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Plans continue in phase out of exemptions

By Pam King
Special Correspondent

Plans for phasing out Greek exemptions by 1991 were finalized with minor changes made to the draft report.

"The essence of the report for terminating Greek exemptions is essentially the same," Marshall President Dale F. Nitzschke said. "I have added a sentence which essentially says that if a disaster strikes, all the special programs (such as Greek exemptions) are off."

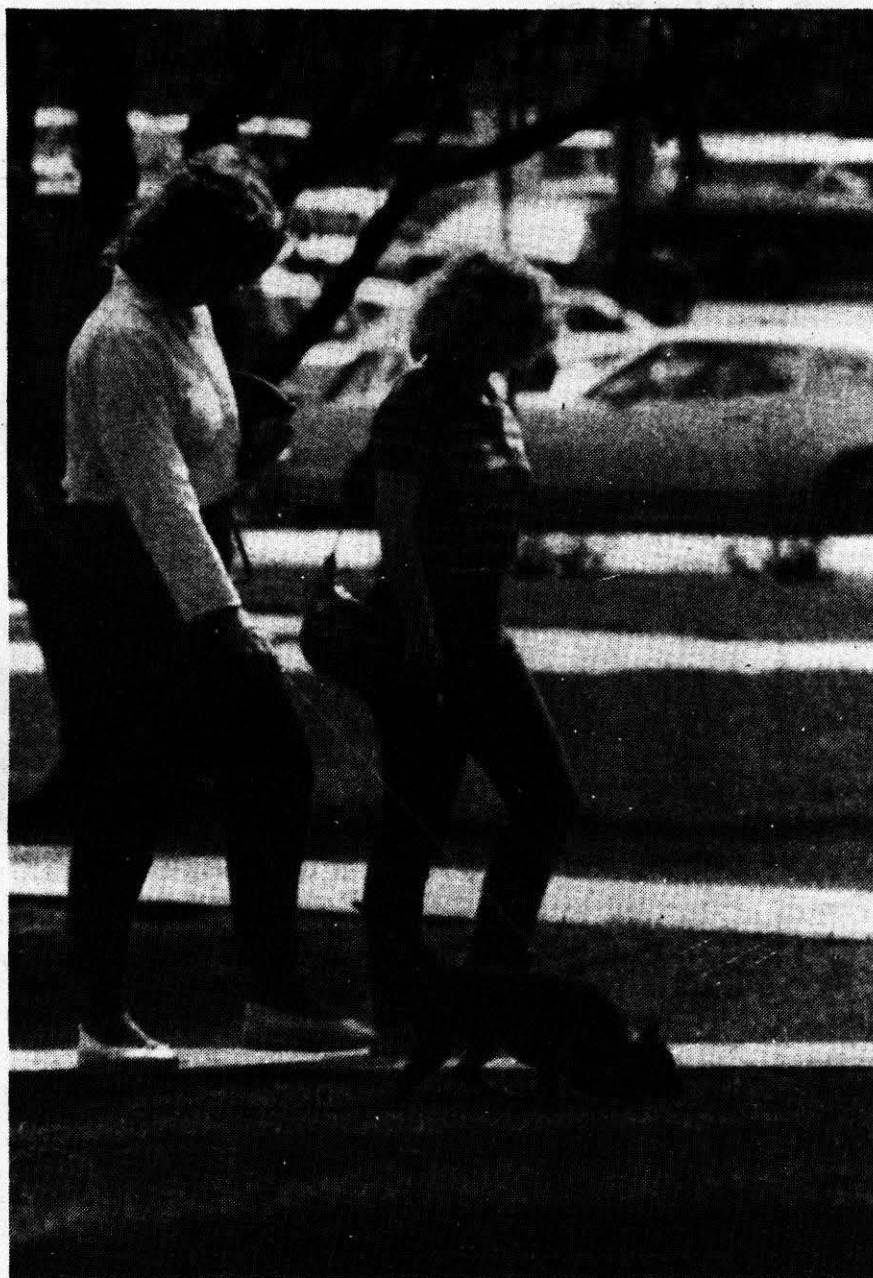
Nitzschke said this was necessary to stress the priority of bonding commitments. "Our first obligation is to the protection of our bonding future," he said.

