanon, where Shiite, Sunni and Alawite communities with close historical ties to those on the Syrian side of the border appear at increasing risk of being drawn into the conflict across a border that had remained largely unmarked in many places until Syria ended its decades-long occupation of Lebanon in 2005.

Last week, rebels in Qusayr, retaliating for what they said was shelling from Lebanon, fired rockets into Lebanon on half a dozen occasions. Some of those rockets fell in Hermel, a Hezbollah stronghold northeast of Aarsal, where residents and Hezbollah representatives said the rockets had damaged buildings but caused no casualties. In the village of Qasr, northeast of Hermel, the rockets killed two people.

SPORTS

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Men's golf finishes 5th in conference tournament

By **THOMAS GREEN**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University men's golf team will end its 2013 season on a high note as it finished fifth overall in the Conference USA golf tournament at Texarkana Country Club on April 23.

The team was originally predicted to finish 12th overall among division rivals, but the Thundering Herd beat the odds due to the play of senior Nathan Kerns, freshman Logan Lagoditch and an excellent game plan.

According to head coach Matt Grobe, the team play was amazing.

"A really good finish, we were ranked 12 in the beginning, so we passed a lot of teams," Grobe said.

Grobe and the team knew exactly what they wanted to do through the three days of this year's tournament before it even began.

"We make a game plan, no adjustments were necessary and the tee shows everything," Grobe said. "We worked hard in practice and were ready to go."

The Herd also had experience on its side going into the annual tournament.

"It was Nathans third year, and others played once and knew what to expect," Grobe said.

Kerns finished the tournament with a -5 and earned a third place ranking. Lagoditch scored a +3, which put him in a three-way tie for 14th place along with Austin Smotherman of SMU, Paul Dunne of UAB and Jere Pelletier of Texas El Paso.

"Nathan played best, he's the senior," Grobe said. "Logan Lagoditch, as a freshmen and his first time playing in the tournament and playing on the course, he just played great."

Kerns' performance in the tournament launched his national ranking to 168th and created the potential to make the regional team.

"I'm hoping that Nathan gets into regionals," Grobe said. "He is 168th overall and the top 200 usually make it. He finds out May 6."

Kerns is a senior, so he will be absent in the coming year, and the Herd has to look elsewhere for the leadership, experience and work effort he offered.

Grobe has a difficult challenge ahead of him.

"I don't know if you can, I'm looking for leadership and that is tough to replace,"

Grobe said. "The leadership has got to be with the juniors."

Finding leadership next year should not take too much time because the men's golf team will have a majority of seniors — five out of 11 total. Among them are Brian Anania and Jeremy Rogers who finished 35th and 30th in the tournament.

"Brian Anania and Jeremy Rogers played great," Grobe said. "I'm really happy with the way they played. All five competing lot of the juniors stepped up."

Another challenge Grobe must face lies within the changing face of C-USA. The top three teams of the tournament, Huston, SMU and UCF are departing the conference.

Grobe said he is looking to focus on his own team and let his opponents handle themselves.

"Worry about yourself, focus on taking care of what we take care of," Grobe said. "Good teams are leaving, and good teams are coming in."

The good teams Grobe refers to are Charlotte and North Texas University, which are scheduled to begin tournament play next season.

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Senior Nathan Kerns watches a drive. Kerns had the third lowest score in Marshall history in C-USA. PHOTO COURTESY OF HERDZONE.COM

News From the Gridiron

Antavious Wilson signs with NY Jets



MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Wideout Antavious Wilson signed a free agent contract with the New York Jets after the 2013 NFL Draft.

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Former Marshall wide receiver Antavious Wilson has signed a free agent deal with the New York Jets.

Wilson, a second-team All-Conference USA pick by CollegeSportsMadness.com and an honorable mention selection by the C-USA coaches, was sixth in the league in catches per game (5.8) in 2012. He was also one of 11 MU honorees on Phil Steele's mid-season all-conference list and his 187 career catches are seventh-highest in school history, while his 2,269 receiving yards

are 10th. His 69 catches last season were a career-high, as were his 741 receiving yards. His best game came against league-leading Tulsa, when he amassed seven catches for 123 yards and two touchdowns. He also posted touchdown catches against Purdue, Southern Miss, UCF and Houston.

