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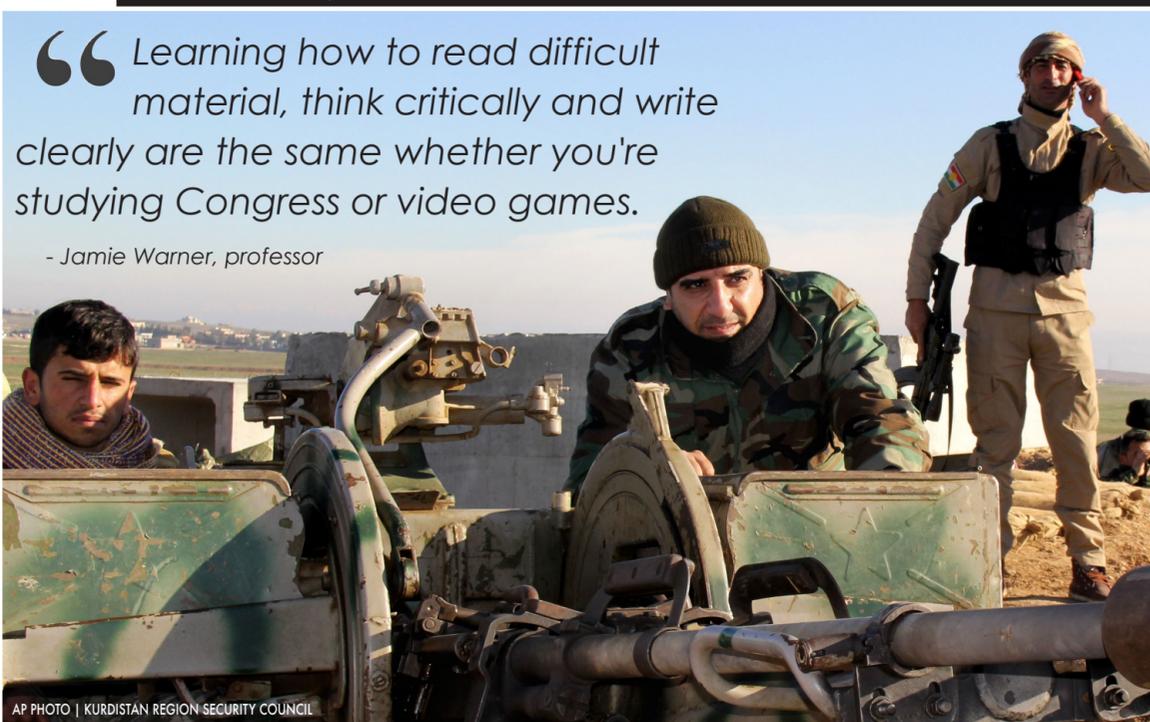
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WEEKEND NEWS

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War and Pop Culture course explores conflicts in fiction

By **PATRICK BREEDEN**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Professor Jason Morrisette's War and Pop Culture course looks into what pop culture media, such as video games, movies and comics, have to say about war.

Morrisette said much of the course focuses on understanding what assumptions pop culture makes concerning war.

"A lot of [the course] comes down to maybe less thinking about accuracy in some cases and more trying to unpack the ideological assumptions that are embedded in a lot of this work we are going to be examining," Morrisette said.

He said the course will look at how media depicted past and present wars along with thematic studies of metaphoric views of war in fiction.

The course began with a look into how James Bond films depict the Cold War. Later materials will cover how video games have shaped the public's perception of war among other topics.

Students will read materials such as "World War Z," "Starship Troopers" and "Cold War Fantasies." Two movie essays on "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb," "Starship Troopers" and "Wag the Dog" are also required.

Morrisette said the Stanley Kubrick film, "Dr. Strangelove," is the first piece of pop culture that someone should experience.

"It treats [nuclear] war as a farce more so



Soldiers talk at the site of a suicide car bomb attack in Kabul, Afghanistan Monday, Jan. 5, 2015. (Inset) Professor Jason Morrisette giving a lecture in his War and Pop Culture class.

