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Burnout

Dave Dingess, Barboursville junior, looks over the damage to his room caused by a Monday night fire at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house. See story on Page 2.

Staff photo by Ben Petrey

Account didn't violate NCAA rules — Braine

By Melissa K. Huff
Staff Editor

Only two deposits — a bank loan and a guaranteed student loan — were made into the joint checking account established in the name of assistant basketball coach Dan Bell and Brian Jointer, according to Athletic Director David Braine, who conferred with the Twentieth Street Bank Tuesday.

Therefore, Braine said, Bell and Jointer did not violate National Collegiate Athletic Association rules. Instead, Braine said in a press conference Tuesday, the incident resulted from two people's mistakes: Jointer, who he said opened the account without Bell's knowledge, and the banker, who allowed him to open the account without checking with Bell.

Jointer said he opened the account so that Bell could help him monitor his finances. He said he thought two sig-

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It never crossed my mind that ... it would be seen as illegal. I thought it was a personal problem.

Dan Bell

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natures were required on each check. The account was discovered by *The Parthenon* Monday after it received a copy of a check that had the names of Jointer and Bell and Bell's address listed on it. The check was signed by Jointer and the bank confirmed the account had existed. It was closed for insufficient funds, a bank spokesperson said.

Bell told reporters Tuesday he did not know of the account until Nov. 7. See ACCOUNT, Page 4

Frassinelli raps makeup of proposed Faculty Senate

Changes are afoot in the way faculty and students are represented at Marshall, and Student Body President John Frassinelli says he isn't happy with all of them.

Students will lose much of the voice they have with the faculty and administration if the Faculty Senate is adopted in its present form, Frassinelli said.

The Faculty Senate would replace

the present University Council.

Although the new system would put more students on committees, the way those student representatives are chosen is flawed, he said.

The present University Council system has one student on each committee. Under the proposed Faculty Senate, at least one student and graduate student representative would sit on each committee.

According to Frassinelli, the Faculty Senate constitution says graduate representatives are to be appointed by the Graduate Association. Student representatives, graduate or undergraduate, always have been appointed by the Student Government Association.

“Student government represents all students and this (change) kind of deregulates SGA,” Frassinelli said. See FACULTY, Page 2

Yeager scholars program richer by a cool million

By David A. Jenkins
Reporter

The Society of Yeager Scholars will be \$1 million richer it was announced Tuesday, and the program is a fourth of the way to achieving its goal of \$8 million.

The first installment was presented by John R. Hall, the chairman and chief executive of the Ashland Oil Foundation. Hall gave President Dale F. Nitzschke a check for \$200,000 at a Memorial Student Center luncheon attended by government, business, education and community leaders.

A medallion, to be given to the 20 members of the first class of Yeager scholars, also was unveiled at the luncheon. The medallion bares the likeness of Gen. Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager, for whom the society was named, and also the word “Ashland.”

Nitzschke read a letter of thanks from Yeager, and said the first group of scholars will be named the “Ashland class of Yeager scholars.”

Nitzschke presented Hall with the medallion and an engraved copy of Yeager's letter.

“The impact of this gift is enormous,” Nitzschke said. “Not only is it a milestone in Marshall's history — by

far the largest single gift we've ever received — it is a tremendous boost for the endowment we are building for the Society of Yeager Scholars.”

Nitzschke said that Ashland not only leads the fight for quality education, but it also tries to improve the image of West Virginia. “Ashland is one of West Virginia's greatest corporate citizens.”

Hall received a standing ovation when he announced the donation, and said Ashland has benefited greatly from the 315 Marshall graduates it has employed — the most from any one school.

“Much of the company's success over the years has been made possible by talented employees, many of whom have graduated from regional universities such as Marshall.

“We believe the Society of Yeager Scholars' commitment to excellence demonstrates that Marshall University will continue its leadership role in education.”

Joseph W. Hunnicutt III, a Marshall alumnus whose idea gave birth to the society, said the gift from Ashland puts the Yeager scholars' funding in excess of \$2 million.