Wilson is the second MU wide receiver in three days to join the NFL ranks as Aaron Dobson was taken in the second round (59th overall) of the NFL Draft by the New England Patriots Friday evening.

Herd moves ECU game to Friday night

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The Conference USA office has announced that Marshall's home football game with East Carolina, which was originally scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 30, has been moved up a day to accommodate national television.

The game time and network will be announced at a later date. CBS Sports Network has carried four of

the last five games in the series, while CSS had the 2010 contest.

Last year's meeting between the teams produced the highest scoring game in C-USA history, as the Pirates won, 65-59 in double-overtime.

A preliminary 2013 C-USA television schedule, including networks and some game times is expected to be released in May.

Zaprazna earns second-team All-Conference

HERDZONE.COM

Marshall senior Dominika Zaprazna was named second-team All-Conference USA in singles by the league office on Monday.

Zaprazna won nine matches at No. 1 singles for the Herd this spring and was the only Herd player to hold that top spot.

She posted 15 singles wins (fall and spring) this year to go with 24 doubles triumphs, which gave her 117 for her career, making her the Herd's all-time winningest doubles player.

As a junior, she earned C-USA All-First Team honors, posting 15 singles wins and 28 doubles victories in the process.

She was named second-team all-conference in doubles and third team in singles as a sophomore, when she was one half of the first duo (along with Michaela Kissell) in school history to go through the regular season undefeated. The pair finished the season 19-1 en route to a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Marshall's No. 1 player for the past four seasons, she also earned first-team All C-USA doubles honors as a freshman when she notched a record of 34-10.



MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Senior Dominika Zaprazna stretches out for a ball in a match against UNC-Greensboro.

2013 Herd Football Schedule

August 31 MIAMI UNIVERSITY RedHawks September 7	October 24 MU November 2
GWU September 14	KU November 9
OHIO September 21	Tulsa November 14
VT October 5	FIU November 23
UTSA ROADRUNNERS October 12	FAU November 29

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THIS WEEK WITH THE HERD

BASEBALL

Tuesday vs. Morehead State in Beckley, W.Va
4:30 p.m.

Wednesday at Eastern Kentucky in Chillicothe,
Ohio 3:00 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Wednesday at Morehead State, Morehead, Ky.
3:00 p.m.

OPINION

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THE FIRST AMENDMENT | The Constitution of the United States of America

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble; and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Column

Rape culture involves cause and effect

By **JOCELYN GIBSON**
COLUMNIST

The United States has a very prominent rape culture, which seems to be sweeping up the media in a recent trend. We are beginning to see the worst side of rape culture, even here.

Just to give a definition of rape culture for those who are unfamiliar with the term, it refers to a culture in which rape and sexual violence are common and in some situations are even tolerated or condoned by society.

We have to get out of this state of blaming the victim. Rape is not and will never be the fault of the victim. We would never blame the victim of a robbery saying they asked for it by having nice things or a house that is easily broken into.

We tell girls to avoid being raped: do not go out late, do not go alone and dress modestly. This advice serves absolutely no purpose, because women are not at fault — rapists are!

It is high time our society accepts that rapists rape and no one else is to blame for that but rapists themselves. The only real steps we can take to prevent it is to eliminate the rape culture that makes rape seem like an OK thing to do.

There are so many small things in our culture that contribute to sexual violence, such as rape jokes, victim blaming, sexism and slut-shaming.

While that may seem like an over exaggerated listing of causes to some, it is accurate to what exists in our culture which can be seen on a daily basis.

Many people tell sexist jokes or jokes referring to rape and think little to nothing of it. Take for example the favorite shows of our generation: Family Guy and American Dad. Both go way too far in making sexist and rape jokes that we just laugh off as nothing.

For those of us who have no intention of raping or abusing

anyone, we can see the humor behind the satire and take the joke for what it is — a joke. However, there do exist people in the world who watch these shows and are influenced by them, taking their jokes as an OK to do the things they refer to.