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than a threat with serious consequences," Morrisette said. "It's strange to see [nuclear war] presented as a dark comedy, but I think there's so much impact there both about politics and war during the Cold War as well as lessons to learn today."

Political science professor Jamie Warner said special topics classes help build high level skills such as critical thinking.

"Classes like this allow students to practice their thinking and writing skills, which they then can use to analyze anything," Warner said.

"These are very high level skills that require lots

and lots of practice. Learning how to read difficult material, think critically and write clearly are the same whether you're studying Congress or video games and they are skills that can be put to use no matter what a student does after graduation."

War and Pop Culture is part of a growing list of specialty political science courses taught by Morrisette at Marshall. His Politics of the Undead course uses zombies, vampires and other creatures of night as metaphors to explore Marxism and other forms of political thought.

This is the first semester where War and

Pop Culture has been offered, and Morrisette said the course will be offered again in the future if students enjoy the materials and react positively.

Morrisette said he has future plans for additional specialty courses, but he is uncertain how to implement them at this time due to technical restraints.

Morrisette is planning a politics in video games course that would require students to play assigned video games.

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SAME/ASCE ANNUAL WINTER TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

Conference returns for seventh consecutive year

By **PATRICK BREEDEN**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Society of American Military Engineers/American Society of Civil Engineers student chapter presented its 7th annual Winter Technical Conference Thursday at the Memorial Student Center.

The conference attracted roughly 176 professional engineers and developers. Attendees received a complimentary breakfast, lunch and conference gifts.

SAME/ASCE student chapter publicity chair Cory Gibbs said the conference is an opportunity for student chapter members to network with professionals.

"It is equally advantageous for students of the SAME/ASCE student chapter because they are able to network with these professionals who are coming in and observing these technical presentations," Gibbs said.

Student chapter president David Cooper said the conference is also an opportunity for licensed engineers to get needed annual training hours.

"We offer an opportunity for professional engineers from the tri-state area to come in and obtain professional development hours," Cooper said. "To hold your licensing as a professional engineer, you have to get so many of these professional hours a year to maintain your certification."

Gibbs said licensed engineers must have 15 hours of professional development annually to maintain their licenses in West Virginia. The conference offers professionals up to six hours of development.

The conference consisted of a wide range of technical projects. Topics ranged from engineering ethics and project management to hydraulics and geotechnical projects. The variety of topics were meant to draw professionals from many fields of engineering rather than a specific one.

Richard McCormick, a retired professor from Marshall who started the Winter Technical Conference, said the idea behind the conference came from

events he attended as a student.

"I have to give credit where credit is due," McCormick said. "A gentleman by the name of Stafford Thornton started one of these at West Virginia Tech back in the '60s. I was a student at West Virginia Tech, so I got to participate in one as a student. When I came to Marshall, I told the students that we ought to do something like this."

Proceeds from the conference will fund activities and competitions for the student chapter. The organization enters a concrete bridge and steel canoe competition annually, and 25-30 students who participate have all expenses covered.

The student chapter also partially funds field trips for members every year. Members can attend the New River Gorge bridge catwalk tour and Bluestone Dam tour at the price of transportation.

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Professor honored at Tech conference

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Professor Richard McCormick was honored for his contributions to engineering education at the 7th annual Winter Technical Conference Jan. 22 at the Marshall University Student Center.

The Society of American Military Engineers/American Society of Civil Engineers student chapter officially changed the name of the Winter Technical Conference to the Richard F. McCormick Technical Conference. Student chapter president David Cooper made the official announcement, and commemorative coins marking the transition were passed out to attendees afterward.

McCormick said he was overwhelmed by the honor. "I was speechless," he said. "That's one of the reasons why I put off talking to the end. I'm overwhelmed by it. I thought [the

conference] was a great idea for us, and for them to rename it in my honor, it won't sink in for a while. The way I feel right now is overwhelmed."

The special presentation in his honor came as a surprise to McCormick, but he said he had a feeling that something was planned for him.