Nitzschke said the contribution, as well as its size, was no surprise considering the source. “It should come as



John R. Hall, chairman and chief executive of Ashland Oil Foundation, presents President Dale F. Nitzschke with the first installment of a \$1 million contribution to the Society of Yeager Scholars program.

Photo by Rick Hays

no surprise that Marshall's first million dollar contribution comes from the Ashland Oil Foundation.

“Over the years, Ashland has been Marshall's strongest, most consistent supporter, and, before today, the com-

pany already had contributed nearly \$2 million to the university.”

The contribution will go to an endowment fund established to cover the cost of the Yeager program, Hunnicutt said. The funding goal is \$8 million.

TKE asks for help after Monday's fire

By Sherri L. Richmond
Reporter

Faulty electrical wiring of a waterbed was blamed for a fire Monday at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house, causing damage estimated at \$15,000.

The fire caused structural damage to the fraternity house, located at 1402 Fifth Ave. In addition, personal property was lost, including two waterbeds and a television.

Huntington Fire Chief Jack Rickman said the fire started on the third floor and spread through the hallway. He said five or six rooms on the lower level received water damage from a ruptured waterbed.

The Huntington Fire Department received the call at 8:11 p.m. and was

on the scene by 8:13 p.m. The fire was under control soon after the trucks arrived.

The TKE house is more than 100 years old, is worth about \$70,000 and is uninsured. David Dingess, TKE vice president, said the fraternity has issued an appeal to alumni and community members for contributions for repairs.

"We have seen worse times than this," said Shawn Norton, TKE president, "but we have good, strong membership and we'll be back."

An investigation will be conducted Monday to determine whether the fraternity house is safe to live in. Meanwhile, emergency clean up will take place throughout this week.

"Any help we receive will be appreciated," Norton said.

Two miles of silence in D.C. dramatize quest for peace

By Todd Shanesy
Reporter

Five students, two professors and a staff member representing Marshall Action for Peaceful Solutions (MAPS) traveled to Washington, D.C. Saturday to participate in the final miles of the Great American Peace March.

More than 400 people had walked from Los Angeles in protest of nuclear weapons. The Marshall group and about 10,000 others joined the protesters for the last leg of the march.

Dr. Robert D. Sawrey, associate professor of history; Janet Dooley, assistant professor of journalism; David K. McGee, maintenance staff member; John C. Hennen, Huntington graduate student; Melissa D. Blagg, Charleston freshman; Todd T. Waggy, Huntington sophomore; and Jennifer Behrendt, Huntington senior, made the trip at their own expense.

"We wanted to show the marchers

that they were not alone in their own feelings," Dooley said. "There are a lot of people who think the same way and are not afraid to do something about it."

The final two miles of the march, which ended in Lafayette Park across from the White House, were done in complete silence, Dooley said.

"Everyone was struck by the silence," she said. "There was a feeling of solidarity. It was not a bunch of angry people; it was people with a purpose, determined to accomplish something."

The march included a wide variety of people, according to Dooley. "There were conservative-looking people walking next to punks with spiked hair," she said. "All had the same thing in mind."

Speeches on nuclear disarmament preceded and followed the silent walk, including talks by astronomer Carl Sagan and the Rev. Jesse Jackson. The march ended with a candlelight ceremony in front of the White House.

Faculty

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"This doesn't give students the input we want. It makes the student side less consistent."

Frassinelli said he is concerned most with the proposed change in composition of the Student Conduct and Welfare Committee.

The number of students on the committee is now equal with the number of faculty members, Frassinelli said. If the Faculty Senate system is adopted, the composition of the committee will be changed to include five students and 10 faculty members, he said.

Also, Frassinelli said he is opposed to the changes because students will lose their representation on the main governing faculty body. Students now have a representative on University Council, but will not have a voting or non-voting representative on the proposed Faculty Senate, Frassinelli said.