Nitzschke said he wants the Greeks to be more self-supportive in the future. In his report, Nitzschke recommended the establishment of a Greek Oversight Committee to strengthen the Greeks.

The committee "will establish an ongoing systematic schedule of bi-weekly meetings to deal positively and forcefully with the efforts at strengthening the Greek system and develop an aggressive plan to attempt an early reduction in the need for exemptions," the report said.

The committee will also "devise a thorough and effective plan for the distribution of all exemptions provided and devise a plan (recruitment) whereby those freshmen and sophomore commuter students, or those living at home with parents, would be encouraged to join a fraternity or sorority."

Nitzschke said the exemption reduction, which will begin in the 1986-87 year with a 10 percent reduction, is essential because Marshall "must maintain the occupancy in our dormitories at a very high level in order not to jeopardize our bonding obligations. This is our first priority," he said.



Staff photo by Mark Czewski

An April march

Susan and Heidi Brewer, Richwood sophomore and graduate student, respectively, were not the only people thankful for the recent warm temperatures. Their dog Gypsy seemed equally pleased to be able to get out and take a stroll.

Athletic budget in good shape, Snyder reports

By Vikki Young
Special Correspondent

The Athletic Department budget for this year is in "good shape" and will end up in the black, according to Dr. Lynn Snyder, athletic director.

New to the budget this year is a reserve fund which consists of "money set aside to not be spent unless there is a real dire emergency such as not being able to meet budget obligations," Snyder said.

He said he doesn't expect the reserve fund will be touched and hopes to build it from \$60,000 this year to \$250,000 within a few years. "It's money we hope we don't have to spend."

A contingency fund also has been revived in the Athletic Department budget. "We had a contingency fund the first couple of years I was here, but it was eliminated because of belt-tightening," Snyder said.

The new contingency fund is budgeted at \$30,000 and approximately \$17,000 to \$18,000 is remaining in this year's fund. Snyder said this fund is used for "unexpected expenses that couldn't be foreseen. The fund consists of money we more or less expect to spend during the year."

Expenses covered by the contingency fund have included "expenses with the Supreme Court, some equipment and some travel," Snyder said.

He said he plans to compile a list of costs charged to the contingency fund to see what areas may need to be added to the budget.

Snyder said budget aid in the form of Big Green Foundation funds is forthcoming since the foundation's spring fund-raising drive has begun.

Foundation members have started mailing membership renewal forms to current donors. After allowing members time to reply, the foundation will follow up on the ones who haven't responded, Snyder said.

Reaction at stadium hearing both pro, con

By Vikki Young
Special Correspondent

The mission of getting public feedback on the Gates/Heery-Fabrap stadium feasibility study was accomplished at Thursday's public hearing, according to Dr. Olen Jones, vice president of support services and mediator for the event.

Approximately 150 people attended the two-hour discussion about the possible sites for a \$22.3 million, 25,000-seat stadium. Panelists included Dr. Lynn Snyder, athletic director; Robert Wilson, Board of Regents director of facilities; and Henry Teague and Jack Stafford of the engineering firm.

Diverse opinions were the order of the evening that began with a slide presentation and the architects' discussion of the five sites they studied.

Reading for 25 minutes from a prepared statement, Norman Glaser, owner of Glaser Furniture, 1931 3rd Ave., began the audience discussion part of the forum.

Glaser said he represents 30 businesses in the area. "I resent the statement in the report that the businesses in the area are 'marginal.' One could just as easily conclude that Marshall is marginal. What they meant was the businesses are expendable, but they didn't have the courage to say it," he said.