"When I told them that I had a presentation to give that was 20 minutes long when I was slated for an hour, they said, 'That's okay,'" he said. "I was thinking, 'What kind of egotistical person are you to think they're doing something special?' But I had a hint. A few people said they were going to be there. But I had no idea this is what they were going to do."

McCormick was also honored with new and existing awards for teaching and engineering education during the conference

including the SAME/ASCE student chapter Bridge Builder Award.

The event's closing remarks ended with McCormick encouraging students, friends and faculty to continue supporting Marshall and the university's engineering program. He also suggested there should be more cooperation between the West Virginia University Institute of Technology and Marshall engineering programs.

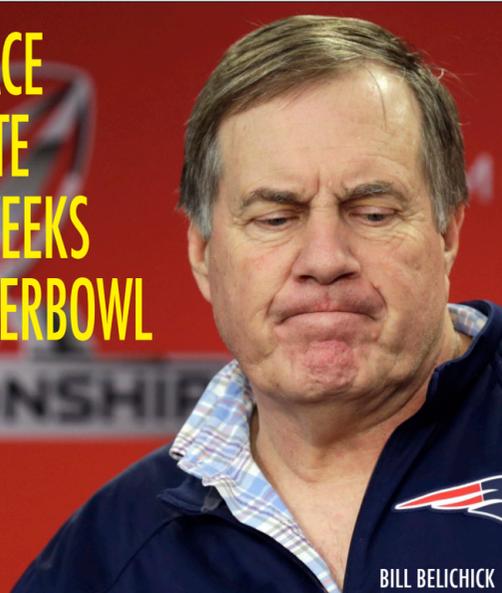
The professor said he plans to attend the conference every year.

McCormick retired from teaching at the end of the Fall 2015 semester at Marshall. He taught engineering education at WVU Tech and Marshall for more than 40 years.

Next year's conference, which will bear the new name, will be Jan. 21, 2016.

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PATRIOTS FACE DEFLATE GATE SCANDAL WEEKS BEFORE SUPERBOWL



BILL BELICHICK

By **TYLER FERRIS**
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Bill Belichick and the New England Patriots are involved in another scandal two weeks before the team is scheduled to play in the NFL's 49th Super Bowl against the Seattle Seahawks.

ESPN's Chris Mortensen reported Tuesday the NFL compiled evidence that 11 of the 12 game balls used in Sunday's AFC Championship game were deflated two pounds below the league's regulated air pressure per square inch (PSI), citing sources involved in the investigation.

Jason Corriher, assistant athletic director for media relations at Marshall University, chose not to comment on the New England situation but did provide some information on NCAA protocol.

Marshall's equipment staff inflates the balls to 13 PSI and delivers the balls to the officials' locker room where the officials inspect, approve or adjust the balls before they are taken to the field for the game.

Marshall provides the officials with a pump and a gauge in case they fail to bring their own. After that, the ball boys for each institution possess their

respective balls until the conclusion of the game.

The NFL conducts a similar procedure. This brings to question how the officials who check the balls before the game and handle them between every play did not notice a distinct variance in the PSI.

This "DeflateGate" comes eight years after New England's "SpyGate" scandal when the Patriots were involved in videotaping opponents' sidelines in order to steal signals from the players and coaches.

As a result, the NFL fined Belichick \$500,000 and the Patriots organization \$250,000 along with stripping them of their first round draft pick in the upcoming draft making it interesting to see if this "DeflateGate" is treated as a second offense.

Greg Aiello, the NFL's senior vice president of communications, says the league is not commenting on the matter at this time.

The infraction had seemingly little to do with the outcome of Sunday's 45-7 blowout victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

It only brings to question why the risk taken by the parties involved seemed appropriate or necessary.

