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Coaches, players aid targets

Cut football costs, faculty committee says

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles concerning the report by the Faculty Committee to Study Football, an ad hoc committee named by the university faculty.

By Tom Aluise

A faculty committee studying the MU football program has recommended cutting the size of the football coaching staff and reducing the number of scholarships and grants-in-aid as steps to reduce football costs at the university.

The suggestions were contained in a report submitted March 10 to the university Athletic Committee by the Faculty Committee to Study Football.

The ad hoc committee also suggested reductions in travel and telephone expenses as well as the elimination of

allocating graduate assistantships to the Athletic Department, recommending these positions be reallocated to academic departments.

Elimination of free tickets to football games for all except those actually assisting with the conduct of the event was another budget-cutting recommendation by the ad hoc committee. According to the report, other coaches and members of the legislature should not receive free tickets.

Dr. William S. Westbrook, Athletic Committee chairman, said these recommendations, the elimination of free tickets and reduction of the coaching staff, are unlikely to happen.

"It's not going to happen and I don't want to see it happen," Westbrook said in reference to the elimination of free tickets.

Another recommendation submitted

in report calls for the Athletic Committee to examine a variety of practices which provide preferential treatment to athletes, particularly football players, such as special training tables, "under the table" gifts and special treatment for players who have violated university rules or municipal ordinances.

The ad hoc committee, however, stated in its report it does not assert all these things are happening, but it recommended steps be taken to prevent them or to eliminate them if they are occurring.

One recommendation, to make buying home season football tickets voluntary to students, drew three no votes from ad hoc committee members, the most against any of the 19 recommendations.