"I would at least like to have two non-voting student representatives on the Faculty Senate," Frassinelli said.

While in St. Louis in October attending the 8th Annual National Leadership Conference, Frassinelli said he talked to student body presidents from at least five colleges that have Faculty Senates.

Frassinelli said the presidents he talked to said students have voting representatives on the Faculty Senates on their campuses.

"I think it's important to have a student representative on Faculty Senate because decisions would be made through the committees, but passed by the senate," Frassinelli said. "Since student concerns come up in some of these issues, students should have a say in what happens."

"I don't want students left out in the cold when the Faculty Senate goes through," he said.

Frassinelli said he can see the reasoning behind going to this system, but thinks students need to get a "little better shake."

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Where is he?

Staff photo by Todd Shanesy

Alpha Tau Omega's Jeff Clinton, Vienna sophomore, readies to fire a pass in the finals of the fourth annual Pi Kappa Alpha Football Classic. The Pikes won 6-0.

Cross country sashes way to best ever district finish

The men's cross country team may not have qualified for the national championships, but the runners made their coach proud.

The Thundering Herd finished eighth out of 34 complete teams (teams with five finishers) in the NCAA District III meet, defeating schools such as North Carolina and Kentucky. According to Coach Dennis Brachna, it was the highest Herd finish ever in the district meet.

"It was a fine ending to a very successful season," Brachna said. "I'm tremendously proud of our young men. We beat several schools with very good programs."

Florida, North Carolina State and Tennessee qualified for the national meet. The Gators had 98 points, followed by the Wolfpack with 108 and the Volunteers with 123. Virginia Tech finished fourth with 163, followed by Maryland 194, Auburn 195, Western Kentucky 230, Marshall 256, South Carolina 263, North Carolina 278, Kentucky 310 and Clemson 318.

Dave Tabor also recorded Marshall's highest finish ever by an individual. Tabor finished 12th out of 264 runners in the 10,000-meter race in a time of 30:28, 22 seconds behind the fifth qualifier.

Tabor was hurt by the fact that the top five runners in the meet were not on the top three teams, and had

to qualify as individuals. Brachna said this was unusual.

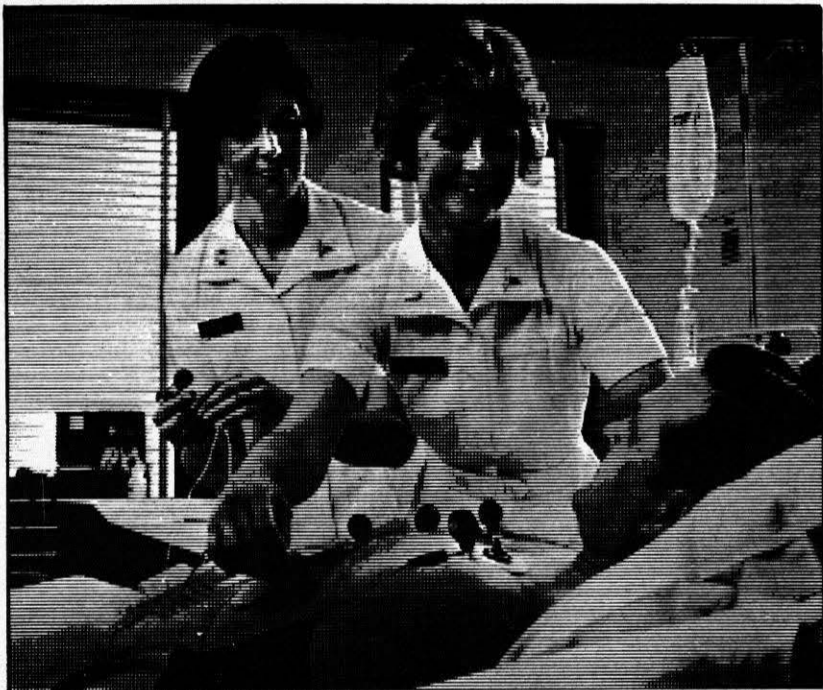
Todd Crosson was the second Marshall finisher, coming in 43rd at 31:27. The other Herd finishers: Dan Rechner, 47th, 31:32; Dave Ball, 76th, 32:03; Dave Marks, 78th, 32:05; and Charlie Ward, 101st, 32:33.