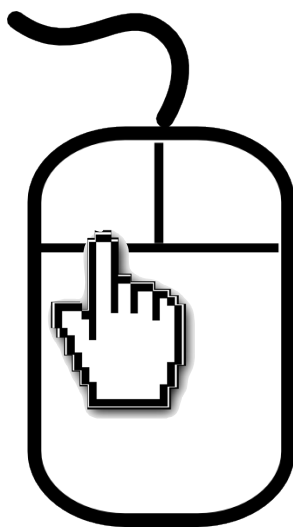
Another huge problem we face is victim blaming or slut-shaming. Both are similar terms used to refer to blaming a female rape victim for being raped because of the clothes she was wearing or some other choice that she made. Any sensible person should know that you can just as easily be raped in your own home wearing sweatpants as you can leaving the bar in a mini skirt.

On campus, rape cultures can be created by the way gender relationships are structured. It is often reinforced that if a man takes a woman out on a date and pays for it the women then owes him something in the way of a sexual favor. Another huge campus problem is date rape. Date rape is often under prosecuted because of the relationship between perpetrator and victim is sometimes seen as consent in the eyes of the court. It is often believed that the woman consented and is falsely claiming rape.

To bring up a different point, men should be offended by rape culture as well, because the entire theory rests on the idea that men cannot control themselves, and that women have to be responsible for male sexuality.

The problem of rape cannot begin to be combated until we combat rape culture. It is rape culture that allows frequent sexual violence to continue in our society and each day it is getting worse, and becomes more normalized. It needs to be stopped before it reaches a point of being entirely mainstream.

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ONLINE POLLS

What are your plans for the summer?

- Summer School
- Vacation
- Part-Time Job
- Who Knows?

Do you feel you are in good academic standing going in to the final weeks of the semester?

- Yes 76%
- No 14%
- I don't know 11%

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Editorial

Collins continues path to acceptance in sports

Jason Collins, an NBA journeyman of 12 years, made the biggest move of his career Monday when he disclosed to Sports Illustrated that he is gay.

Professional sports remain tied to its primitive, brutish roots and continue to be a homophobic sphere of American culture.

In his coming out, Collins challenged the sports world to advance and become supportive of gay athletes who have had to live private lives for fear of being ostracized by teammates and fans.

That fear is justified, as society expects professional

athletes to exemplify manliness and exude testosterone through the mesh of their jerseys as if such things can be quantified like any other sports statistic.

Sports analysts have declared Collins to be the first active openly gay professional athlete and have likened him to Jackie Robinson.

Such comparisons are premature.

Collins, a free agent, has only seen court time as a role player, may not receive another contract and does not have the name recognition that NBA superstars have. His coming out is

not likely to resonate with the general public, but it is a step forward for gay athletes to be accepted in sports.