Glaser, a Marshall alumnus, called the stadium study "superficial" and said another more impartial stadium study is "imperative."

John A. Van Matre Jr. of 2120 3rd Ave. said, "Let's get things moving in this town. I'm willing to give up 67 years and leave where I expected

to die...to let Marshall build what it wants to."

Marshall football player Tim Lewis predicted that if a new stadium were constructed on the proposed 20th Street site, "20 years from now Marshall can be an Alabama, but not by playing in Fairfield Stadium."

Another Marshall athlete, Brian Puryear, captain of the soccer team, said a new stadium on the proposed site would "make the campus more appealing and attract more students."

Elinore Taylor, associate professor of English, said others "left out the fact that the faculty didn't want or need a stadium. If you can find \$2 million every year, but can't find money for the faculty, this university is in big trouble."

Twenty-year resident of the area Joe Wilson said, "I'm a believer in thoughts and I can't think of anything that I've heard that excites me more than the stadium."

The forum was recommended by the BOR after it accepted the architects' report during last month's meeting. Wilson said the next step could be that Marshall would ask the BOR to confirm Marshall's need for expansion. The BOR then could approve land acquisition if Marshall proves that a stadium is financially feasible.

Jones said the stadium "is not a student issue." He said it would not be a student issue until student activities fees are required for the stadium.

Opinion

VOTE —Our Readers Speak—

Library director responds to complaints

Voter privacy was violated in SGA election

The victory of the write-in candidates in last week's student government election called attention to a weakness in the voting process.

To cast a write-in ballot, voters had to express their intent verbally to a poll worker. At some polling places the workers asked if the voter wanted to cast a write-in ballot. At least one other polling place had a sign saying voters had to request a write-in ballot.

While this did not cause much of a problem for write-in candidates — it may even have helped — it was clearly an invasion of voter privacy.

The problem was a result of the use of computer cards for balloting. Students who wanted to vote for candidates on the ballot were able to use the card. Write-in votes were made on a paper ballot.

The computer ballot was used in hopes of speeding the counting. This apparently did not help much; more than five hours were needed to count the 1,019 votes.

Certainly there are advantages to computer cards. But the issue of voter privacy is one of primary importance. This problem was compounded by the fact that it occurred in such a limited community of voters. The potential for embarrassing situations is obvious.

Personal relationships may inhibit the voter from indicating how he wishes to vote. There are several reasons why a voter might not want to show that he is not choosing from candidates on the ballot.

Some argue that requesting a write-in ballot did not show whom the voter favored. But the degree of violation is not the issue. Voters should expect absolute privacy when casting their ballots.

An election that is nearly perfect is not too much to ask for on a college campus. The method of taking write-in votes is one that must be addressed and corrected.

To the Editor:

In self-defense I have to respond to Vikki Young's well-written editorial of April 3 — "Students Air Library Grips."

The first matter that dominates all the rest of the criticism seems to be the noisy ballasts in the library lighting system. That criticism had to come from a student who had attended Marshall at least 12 years ago and who undoubtedly has not been back to the library since.

When I first joined Marshall on Feb. 14, 1972, I found the buzzing noise (due to defective ballasts installed in the new wrap-around part of the building three years earlier) to be intolerable. After about six months of effort, which included a letter to the electrical contractor, we managed to get a truckload of ballasts and thereby removed the buzzing noise described in your editorial. Since that time we occasionally hear a humming noise when a ballast wears out, and we have found our electrical shop very responsive in taking immediate care of it. Please be assured that buzzing electrical ballasts are something we don't tolerate either. One earlier complaint involving noisy ballasts leads me to believe that the 1970-72 period was so bad that it is still discussed in the classroom on occasion by people who decided then they couldn't endure the noise in 1972 or earlier and haven't been back to experience the corrected situation.