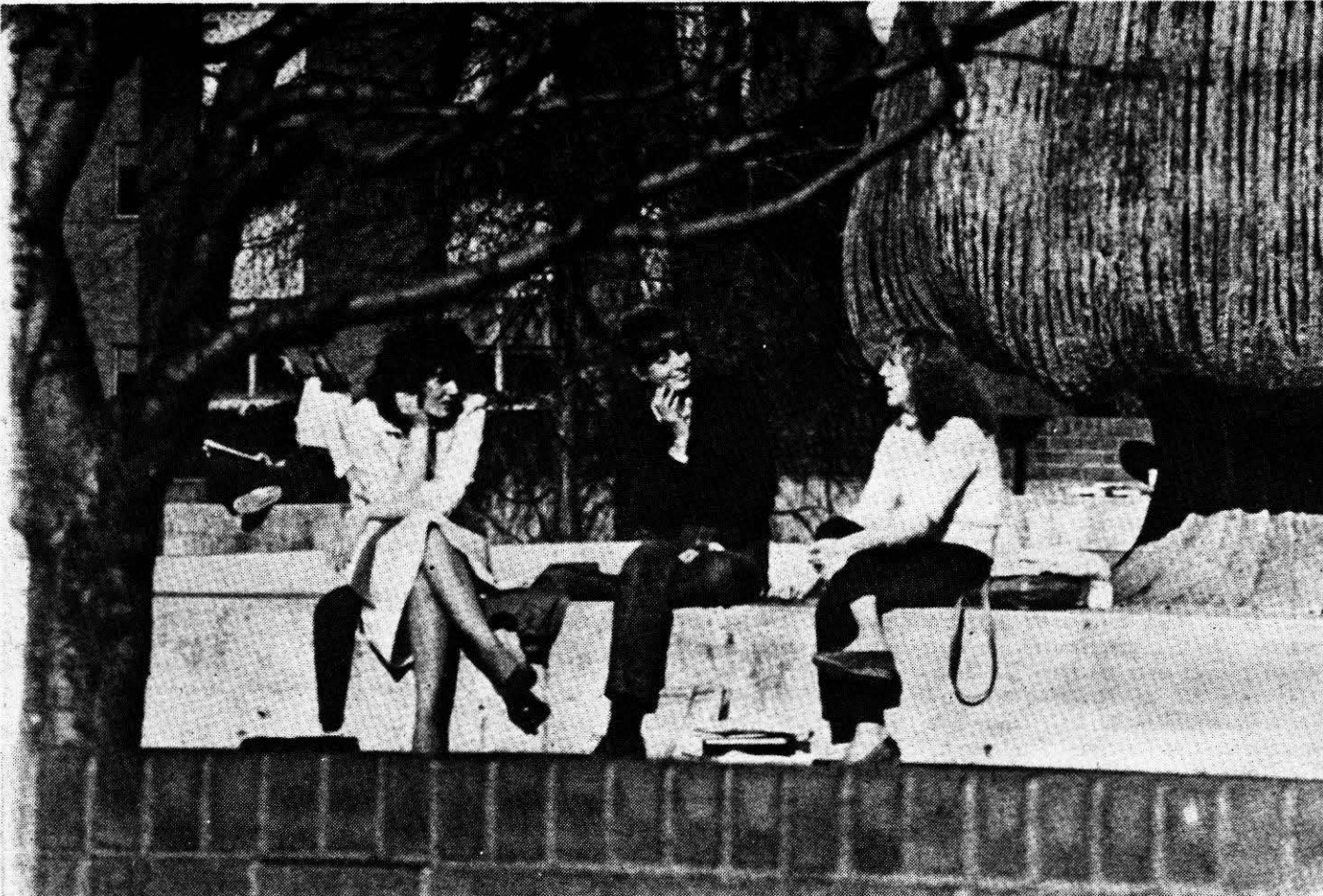
Westbrook said such an action would

eventually lead to opposition to other fees. Also, he said an improvement in the football team and a subsequent increase in ticket demands would lead to complaints from students who could not obtain tickets because they elected not to pay the fee.

In light of the recent charge of impropriety in using government funds for Marshall football players, the ad hoc committee recommended an immediate and complete investigation be conducted by the Athletic Committee.

Westbrook said the Athletic Committee has asked Athletic Director Lynn J. Snyder to investigate the matter and report to it in a meeting Tuesday.

Westbrook said he has not heard any evidence regarding the matter. However, he said violating a government rule doesn't seem feasible.



Has spring sprung?

Although spring doesn't officially start until Saturday, these students take advantage of spring-like weather to lounge outside the Memorial Student Center between

classes. Perhaps they are pondering why spring break comes before spring. Photo by Sandra Walker

Problem prone elevator repaired

Adjustments to the Smith Hall elevator were made Monday and Tuesday to remedy leveling problems, according to Harry L. Long, director of plant and administrative operations.

The elevator has been prone to mechanical and electrical problems and this probably will not change, according to Long. These problems are a common factor of all campus elevators, Long said.

"There isn't really much we can do about the breakdowns. I have been told by the elevator company that they are safe. The only thing we can do is to repair them as quickly after they malfunction as possible," Long said.

Specialists from the elevator company made some adjustments which should help in leveling, Long said. The elevator has been stopping a few inches above or below the floor which

was considered a safety hazard, Long said. Signs warning passengers will be posted.

"I can't say that there won't be anymore problems concerning leveling," he said, "But the signs will keep the passengers aware of the possibility and the elevators will continue to be adjusted as problems arise."

Plans have been made for the construction of a new elevator in Smith Hall.

Legislation to waive fees dies in House

By Jennifer Dokes

Legislation that would have provided financial relief for some Marshall graduate students was not passed during the 1982 session of the West Virginia Legislature.

Senate Bill 403 never made it out of a House of Delegates committee to the full floor, according to Dr. Edward K. Grose, vice chancellor for finance and administration at the Board of Regents.

Grose said the bill would have allowed fee waivers based on full-time equivalent enrollment in all state graduate, professional and undergraduate institutions.

"This bill would have been especially beneficial for Marshall because it would have provided fee waivers at the graduate level, which Marshall does not have," Grose said.

The original version of the bill called for the transferring of scholarship awards from the boards of higher education institutions to the BOR. However, the amended bill revised the language of the original, changing the word "scholarship" to "fee waiver."

"There would be no money appropriated as a scholarship implies," Grose said. "Students would be waived from paying."

The bill passed the Senate on Feb. 24, and was sent to the House of Delegates where it had a double reference — the committees of education and finance.

Grose said the bill cleared the standing committee on education, but was buried in the finance committee.

"We felt badly because it just never got on the agenda (in the finance committee)," he said. "It's something we really wanted."

However, Grose said he hopes the bill will pass in the next legislative session.

"We'll be working with an interim committee on higher education until then. We're not giving up," he said.

FOR THE RECORD

Legislature, governor reap below average grades

Another session of the 1982 Legislature has come and gone, but higher education has little to show for it.

The highly touted anti-hazing bill fell to an unexplained defeat. There was no reported opposition to the bill from the Legislature and the governor proudly added his verbal stamp of approval.

Obviously legislators were not as interested in the bill as the hundreds of fraternity and sorority members on the state's campuses. Perhaps the extreme opinions expressed at WVU and Marshall made the issue such a volatile one the Legislature could not act.

The bill to raise the drinking age in West Virginia, part two of the governor's campaign against drunk drivers and teenage alcoholism, also failed.

The idea 18-year-olds should be allowed to drink alcohol since society treat them as adults did not carry much weight with most West Virginians. This despite the fact they were expected to defend their country in the last police action and can help choose the leaders of country and state.