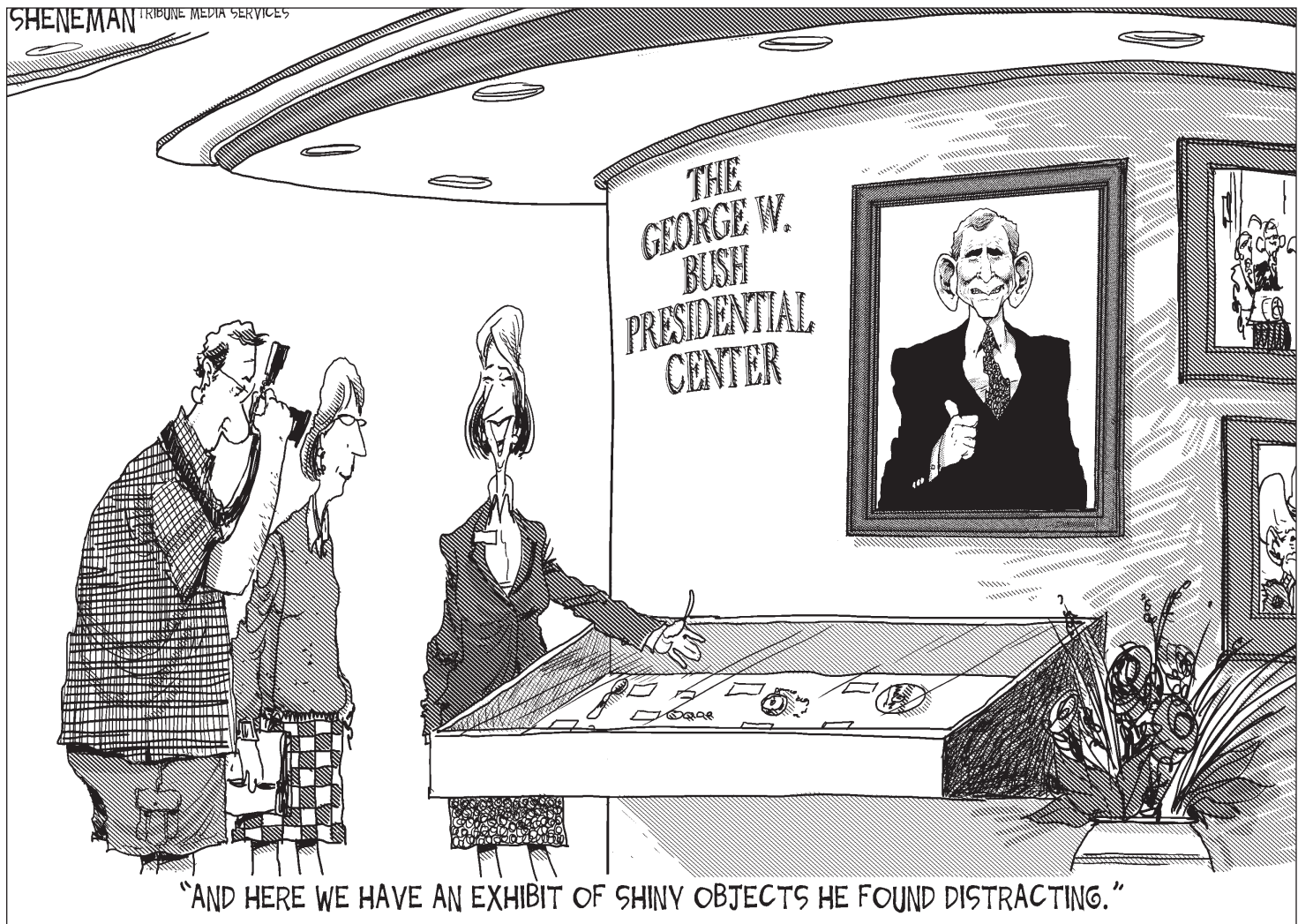
Collins is not the first openly gay professional athlete. In the 1970s, Glenn Burke, an outfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Oakland Athletics, was out to his team. Burke is known for inventing the high five in a game in 1977 and actually used the gesture with homosexual residents in San Francisco where it became a symbol of gay pride.

Maybe more athletes would come forward and support gay

athletes coming out if they realized the most ritualized gesture in sports originated in the gay community.

Burke accomplished more than popularizing high fives. After the end of his career, he said people could never say a gay man could not play in the major leagues because he was gay and he made it.

Collins echoed those words Monday and is the first to add to Burke's legacy. It is only a matter of time before the next professional athletes steps up to the plate and makes a similar confession.



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Guest Column

To all my colleagues,

My sympathy goes out to the faculty of Marshall University as a result of the financial crisis that has fallen upon them. Throughout my numerous years at Marshall, the faculty has endured many years without a pay increase. The sweep and other rumored changes created a crisis which generally calls for bold action. Dr. Kopp proposed a solution that many of the faculty considered inappropriate.

We must look at the context in which this decision was made. We were facing a financial deficit of millions of dollars. When President Kopp took unilateral action to deal with the matter, many faculty became incensed. They apparently failed to remember how lucky they are in having a president such as Dr. Kopp who is always at his desk between five and six o'clock each morning. I am convinced that Dr. Kopp is one of the greatest presidents Marshall has had. With him at the helm

successes have been piled on successes. This has been documented and made available to you by Dr. Alan Gould.

In the distant past, we have had a couple of bad presidents. No matter how bad they were, we never proposed votes of no confidence. We did, however, confront these presidents with our disagreements stated as clearly as possible. What I am about to say to the best faculty in Marshall's history is to use your immense skills of informing, negotiating, and bargaining. DO NOT TRY TO KILL THE PRESIDENT.