The next complaint had to do with security. Mr. Don Salyers has in the past six weeks stationed a plain clothes security officer in the building from about 4 to 11 p.m. every evening in an effort to catch anyone inclined to molestation or indecent activities. Our Head of Security will tell you I have pleaded to have a uniformed officer in the building at least every two hours to

give students assurance they will not be harassed in the stacks. He always responds positively to our requests, but doesn't have sufficient staff to do all that we would like to have done.

Since 1972 I have advocated the monitoring of emergency exits and stack rooms by placing television monitors at circulation. This was also recommended by a security consultant employed by former President Barker.

Whoever complained about the library hours has not been in the building since last summer. During the summer session, due to vacation schedules of library personnel, we are open from 5 to 10 p.m. on Sunday — that is our summer schedule. During the fall and winter terms on Sunday, we are open from 1 to 10 p.m. I agree we should be open on Friday and Saturday evenings, even though every time we have stayed open in response to requests during exam week we have found fewer students present than staff required to extend hours. Extended hours will have to grow on our student body. Nevertheless, we long to have a 110-hour week instead of our present 88-hour week.

Again, we want to compliment The Parthenon for generally writing excellent articles about the library. Some of our outstanding success has been due to their support, and this article, even with all its inaccuracies (not of reporting, but of the information given the President), will prove useful in my unrelenting struggle to be adequately staffed. It will go in the file I use with the deans and the vice president when I argue that we lack seven positions in the library, as revealed by Board of Regents formula for staffing.

Kenneth T. Slack

Director of University Libraries

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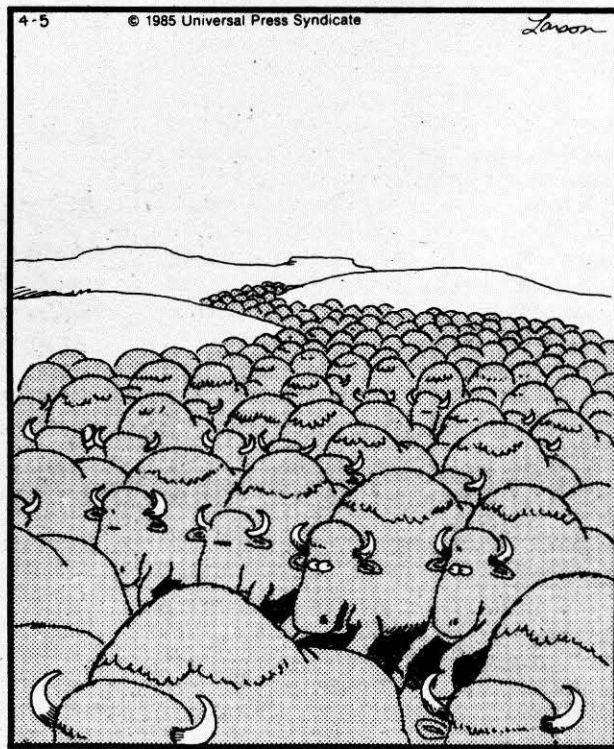
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Editor's note


After taking a leave of absence to run for student body president, Kennie Bass has returned to his duties as sports editor for The Parthenon.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



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Sports

MU baseball

Herd avoids ASU sweep, faces Xavier today

By Jim Weldemoyer
Staff Writer

Appalachian State, the defending champion of the Southern Conference, came into Huntington for a three-game series and left after snapping Marshall's winning streak at four games.

Appy State swept a double-header Saturday, 8-3 and 14-7. The Herd won Sunday's contest, 6-4. That win raised its overall record to 10-15-1 and 5-7 in conference action.

The Herd diamond men will be at home for three straight days beginning with a double-header against Xavier University at 1 p.m. today. Bluefield State College will take on the Herd Wednesday afternoon, with West Virginia Tech lined up for Thursday.

Junior righthander J.D. McKinney, 4-0, hurled seven and one-third innings Sunday, allowing two runs as the Herd regained a portion of its thunder with a victory.