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WEEKEND SPORTS

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Marshall forward Ryan Taylor skies for a layup against Savannah State in the Cam Henderson Center.
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WEEKEND WATCH: Opposing players to watch

Men's Basketball: UTEP (12-5, 4-1)
@ Marshall (4-15, 0-6)

Vince Hunter F, UTEP, #32

The reigning Conference USA freshman of the year, Vince Hunter leads the Miners into the Cam Henderson Center. Hunter is an athletic, 6-foot-8 forward adept at getting to the rim and finishing through contact. He uses his athleticism to excel on the glass as one of the conference's top rebounders. Hunter leads the Miners in points (16.1 PPG), rebounds (10 RPG) and steals (1.1 SPG) while shooting 55.7 percent from the field, but is struggling at the free throw line this season shooting just 57.4 percent.

Julian Washburn F, UTEP, #4

Julian Washburn is a fourth-year senior averaging 9.5 PPG on just 38 percent shooting. However, Washburn averaged double digit points in his previous three seasons with 11.2, 12.3 and 13.1 PPG, respectively. Like Hunter, Washburn is a 6-foot-8 forward with the ability to score inside, but he has more range as an outside shooter. Washburn is not shy about shooting from beyond the arc, averaging three, three-point attempts a game this season. Washburn ranks fourth on the team in points (9.5 PPG) and rebounds (4.1 RPG), while also possessing the ability to create for his teammates with 2.5 APG.

Strong second half not enough for Herd in 82-68 loss

By ADAM POLSKY
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University men's basketball team dropped its ninth straight contest and the 15th of its last 16 games in an 82-68 loss Thursday to University of Texas-San Antonio in the Cam Henderson Center.

UTSA's senior forward Jeromie Hill poured in a new career high of 36 points. Hill had 23 of his 36 points in the first half and tied the entire Thundering Herd team at intermission.

Herd sophomore forward Ryan Taylor said Hill was feeling good.

"I think he got a couple of layups and then stepped out and hit his first [three] so I guess he was feeling good," Taylor said.

Energy sparked the second half when junior guard Justin Edmonds and senior center JP Kambola, led a 15-0 run and brought the score down to single digits with just over six minutes to play.

Kambola did not register a minute in the first half but finished with six points, five rebounds and two blocks in just 14 minutes before fouling out.

Kambola was suspected to be in Marshall head coach Dan D'Antoni's doghouse before replacing senior forward Cheikh Sane, due to foul trouble.

"I don't build doghouses," D'Antoni said. "Nobody gets in the doghouse. I'm a coach, I don't even know what a doghouse is."

Edmonds was subbed out of the game less than a minute before the Thundering Herd's 15-point run was stunted. The Herd would not be able to chip into the deficit any further as Edmonds did not return to the game until the 49-second mark.

Fighting back after sluggish first halves has been a theme for Marshall so far this season.

"[Falling behind early] gets a little frustrating but, at the end of the day, that's within us and we have to take care of it," Edmonds said.

Edmonds was one of three Herd players in double digits with 12 points going 3-5 from behind the arc. Austin Loop also added 12 of his own going a perfect 7-7 from the free throw line and Ryan Taylor lead the Herd with a double-double of 21 points and 11 rebounds.