Either the Legislature did not feel the public's pulse or did not want to face the issue.

The Board of Regents had several of its own ideas it wanted to see enacted into law.

The BOR supported the idea of relaxed guidelines pertaining to the Higher Education Resource Fee, but the bill never got off the ground. The Legislature apparently cared little about the problems state-supported colleges and universities were having spending the money within the rules.

The BOR supported a bill that would have made it illegal to trespass on the campuses of the state's colleges and universities, but it became another victim of the legislative stall.

Marshall University students will have to deal with trespassers in the residence halls for at least one more year. Maybe we should move the capital to Huntington and let the members of the Legislature room in the residence halls for 60 days. Maybe then they would recognize other people have needs.

The Marshall Medical School managed to stay alive despite attempts to consolidate it with the West Virginia University School of Medicine.

Although Marshall supporters were relieved at the defeat of the bill, the Legislature failed to

cure the skyrocketing bill for medical education in West Virginia.

The only bill relating to higher education that passed was the budget bill. There was no way the Legislature could avoid this bill although the governing body gave it a shot the last session.

But again higher education did not fare well. Because the Legislature decided to duck the tax question, everybody had to cut back. Higher education barely got enough money to keep up with the inflation rate.

By now the salary story is pretty well known, but one thing the faculty may not have realized is the decision not to grant pay raises also affected promotions as well as bonuses normally given to faculty members receiving their doctorates.

To sum up the 1982 session, the Legislature did absolutely nothing for higher education except to approve a budget that allows for virtually no increase above the inflation rate.

We have to give the Legislature a D for the session. We must also give the governor academic probation for his lack of leadership this session.

What role does athletics play at an institution of higher learning?

Editor's Note: The following article has been reprinted from the report submitted to the Athletic Committee by the Ad Hoc Faculty Committee on Football.

At a time when economic exigencies have forced this university to consider possible future elimination of two-term summer school, when there is very little, if any, money for research, no money for travel, practically nothing for equipment, recruitment, or repairs; and when there is, in fact, already a committee at work on campus considering where the cuts in faculty and staff will be made if that should become necessary, the idea that we should continue to fund inter-collegiate athletics at Marshall University at a cost of \$1,700,000 is unconscionable. And football, which spent over a half million dollars (\$573,828) in 1980-81, and is budgeted to spend even more this year (\$639,300) has become an emprise of its own within the Athletic Department.

The football program employs eight coaches for 82 football players at salaries which presently total \$209,932. The head coach, who has been at Marshall three years, is paid a salary (\$45,192) which exceeds that of any department chairperson at Marshall. The football program supports a staff that includes a secretary, two graduate assistants, and a part-time assistant at a cost of \$18,228. This is not to mention the cost of salaries for the Sports Information Personnel (\$80,150), Equipment Room Personnel (\$16,830), Training Personnel (\$23,073), and Administrative Personnel (\$173,541), all of which the football program utilizes along with our other inter-collegiate programs. It should be noted, however, that the University of Charleston had four championship teams last year in tennis,

baseball, and women's softball on a total operating budget of \$11,100, with the women's team even going to the national championship tournament. However, let us be perfectly clear: a winning or losing team is NOT the question here. The real issue is one of Academics versus the cost of Athletics. The cost of athletics is constantly increasing. Expenses for football recruiting in 1976-77 was \$15,000; today that same area is budgeted at \$60,000. In 1976-77 the training table cost \$13,000. Today it is \$15,000 and the 1981 budget calls for a pre-season feeding table to the tune of \$20,000. To purchase one complete outfit for one football player sets us back \$223.30; outfitting 82 of them costs us \$26,428.60. Building and Grounds has borne the cost of Fairfield Stadium as follows: Electricity \$6,319; gas \$5,273; water, \$2,661; repairs \$3,000; staff \$6,000 for a total of \$23,253. In 1969-70 the stadium was remodeled for the football program using \$1,088,000 appropriated by the legislature. The Astro-Turf installed in 1970 cost \$200,000; it was replaced in 1978 at a cost of \$400,000.

The University also foots much of the bill for grants-in-aid -- at least that part which provides tuition waivers. But the other portions should not be overlooked. The football program budgeted \$142,828 for grants-in-aid in 1980-81, and expanded the total to \$180,000 for 1982. The total value of tuition waivers for 59 out-of-state players at \$3,372.70, which also includes the grants-in-aid, come to \$198,989.30. Waivers and other costs for 16 in-state players at \$2,382.70 totals \$38,123.20. The total for all grant-in-aid and waiver allocations is \$237,112.50.