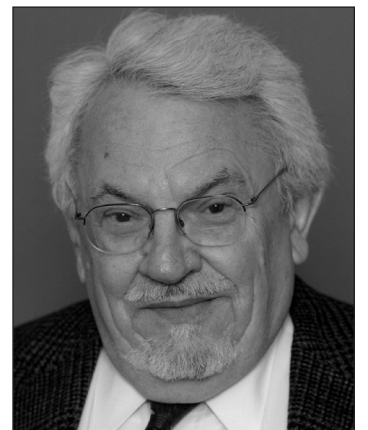
A vote of no confidence, if approved, is loaded with undesirable consequences. If, Heaven forbid, Dr. Kopp decided to resign over such a vote, we would face a long dead period in which nothing significant would occur. It is difficult for an interim president to deal effectively with crucial issues. Holding temporary power signals weakness and passivity, a condition Marshall can ill afford.

Second, Marshall's reputation as a great place to be for ambitious presidential candidates would be severely damaged. Who would want to be a president at a university where the first perceived mistake leads to a petulant feeling that explodes into a seething anger that ends in proposals of no confidence?

Third, many issues facing the university are ongoing. Dr. Kopp's knowledge is a great advantage. If he walked away, we would be in the dark for a period of time.

The last thing this faculty needs to do is insult a man who has moved Marshall forward on all fronts, not just athletically.

The financial problems are not due to a "failed" leadership on the part of Stephen Kopp. It has been brought about by the legislature of the state. ORGANIZE and direct your efforts toward changing these politics of neglect. What a stilted, demeaning bind they have thrown around Marshall's



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neck, as their financial support slips away year by year, while at the same time shouting: "Do not raise tuition!" All of the families of West Virginia should be ready to join a coalition of faculty and other interests that would have the mission of convincing legislators and governors of the great harm they are inflicting on higher education in West Virginia. IT IS A STATE SHAME, NOT A MARSHALL SHAME!

**Respectfully,
Dr. Simon Perry
Emeritus Professor**

Honors Convocation set to highlight outstanding students

By **JESSICA PATTERSON**
THE PARTHENON

Stars will align as the Honors College hosts the annual Elisabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation to showcase some of Marshall University's star students.

Mitzi Cyrus, office administrator of the Honors College, said the event is a special occasion.

"It's grown in size over the years," Cyrus said. "We've already had over 100 students say they will attend, and of course the families and people who paid for the education want to attend to see their children being honored."

The event is the only ceremony at the university to honor students from all academic disciplines. Susan Gilpin, associate dean of the Honors College, said although the convocation is hosted by the Honors College, any hard-working student is eligible for the recognition.

"The mission of the Honors College is to enhance education for a community of learners," Gilpin said. "But we do not see the mission as exclusive to the college, it's the sense that the presence of an Honors College says to the world that we're serious about academics at Marshall University.

The convocation is one of the ways we make that public. We aren't suggesting that the only students who are high achieving are our students, and we want to honor and recognize all students who have committed themselves to performing at their best."

Gilpin said the event helps make a name for the Honors College and the recognized students.

"The Honors College wants to support academic excellence across campus, not just to students who are members of the Honors College," Gilpin said. "What we do with the Honors

Convocation is provide a venue for every department to recognize the students who have been high-achieving students within their departments. We bring all of this together to acknowledge everyone publicly and at one ceremony that will expose these students to a larger audience."

The Honors Convocation is sponsored by the John Deaver Drinko Academy. Alan Gould, executive director of the Drinko Academy, said the academy sponsors two major events every year — the John Deaver Drinko Symposium and the Elisabeth Gibson Drinko

Honors Convocation, known as the Celebration of Academics.

Gould said the symposium allows the year's Drinko Fellow to present his or her work to other faculty, while the convocation honors students.

"Libby [Elisabeth Gibson Drinko] was always supportive of the youth," Gould said. "In honor of her work, we named the Honors Convocation after her."

Gould said Drinko formed the idea of having Marshall alumni speak at the convocation. The speaker for this year will be Major Mathew Powers, a Yeager scholar who graduated

from Marshall in 2000 with an Economics Degree.

"Libby indicated to me once that she felt we had outstanding graduates, and it may be even more meaningful to our students to hear from a Marshall graduate who is contributing in some way or another to their profession or the American society."

The Elisabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation is open to the public and will take place Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

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Bill Clinton, Elie Wiesel mark Holocaust Museum's 20th anniversary

(MCT)

Former President Bill Clinton and Nobel Peace laureate Elie Wiesel joined elderly Holocaust survivors Monday to mark the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's two decades of preserving the memory of the millions of people who died at the hands of the Nazis.