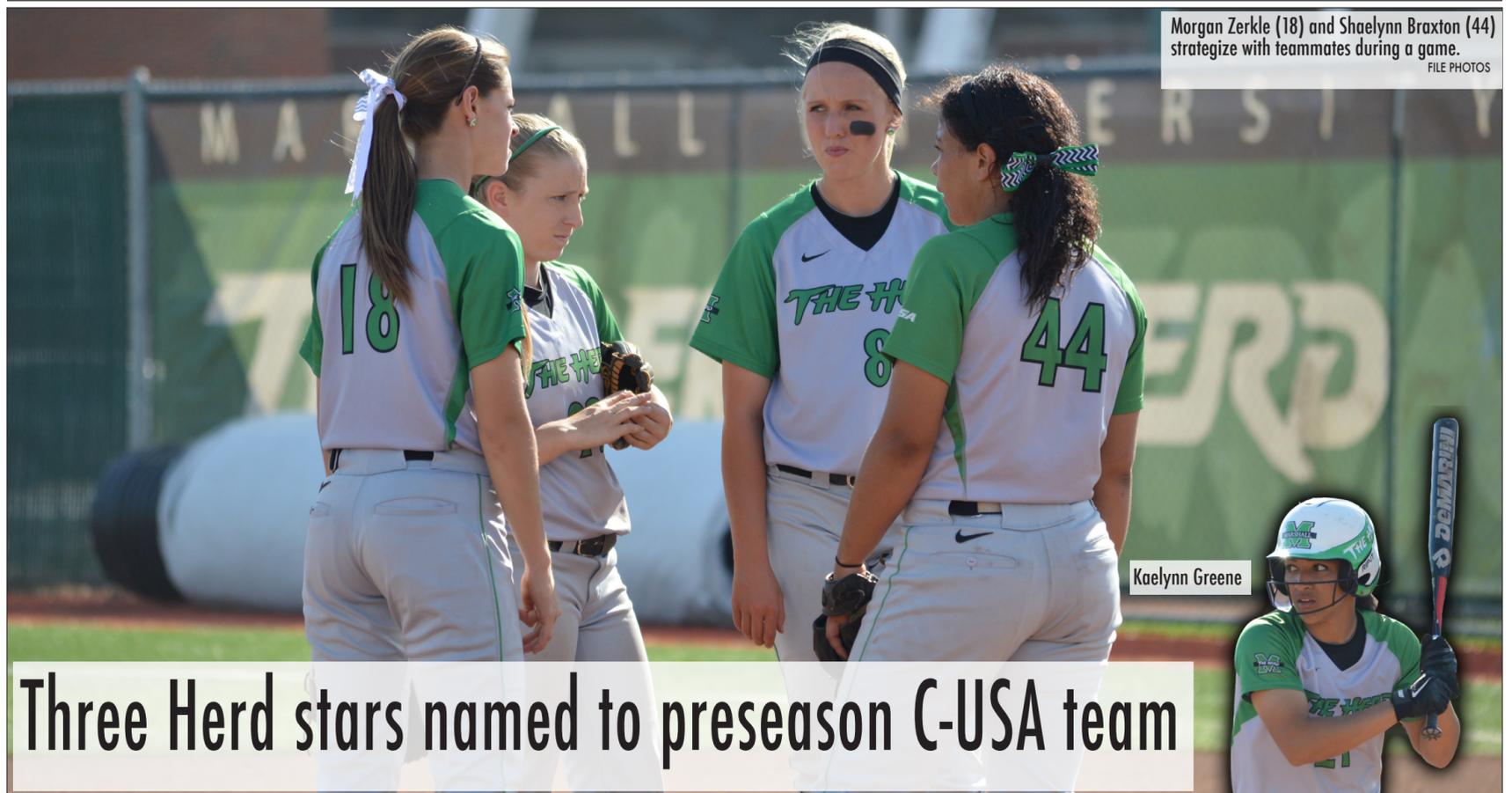
Freshman walk-on, point guard Gino Littles, helped the Roadrunners ice the game with a pair of clutch free throws down the stretch.

Littles played his way into the starting lineup and started the last 10 games for UTSA, accumulating a 6-4 record as a starter.

The Roadrunners are now 9-8 on the season and 3-3 in Conference USA. They travel to Western Kentucky to face the Hilltoppers Saturday.

Marshall fell to 4-15 and 0-6 in conference with the loss. The team will host University of Texas-El Paso Saturday in the Cam Henderson Center.

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Morgan Zerkle (18) and Shaelynn Braxton (44) strategize with teammates during a game.
FILE PHOTOS

Kaelynn Greene

Three Herd stars named to preseason C-USA team

By KASEY MADDEN
THE PARTHENON

Players on the Marshall University softball team were named to Conference USA's preseason team.

The players honored are junior outfielder Shaelynn Braxton, junior infielder Kaelynn Greene and sophomore outfielder Morgan Zerkle.

This is the second year Braxton and Greene have been named to the team and the first year for Zerkle.

The three led the team in 2014 in batting averages, runs scored and at bats.

Braxton finished the season with a batting average of .351, scored 41 runs and had 57 RBIs.