ASU got on the scoreboard in the first inning on the first of two solo home runs by Andre Crawford. MU scored in the second on consecutive singles by Vance Bunn, Chip Cook and Scott Crosby. After ASU pulled ahead again, Dan Culicerto's homer in the third tied the game at two.

A four-run fifth inning gave the Herd a 6-2 advantage. Sophomore Tim Christy started the rally with a single. Trey Duffy and Bunn followed with walks before Cook delivered a two-run single. Bunn crossed home on a passed ball and Cook followed suit on Terry Thompson's single.

Appy State tallied two more runs, one on Crawford's second homer, in the final three innings but fell short.

"Everything we did wrong Saturday we turned around on Sunday," commented MU Coach Jack Cook. "We made too many errors Saturday and only got four hits but on Sunday we hit a lot better and played some good defense."

In Saturday's opener Appy State jumped out to an eight-run lead before Duffy's fourth-inning homer put the Herd on the scoreboard. Sophomore Jon Hart pounded a two-run homer following Ben Fetter's walk in the sixth for MU's final runs.

14 Mountaineer runs in the nightcap finished the Herd off Saturday as Marshall managed only seven runs on four hits, including a three-run blast by Duffy in the sixth inning, and 12 walks.

Justice and the Dynamic Duo

What's happened to the world of sports during the last couple of weeks?

Tulane University is embroiled in a point-shaving scandal, Villanova beat Georgetown for the NCAA championship, Pete Rose is talking about the Reds winning the National League pennant, and a local bunch of businessmen are up in arms about the proposed location for the new football stadium. Sheesh, the next thing you know somebody will say Marshall will finally have a winning football season this year. (Huh, what do you mean they've already done that. Oh well...)

The problems they're having at Tulane brings back memories of the point-shaving that happened at Boston College in 1981. With all of the college scandals in point-shaving and recruiting, it was inevitable the jokes would start to roll.

Somebody suggested that Tulane, Boston College, Cincinnati, Florida, Clemson, Wichita State and Southern California should all form a new conference. They'll call it the BETRO. Jimmy the Greek will be named as the new league's first commissioner.

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How about them Villanova boys? The Wildcats whipped up on Patrick Ewing and the rest of the

Hoyas in one of the most surprising NCAA championships in history. One problem with a big game like that is the media has a tendency to blow things out of proportion.

USA Today called Ewing a "god" in a story that ran before the contest. He had a good game against Villanova, but it wasn't exactly a godly performance. I guess even a deity can have trouble with a good match-up zone defense.

(I hear the most powerful god of Olympus could really fire them in from the outside. He was called, "Downtown Freddie Zeus.")

Here's a tough question: If gods start playing basketball, who're they going to get to officiate? Southern Conference refs? Cut me a break, puh-leaze.

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Speaking of Georgetown, don't you think Pete Rose could play basketball for them? He's just the type of guy Georgetown Coach John Thompson goes looking for.

Pete sounds dead serious when he says the Reds could take it all in the National League west this year. Who is he kidding? If the Reds win the pennant,

Kennie
Bass



I'll pick up the tab for his Grecian Formula for the next 10 years. I'll even slide head first into the drug-store to pick it up.

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HOLY FEASIBILITY REPORTS! Is this the end of the 2100 block of Third Avenue? Can Batman and Robin thwart the Big Green Foundation, or will Marshall University continue to absorb the city of Huntington?

And what will happen to the local innocent businessmen? The poor souls who stand to make big bucks when the university buys up the land their establishments sit upon. Will the great wizard in the sky, Dale Nitzschke, put the stadium on third avenue, or will he make the football team play on the stage of a new fine arts facility?

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Circumstantial evidence cited

Findings disputed in student death

By Michael Kennedy
Reporter

An assistant state medical examiner confirmed Monday that the cause of death released by his office in the case of Jack D. Richmond, a Marshall student found dead last month in his rented home, was based partly on circumstantial evidence.