Brachna said times were inflated by poor running conditions. "It had rained all night before the race and the women ran first," Brachna said, adding that the temperature was 36 degrees at racetime. "The course was very sloppy and the footing was slick."

Fourteen of this year's top 16 finished in the top 16 last year, with Marshall and James Madison joining the top echelon. "We have broken into that elite group and will try to stay in that group for the years to come," Brachna said.

Marshall took just three runners for the women's race. "It was a long trip and our budget was shot," Brachna said. "Going to the district meet is a reward for the most part. With our third place finish in the Southern Conference meet, we could not justify taking the entire team."

All-Conference runner Tina Maynard was injured and did not run. Sue Kepich finished 165th at 20:52, while Lisa Hindson came in 191st at 21:46.



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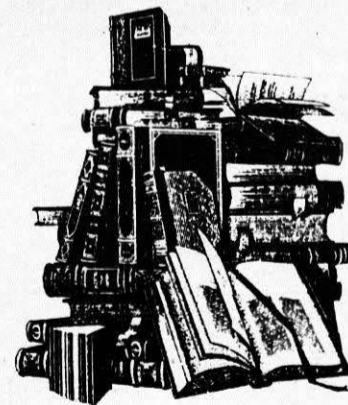
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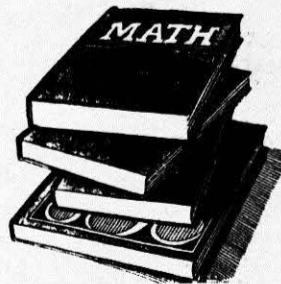
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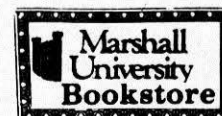
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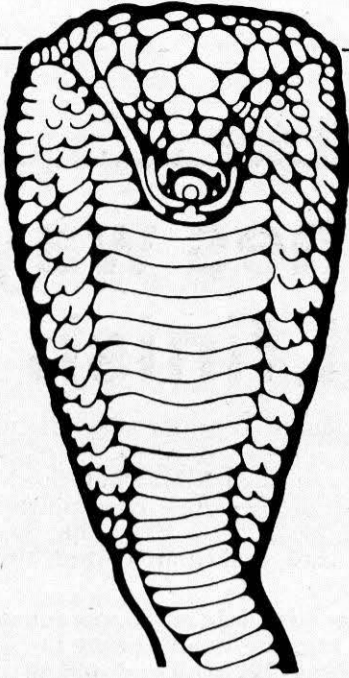
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Sociology chairman snakes onto ABC

By Jill Jackson
Reporter

While some think of snakes as slimy, slithering things, there are members of some churches in West Virginia and throughout Appalachia that handle serpents as part of their worship.

Because of the interest in serpent handling, Al Dale, an ABC News correspondent, was on campus Monday interviewing Dr. Kenneth Ambrose, chairman of the sociology/anthropology department and one of the few people in the nation who has studied serpent handling. Ambrose said a broadcast date has not been set.

Ambrose said he became interested in serpent handling in 1966-67 while a student at Marshall. He met a man who worked for the Department of Natural Resources and who took serpents to serpent handling churches.

Ambrose went to a service at Fraziers Bottom, W.Va., which is in Madison County. He said he learned there was a lot of misinformation about serpent handlers, so he began following them and gathering information about their religion. He said he later

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Mark 16:17-18

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wrote his master's thesis on serpent handling.

According to Ambrose, the serpent handlers base their belief on verses in the King James version of the Bible in the Gospel of St. Mark. Mark 16:17-18 says, “And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

The serpent handling churches are not affiliated with any church organizations. He said the membership, organization and power are all made by the church officials.