Braxton's 16 homeruns for the season made her the third highest homerun scorer in a single season.

"To know that people are watching you, motivates you to work a little bit harder," Braxton said.

Greene rounded out the season with a .947 fielding

percentage and a .397 batting average, which is the fifth highest for a single season in program history.

Zerkle started every game and completed her freshman season with a .870 fielding percentage and she successfully stole 48 out of 50 base attempts.

Head coach Shonda Stanton said the three players received the C-USA All-Tournament honors last season.

"I think it's a testament of their accomplishments from last season," Stanton said.

Stanton is no stranger to the achievements the players have made.

During her senior year season at University of North Carolina at Greensboro, she scored 66 runs, which was the eighth best in the nation.

The team lost five starters since last season, but Stanton said she's confident in the team's roster to absorb the loss of those players.

According to C-USA preseason rankings, the team is expected

to finish the season fourth in the conference.

"We want them to be the team to make history, to get us to that next level consistently," Stanton said.

Last year the team played in the C-USA Conference Championship game and lost to Tulsa 8-0.

The team begins its spring season Feb. 6 in the Auburn Tournament in Alabama.

Their first home game on the Dot Hicks Field is March 13 at 2 p.m. against Western Kentucky.

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Gender roles < Toilet paper rolls

Gender-neutral restrooms established on campus



By **CAITLIN FOWLKES**
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Marshall University is making changes to its restrooms on campus. Five gender-neutral, or family restrooms, have been installed.

The purpose of gender-neutral bathrooms is to make students who do not claim a specific gender identity, to feel more comfortable using the restrooms at school.

Mark Cutlip, director of the physical plant at Marshall, said gender-neutral restrooms make a difference for parents at Marshall as well. He said if a father brings his young daughter to Marshall, he now has a comfortable space to take her to the restroom.

"Any student should feel comfortable and have as much privacy as they need," Cutlip said. "They're also a great space for a family with small children."

There are two family restrooms in the John Deaver Drinko Library, one on the first floor of Old Main, one in the Communications Building and one in Henderson Hall.

James Terry, director of public safety at Marshall, said gender-neutrality does not raise safety concern on campus.

All but one of the restrooms have an interior lock, and some of them are single-stalled.

Cutlip said gender-neutrality is becoming a common courtesy at Marshall.

"Some residence halls may become gender-neutral as well," Cutlip said. "We try to be as helpful, understanding and discreet as possible to meet the needs of the students."

Cutlip and Dale Osburn, associate director, said the goal is to have 12 gender-neutral bathrooms on campus.

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Marshall to stage annual Cello Day



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By **MIKAELA KEENER**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's College of Arts and Media will present its annual Cello Day Recital 5 p.m. Sunday in Smith Recital Hall.

Music Professor Şölen Dikener said before the recital, students will receive lessons from a guest teacher.

The students and other members of the community will rehearse and then perform in the recital.

Lauren M. Dunseath, director of the Ohio City Cello Choir, will be this year's guest teacher for the event.

Dunseath has performed with many groups such as Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and the Guarneri Quartet.

Dikener said the event was designed to educate cello majors to give them experience in performance.

Community members and high school students were invited to perform in the recital to showcase local talent.

Dikener began the event at Marshall in 2002. He said he hopes the event will attract more participants from the community in the years to come.

"We are hoping to have

people from farther distances come to the future meetings and have a community outreach event where we can serve to people showing their talents and get proper instructions," said Dikener.

The ensemble will perform "Suite for Solo Cello No. 4 in E flat major" by J.S. Bach, "Quartet for Four Cellos" by David Williams and "Tango for Cello Ensemble" by I. Albeniz.

The recital is open to the public.

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Marshall welcomes new Senior Vice President for operations



By **SARA RYAN**
THE PARTHENON

Brandi Jacobs-Jones replaced Karen Kirtley on May 12, 2014 as Marshall University's Senior Vice President for Operations and Chief of Staff.