The late Richmond's sister had questioned information released to news media Thursday by the state medical examiner's office.

Kathy Richmond, a Huntington graduate student in pharmacology, said the cause of death of her brother was linked in press reports Friday with "consumption of alcohol and inhalation substance abuse."

But only alcohol was found in her brother's blood, according to Richmond. She said evidence of inhalation substance abuse was based on the presence of Locker Room, an over-the-counter product containing isobutyl nitrite, in the house where her brother was found.

According to Richmond, her brother shared the house with three other persons, any of whom could have been using the isobutyl nitrite.

Dr. V.H. Kshirsagar, assistant state medical examiner, said Monday that isobutyl nitrite cannot be traced in the blood. Jack Richmond died while taking a bath, he said, and a bottle of a substance containing isobutyl nitrite was found in the bathroom. The bottle was less than one-fourth full, and the finding of inhalation substance abuse was based on that circumstantial evidence, Kshirsagar said.

After television and newspaper accounts of the examiner's findings listed inhalation substance abuse as contributing to her brother's death, Richmond said she called the medical examiner's Office to check the accuracy of the news reports. Kshirsagar told her that only alcohol had been found in her brother's blood, she said, and that the evidence of inhalation substance abuse was circumstantial.

Kshirsagar said the autopsy findings were released to the media by Dr. Ervin Sopher, state medical examiner.

Richmond's body was discovered in the rented house on March 16, when a roommate returned from spring break.

—Calendar—

Cheerleading Tryouts will be from 4 to 6 p.m. daily through Friday in the auxiliary gym of Henderson Center. For more information call Jami Dornon at 886-8537.

Public Relations Student Society of America will meet at 3:30 p.m. today in Smith Hall Room 330. For more information call 525-9775.

The Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in Prichard Hall Room 101. The seminar is entitled "Deciding to Have a Baby — or Not." Judy Gottlieb, social worker, and Chris DeVos, counselor, will be leading the discussion. For more information call the Women's Center.

Marshall Lambda Society will have an in-service training session entitled "Job Market vs. Homosexuality" at 9 p.m. Wednesday in Memorial Student Center Room 2W22.

Accounting Club will sponsor Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) from 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays in Memorial Student Center and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the First Huntington National Mini Bank. For more information call Jan Parker at 696-2310.

Student Senate will meet at 4 p.m. today in Memorial Student Center Room 2W29. For more information call Robert Bennett at 696-6435.

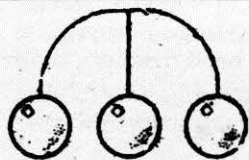
Artists Series director to retire this summer

Nancy Hindsley, director of the Marshall University Artists Series and coordinator of cultural events, will retire this summer. Hindsley, responsible for bringing a wide spectrum of artists and entertainers to Huntington, will remain with the Artists Series as a special consultant, Paul A. Balshaw, dean of the College of Fine Arts, said.

"We are reluctantly accepting Mrs. Hindsley's decision," Balshaw said. "She has been a driving force in the program

and in the face of escalating costs of fine arts programming has refused to accept anything less than the highest quality."

"The Marshall Artists Series is very much alive and over the past years we have been able to offer some incredibly exciting programs that would do justice to communities far larger than Huntington," Hindsley said. "I can't think of a better time to hand the reins over to someone else."



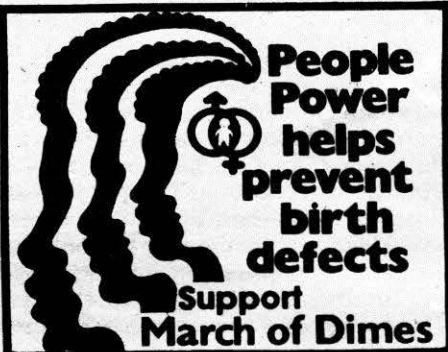
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