Wiesel, himself a Holocaust survivor, and Clinton honored 834 survivors attending the event, along with 130 U.S. military veterans of World War II.

More than 2,000 people packed a temporary structure erected behind the red brick museum near the National Mall in Washington. The tribute began with the presentation of the flags of U.S. Army divisions

that liberated Germany at the end of World War II.

Wiesel, who played an instrumental role in founding the museum, noted the advanced ages of the survivors and veterans and said it soon will be up to younger generations to carry their memory forward.

"Whatever we are trying to do here, you are now the flag-bearers. Our memory will have to live in yours," Wiesel said. "We believe that because we opened up the gates of our memory, we are bringing people closer together."

The museum has been one of Washington's most visited sites since it opened in 1993. More than one third of the museum's

more than 35 million visitors were schoolchildren, and 12 percent of guests were from outside the United States.

The museum stands only a few hundred yards from the White House, the Washington Monument and other landmarks that, Clinton said, represent democracy and U.S. values such as valor and strength, while the Holocaust Museum embodies the country's conscience.

Clinton remembered the opening of the museum 20 years ago, with war raging in the Balkans as Yugoslavia broke apart, revisiting ethnic massacres on the European continent.

At the dedication ceremony,

Wiesel took Clinton aside and told him in "very eloquent language" to "get off of my rear end and do something about Bosnia," the former president recounted.

Soon afterward, Clinton sent an emissary to the region to explore peace talks.

Clinton pointed out that recent advances in genomics have shown that human beings are 99.5 percent the same genetically, yet people place too much emphasis on the 0.5 percent of differences, making humanity "vulnerable to the sickness that the Nazis gave to the Germans."

"That sickness is very alive," Clinton warned, "all across the world today."

Female DNA found on Boston Marathon pressure-cooker bomb

By **BRIAN BENNETT**

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The FBI has found female DNA on at least one of the two homemade bombs detonated during the Boston Marathon on April 15, according to a law enforcement official.

The presence of genetic material does not necessarily mean a woman helped build the pressure-cooker bombs, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

The genetic material could have come from a woman who was in the room where the devices were built, or from a cashier at a store where one of the bomb parts was purchased, the official said.

The test results have prompted investigators to

look more closely at women who may have had contact with the alleged bombers, Tamerlan Tsarnaev and his younger brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Investigators are collecting DNA samples from some women who were close to the pair to provide a comparison.

On Monday, investigators visited the Rhode Island home of the family of Katherine Russell, the widow of the elder brother, who was killed in a shootout with police on April 19. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was wounded but captured, and faces federal charges of using a weapon of mass destruction.

The two remote-controlled bombs killed three people and injured more than 260.



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World War II veteran Scottie Oton (center) who helped to liberate a concentration camp and Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel (left) are presented with pins by former U.S. President Bill Clinton during the 20th anniversary National Tribute at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Monday, in Washington, DC. The Museum was hosting a two-day tribute event to honor Holocaust survivors and World War II veterans to mark its 20th anniversary.

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Although Collins played under 20 minutes in each of those games, he and backup center Zaza Pachulia played effective one-on-one defense against Dwight Howard.

Their defense enabled the Hawks to rarely double-team Howard. That, in turn, allowed the rest of the Hawks' defenders to crowd the 3-point line, and Atlanta stymied Orlando's long-range shooting throughout the series.

Atlanta won the series in six games.

Magic fans might also remember Magic center John

Amaechi, who in February 2007 announced that he was gay.

Amaechi already had retired from pro basketball (after the 2002-03 season) when he made his announcement, but Collins will be an unrestricted free agent this offseason.

On Monday, Amaechi offered his support to Collins via Twitter.

Amaechi wrote: "Congratulations to Jason — society couldn't hope for a more eloquent & positive role model."

Other NBA players on Monday tweeted their support of Collins.

Denver Nuggets forward Kenneth Faried wrote: "Wow this is amazing all smiles."

So so happy Jason Collins came out & announce he was openly GAY ALL SUPPORT OVER HERE #ATHLETEALLY #LGBT"

Los Angeles Lakers point guard Steve Nash wrote: "The time has come. Maximum respect."