As Senior VP for operations Jacobs-Jones is in charge of providing oversight for the Housing and Residence Life, Physical Plant, Memorial Student Center, Purchasing, Printing Services, Mail Services, the Auxiliaries of First Year Residence Halls, Rec Center, Campus ID and Food Service.

and preparing the budget each year for presentation for City Council, purchasing human resources and IT," Jacobs-Jones said.

When asked if she thought she would ever come back to Marshall, Jacobs-Jones said she didn't think she would ever come back but it was a wonderful opportunity.

"The jobs are similar to some degree, so it just translated over. It was an opportunity to continue to serve in the community but to also serve Marshall," Jacobs-Jones said.

Jacobs-Jones left her position as Huntington's Finance and Administration Director. "That was pretty much day-to-day oversight of the operations of the municipality not related to police and fire, over the finance division

"Marshall plays such an important role in our region and our state educating students and serving as an economic engine for our community. I am honored to serve the University in my current role and I am extremely appreciative of the opportunity that has been given to me to work for institution," Jacobs-Jones said.

With a bigger budget and more diversity of the tasks performed, Jacobs-Jones felt the job at Marshall was a better opportunity to advance in her career.

"Each job is a job that is rooted in service — be it serving citizens or serving students that's really what my passion is," Jacobs-Jones said.

Jacobs-Jones earned her Regents Bachelor of Arts degree at Marshall and her master's degree in public administration at Eastern Kentucky University with a focus on community development.

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>BRANDI JACOBS-JONES, SENIOR VP FOR OPERATIONS



GOOD NEWS FOR CRAFT BREWS

Governor Tomblin proposes changes to brewery laws

By **KELSIE LIVELY**
THE PARTHENON

Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin called for review of craft brewing laws Jan 14 during the annual State of the State address in the house chamber of the State Capital Complex.

The West Virginia Craft Brewers Guild, made up of members of local brewing companies, have lobbied to have the rules and regulations for breweries revised for economic growth within their business and the state.

Current fees for brewing licenses are more than a small business is able to handle because they are competing with the same prices as larger more established companies.

Crystal Bishop, director of marketing and sales for the Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, expressed concern for the laws and the difficulty breweries have for growth if they do not change.

"In general, it is very difficult to open a brewery in West Virginia compared to the rest of the alcohol industry, wine and/or spirits," Bishop said. "With revised beer laws you will see a growth in both current breweries and new breweries throughout the state."

Tomblin's state address mentioned promising progress for the future of craft breweries.

"We must encourage the same innovation we ask of all of those investing in our state and allow our state's entrepreneurs to put their skills to work without the burden of unnecessary state restrictions," Gov. Tomblin said. "That's why tonight I am proposing legislation to give our craft brewers increased opportunities to succeed as part of our state's growing craft beer industry."

The change in laws restricting the production and distribution of craft beer would create positive economic benefits for the state.

"By changing some of the encroaching laws I believe you will see a growth in the craft beer industry in the state," Bishop said. "In return providing more jobs and tourism opportunities in West Virginia."

Gov. Tomblin said the growth of businesses

within the state is needed to show the country and the rest of the world West Virginia is a wonderful place for business.

"Together, we can continue to show those across the country, around the world and here at home that West Virginia is the right place to make an investment and the Mountain State is a great place to do business," Tomblin said. "Our continued economic growth and the enormous potential that lies ahead place even more urgency on developing a skilled workforce."

Bishop said the road to change came from the local breweries in the state coming together and creating the West Virginia Craft Brewer's Guild and fighting for a change that would benefit each of the companies.