Ambrose said most states have laws against serpent handling. However, it is legal to handle snakes in West Virginia churches.

In West Virginia, there are approximately 10 serpent handling churches, which have been established for 10-40 years. Ambrose said the churches tend to be in the rural areas. However, they are developing in urban areas, such as Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio. Previously, there were serpent handling churches in Huntington and South Charleston. As people from southern Appalachia migrate, they take their religious beliefs with them, he said.

Ambrose said he believes the serpent handlers are sincere and committed. “They are sincere in their belief. Also, they are committed to their religion the way most people are not committed. They are willing to sacrifice their life for their religion.”

“I would not practice serpent handling, but I believe they have the right to practice it,” Ambrose said.

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They are sincere in their belief. Also, they are committed to their religion the way most people are not committed. They are willing to sacrifice their life for their religion.”

Dr. Kenneth Ambrose

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Calendar

Racquetball Club will sponsor a tournament through Thursday in the Henderson Center. Further information may be obtained by contacting 525-5020.

MU Human Performance Lab will sponsor body composition testing through Thursday in Henderson Center 2014. More information is available by calling 696-3186 or 696-3187.

Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar entitled “Women-Owned Small Businesses” at noon today in Prichard Hall 143. More information may be received by calling 696-3112.

Human Performance Lab will sponsor a program entitled, “Body Fat — What's That?” at noon today in Henderson Center 2014. Further information may be received by calling 696-3186 or 696-3187.

Student Legal Aid Center will sponsor “Landlord-Tenant Question and Answer session” from 10-11 a.m. today at Memorial Student Center 2E10. More information may be received by calling 696-2366.

Account

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when his wife received a phone call that a check registered in Bell's name had bounced. Bell said he did not tell Braine or head coach Rick Huckabay of the account at that time because he did not think anything was wrong with it.

“It never crossed my mind that ... it would be seen as illegal. I thought it was a personal problem,” Bell said. “I called the bank Monday (because) I thought I was responsible for paying (for the overdrawn checks).”

Braine said the bank will pay the overdrawn check charges.

Jointer said Monday he told Bell of the account a few days after he opened it in late August. “I have no knowledge of that conversation,” Bell said, adding that he thought the investigation by *The Parthenon* “was not handled in the correct way.” He also said he does not know when Jointer opened the account.

Bell said he did not receive any checks or bank statements. Braine said

following the press conference that Jointer picked up the checks at the bank, so they never went to Bell's house.

Bell said he did not tell Huckabay because, “I didn't want to get Brian in trouble with Huckabay. ... He's just a kid and he knew he screwed up. I recruited Brian (Jointer) and he and I are close. I have no bad thoughts for him (even though) he caused me some personal things.”

Braine, who contacted the Southern Conference commissioner, was told that nothing illegal had taken place and the NCAA would not need to be contacted. Braine said he also discussed the matter with President Dale F. Nitzschke, who agreed with that decision.

Braine and NCAA representative, Dorothy Hicks, said the account would have been illegal only if Bell, the university, or anyone affiliated with Marshall athletics had deposited money into the account. However, such joint accounts — even without the coach's

knowledge — are against policy. Braine said.

Braine and Hicks said they plan no further investigation into the possibility of other such accounts. Hicks said if there were others, the bank would have notified the Athletic Department in light of the media coverage of this.

Bell said he doesn't think the incident will hurt the team. He added, jokingly, “With the head coach we have — he likes to keep us in controversy.”

Bell made other light-hearted quips throughout the press conference. He said he would give the media “checks with my personal pictures” and he commented that he wished the reporters there showed as much interest in discussing the team's defense with him.

Bell said he thinks the incident has been overblown. “I'm innocent. I didn't do anything,” he said. “Next time, I'll be wiser than this. I just don't know where I made a mistake here. This is not the way the man, Bell, wants to be remembered.”

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