If the argument is made football enables some young men to gain a college

education which they would not otherwise receive, it is interesting to note the enclosed figures which show the attrition rate among a group of students who entered Marshall in 1975, categorized by those on academic scholarships, athletic scholarships, and the general student population. Scholarships obviously should help any person gain an education otherwise denied them. But note that the attrition rate for those receiving Academic Scholarships was only 25.9 percent, while the attrition for those on athletic scholarships was 48.4 percent. Almost twice as many fall by the wayside who are on athletic scholarships as those on academic scholarships. The total costs themselves are frightening. The President of Davidson University stated to us in a letter that to remain in the upper division level in football (which his school chose not to do) would have cost, in grants alone, as much as a half million dollars. Note that despite the move of Davidson to a lower division, their alumni annual giving has risen, not declined.

We conclude by quoting from an article entitled "Inter-Collegiate Athletics: Big Business or Sports?" from the April, 1981 issue of *ACADEME*, Vol. 67, which is the Bulletin of the American Association of University Professors:

"Institutions must be judged by their end products. A government is judged by the way it administers justice and equity to all its citizens. A corporation is judged by the goods it sells in the market. A university must be judged, not by its success in turning out Olympic sprinters or Rose Bowl elevens, but by whether or not it produces educated citizens for the republic.

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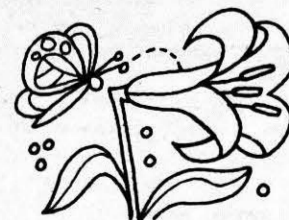
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Henderson Center facilities 'bog down' intramurals staff

By Jeff Morris

The new facilities at Henderson Center are causing problems for the intramural office as they are having to cover both Gullickson Hall and the center with the same staff, according to Thomas A. Lovins, director of intramurals and recreational services.

"We do have a lot of ground to cover," Lovins said. "Plus we are covering both buildings now with the same amount of work study students. This is why some of the facilities in Henderson have not opened yet."

Lovins said the pool in Henderson has not opened because of a lack of qualified lifeguards to cover the facility.

"Since our main work force is work

study students, these people have to be trained to supervise the pool."

The indoor track is open for student and faculty use Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Other facilities now open are the racquetball courts Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m.

Racquetball court reservations must be made the same day students plan to play and they must drop their I.D.s off at the intramural office, Lovins said. The Universal will carry the same hours as the racquetball courts and the Nautilus will be open Monday through Thursday 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Golfers head South hoping to score low In Furman Tourney



By Tom Aluise

Marshall University's men's golf team is in Greenville, S.C., today for the 13th annual Furman Invitational Tournament after a fourth place finish last week in the Iron Duke Classic.

The 54-hole tournament will feature 24 teams and will run through Saturday. The University of Tennessee is the defending champion.

"Furman is a big tournament for us," head coach Joseph B. Feaganes said. "It is one of the top events we'll play all year and we have not done well there in the past."

Marshall will take five golfers to the invitational. Seniors making the trip are Gregory N. Meade of Chapmanville, Frank Mellet of Orchard Park, N.Y., Matt Cooke of Beckley and Mike Owens of Huntington. Gary Rusnak, a freshman from Painesville, Ohio, will be the Herd's fifth starter in Greenville.

Feaganes said Owens and Mellet are Marshall's top players, but all five players in the line-up are capable of scoring low in a tournament.

"I was fairly well pleased with our efforts at Duke," Feaganes said. "I felt everyone could have done better, especially around the greens, but that's routine for this time of year."

This season the golf team's goal is to win the Southern Conference Championship and to receive an invitation to the NCAA Tournament, Feaganes said.

There are no qualifying methods, such as winning a conference championship, that enables a team to participate in the NCAA Tournament, he said. Only teams that receive invitations compete in the event.

Following the Furman Invitational, Herd golfers will compete in five invitationals, including the Marshall Invitational April 9-10.

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Co-captain John E. Froendt, West Columbia senior, said there are four openings for women and six openings for men on the seven-man, seven-woman squad.

There will be five practices before

tryouts on March 25.

The squad is looking for five judges who know the Herd cheerleading style, but do not know any of the candidates personally.

The judges must know about gymnastics, cheers, and dance, he said. Today's practice is open to the public.

CALENDAR

Registration for the Muscular Dystrophy Superdance will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Memorial Student Center lobby and 4 to 6 p.m. in Twin Towers West and Holderby Hall weekdays until March 25.

Exhibition and sale of art prints will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Varsity cheerleader tryout practice will be at 3:30 p.m. in Gullickson Hall Room 210.

Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. Memorial Student Center Room BW31. "A Talk on Missions" will be the topic.

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