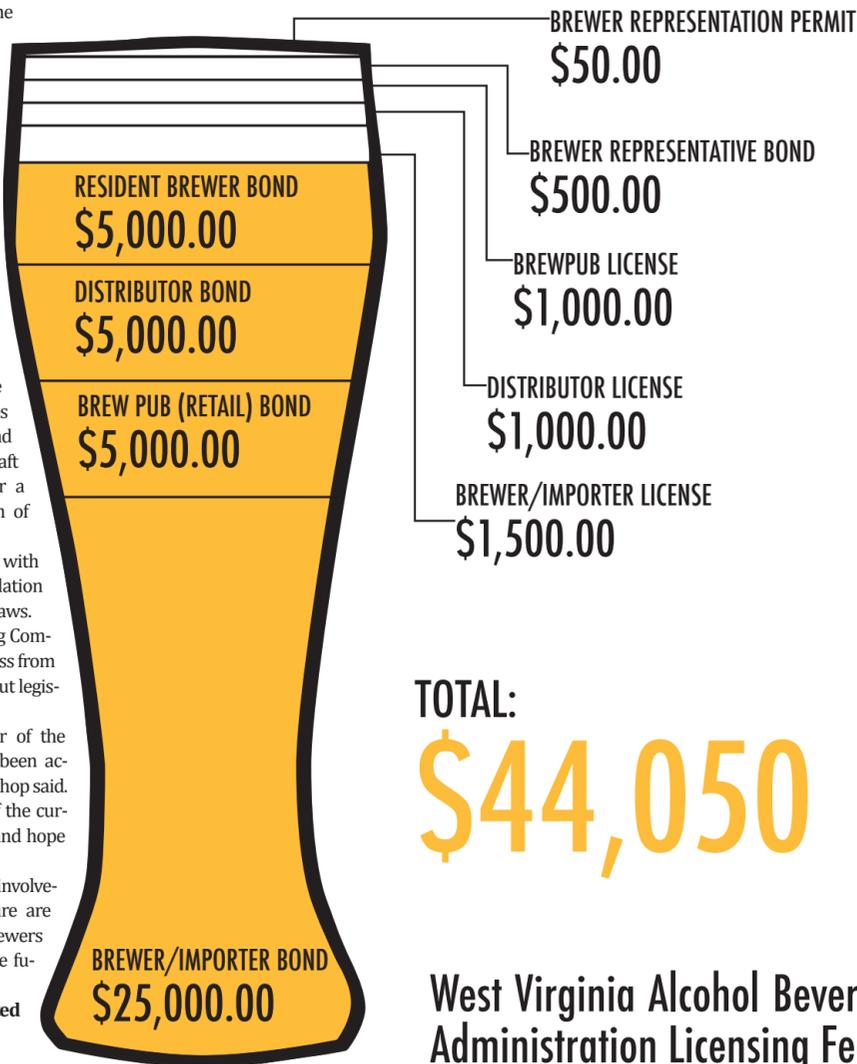
Several guild members, along with its lawyer, have addressed legislation to propose changes to the beer laws.

The Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company has been a part of the process from the beginning and is hopeful about legislation's interest in the cause.

"We are currently a member of the Craft Brewer's Guild and have been active in the proposed changes," Bishop said. "We feel several of the affects of the current beer laws on a daily basis and hope to see changes soon."

The details of Gov. Tomblin's involvement and proposal to legislature are currently unclear, but craft brewers and the guild are hopeful for the future of the industry.

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West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration Licensing Fees

Interactive app makes history portable

By **HANNAH HARMAN**
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Marshall University's Department of History Director David Trowbridge worked with students and the John Deaver Drinko Library staff to develop the website and app—The Clio.

The Clio is an interactive app that allows users to add and edit historical information.

The app can guide users to a location and give specific directions, videos and sources to help them experience history.

The Clio began as a class project and is described as "a guide to the history around you."

Developers want users to feel as if they were there, in the past, with this powerful tool.

With more than 5,000 entries nationwide, The Clio provides information about historical places across the country.

Trowbridge said the app connects people with the past.

"People are moved by history when they connect the past with a place," Trowbridge said. "There is no substitute for being there."

The app is connected with the Drinko Library as a primary source of info on historical areas.

The library is currently working to expand the app's reach and information sharing.

Monica Brooks, vice president for information technology, said they are promoting the app to help people in the community be aware of the available sources.

"We are promoting it in an effort to lead people back to the Marshall area and the Huntington community so that they are aware we have original material and primary sources in our collection," Brooks said.

Developers have plans for The Clio's growth. Internships will be available for students in art and art history who are interested in helping with the expansion of the app.

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