In April 2011, the NBA fined Lakers star Kobe Bryant \$100,000 for uttering an anti-gay slur toward a referee during a game. Showing how times are changing, Bryant also Tweeted support for Collins on Monday:

Bryant wrote: "Proud of @jasoncollins34. Don't suffocate who u r because of the ignorance of others #courage #support

#mambaarmystandup #BYOU"

Celtics coach Doc Rivers issued a statement in which he praised Collins.

"I am extremely happy and proud of Jason Collins," Rivers said. "He's a pro's pro. He is the consummate professional and he is one of my favorite 'team' players I have ever coached. If you have learned anything from Jackie Robinson, it is that teammates are always the first to accept. It will be society who has to learn tolerance. One of my favorite sayings is, 'I am who I am, are whom we are, can be what I want to be its not up to you, it's just me being me.'"

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By SHANE BIAS
THE PARTHENON

Rick Santorum, former U.S. Senator and candidate for president of the United States, first became active in politics in 1976 when he joined the College Republicans as a student at Penn State University.

Santorum encourages students to run for class officer and help make their school better.

“I first got active in politics when I joined the College Republicans when I was a student at Penn State,” Santorum said. “I found that I really enjoyed working on issues I cared about and explaining to my friends and fellow students why a particular matter needed attention.”

Santorum said the time spent in the College Republicans was not the only experience that made him want to get involved in politics.

“I also had the terrific experience of working for state Senator Doyle Corman in the legislature in Harrisburg,” Santorum said. “He was a great role model in showing me what it meant to stand up for your principles and how to work with others to find common ground to get things done.”

After graduating from Penn State, attending law school and starting work in Pittsburgh, Santorum decided to pursue a career in politics by running for the United States Congress.

“I knocked on 25,000 doors and met face to face with folks to tell them why I wanted to be their congressman and what I would do if elected,” Santorum said. “That kind of retail politics worked then, and I wish we saw more of it now.”

Santorum said politics can teach so many things, from the most basic skills to how to be a critical thinker.

“You learn how to work with others with whom you disagree, and you learn how to manage your time to meet all your obligations,” Santorum said. “You learn what is really important in life, and it reaffirmed to me that we live in the greatest country in the world.”

Santorum said it was tough losing his 2006 senate race, but realized it was the best outcome he could have hoped for.

“Leaving elected office at that time helped me put my priorities in order and gave me the opportunity to reset my focus on what issues I wanted to spend my time advocating for,” Santorum said.

Santorum reset his focus on a bid to be the next president of the United States in the 2012 election.

Eddy Atallah, Students for Santorum state chair, said he supported Santorum’s run for president.

“I supported Rick Santorum in 2012 for many different reasons,” Atallah said. “His strong family values and patriotism for one, but most importantly his determination to put the constitution first and allowing people to have a voice rather than a centered government imposing their views onto you.”

Santorum said he loved having his family join him on the campaign trail in 2012 and wants them to find a job they like even if it is not in politics.

“I want my children to do what makes them happy and fulfilled,” Santorum said. “There is something really special when you can work side by side with your children as they grow up, to get their perspective on issues and just enjoy their company along the way.”

Santorum said he is leaving the door open for another presidential run in 2016.

“I’m not making any commitments at this point, but we’re not doing anything inconsistent with running in 2016,” Santorum said.

Atallah said he would support Santorum again in 2016.

“I really would be honored to support such a great person if Santorum decides to run again in 2016,” Atallah said. “America is in need of a principled conservative like Santorum in order to get back on the right track to prosperity.”

Santorum said the most important issue that affects the country today is making the American dream attainable again.

“So many in this country feel that the American dream is just out of reach for them, and I believe we must start putting in policies to change that,” Santorum said. “Our government must recognize this and help create a positive pro-family environment for our families, our communities and our businesses.”

Atallah said Santorum’s confidence with the right balance of humility is what makes people resonate with him so well.

“Santorum has the ability to capture a room with his confidence and the right balance of humility,” Atallah said. “Personally talking to him was even better, he was so genuine and sincere in thanking me for helping with his campaign.”

Santorum said he believes the citizens of this country can restore America’s greatness through the promotion of faith, family and freedom.

Santorum said his advice for students is to get involved.

“If you are a student, run for class officer to make your school better,” Santorum said. “You don’t want to look back and realize you missed a chance to make things better.”

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