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Photo by Julie Weikle

Unlike students at some Cabell County public schools, which closed because of excessive rains and flooding this week, Marshall students braved the dreary, wet weather to go to classes.

We'd have 4½ feet if the rain were snow

By Lisa Wheatley
Reporter

Raymond L. Plybon, weather services specialist, said.

Imagine walking to class in four and one-half feet of snow.

That is how much snow there would have been in the past few days if the temperature had been colder,

Of course, this is a hypothetical prediction because moisture content determines how much snow there will

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Delegate wants to ax Marshall trade program

By Chris Stadelman
Reporter

An attempt is being made to abolish the Institute for International Trade Development which is a part of Marshall University.

Del. Walter "Lefty" Rollins, D-Wayne, was unavailable for comment Thursday, but was quoted in Thursday's Huntington Herald-Dispatch as saying the program should be eliminated. Rollins apparently made the statements after reading a report co-authored by Dr. Christine L. Barry, director of the institute.

The report, scheduled to be released early next week, deals with the idea of creating a Port Authority for the state. Barry worked with Dr. Edward S. Neumann in writing the report and said her part dealt mainly with the creation of an export trading company for West Virginia.

Barry, admitting she was hurt by the allegations that the report was poorly done, said the delegate was entitled to his opinion.

"I guess he feels that he's doing the right thing," she said.

Rollins said in the article that the report "appears to be nothing more than minutes of some meetings and two or three visits to the library." Barry said that was not the case at all.

"I did a stack of reading this high," she said, holding her hand about two feet from the ground. "I read every night and on weekends from the beginning of October to mid-December."

One of Rollins' problems with the study is that all it does is recommend "about a dozen more studies," according to the article. Barry, however, said she recommends no additional research.

"There are no further research recommendations from me," she said. "Dr. Neumann suggests some, but that is normal in academia."

While Barry said she was concerned about the significance of Rollins' statements, she did not plan to defend herself or the institute.

"Other legislators think it is a good piece of work," she said. "Even so, I hope I will not be judged on one piece of work."

Del. Percy C. Ashcraft, D-Harrison, a member of the House transportation committee, said he had not yet seen the report but had heard very good things about the institute.

"That institution is very productive from what has been coming to me," he said.

The institute is independent of Marshall's budget but uses the university's facilities. Its goal is educating students, faculty and the public about international trade, Barry said.

Service could pay off

If bill passes, voluntary service could mean funds for education

By Chris Morris
Reporter

A year's worth of voluntary civilian or military service could provide \$10,000 to \$12,000 for educational assistance if a bill before Congress receives approval.

The Citizenship and National Service Act of 1989, proposed by Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and Rep. Dave McCurdy (D-Okla.), will offer \$10,000 in federal aid vouchers for each year of voluntary service, as well as subsistence wages. The vouchers could be used for tuition, vocational training, or as a down payment on a home.

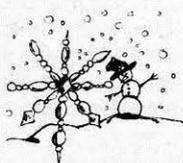
Nunn said the bill would be "essen-

tially a new G.I. bill expanded to include civilian as well as military service to the nation."

The current G.I. bill offers government funds to people with military service who wish to pursue higher education. The original bill was introduced after World War II to offset an overload of labor from returning veterans, according to a report in the February issue of U.S. News and World Report.

Nunn said civilian service would target social needs that aren't being met by the government or private sector. Called the Citizen Corps, the new pro-

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'A Comedy of Errors'

Marshall's Department of Theatre offers students a comedy by William Shakespeare. The play runs through Saturday.

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Campus violations become city's problems

After 10 days, city receives tickets, money

By Todd Burns
Reporter

Students may be under the impression that the money from parking violations on university lots goes to the Department of Public Safety. This presumption is only partly true.

Fines not paid to the university within 10 days from the violation become the property of the city, according to Mary B. Wilson, director of parking. She said the funds that would be going to a university department for repairs of parking lots, meters and signs are going to the city. The funds are then put into the general fund, according to City Finance Director Glenn A. White.

During the 1987 fiscal year, an estimated \$5,000 was paid to the city from violations from university parking lots, White said. "Already this year we have collected at least \$4,900," he said.

"If a student has several tickets their name will be put on a record with multiple violations," Wilson said. "The problem is that the city usually has the same people that have violations that we do, and if they find them first the officers will put a 'boot' on their cars. If they haven't contacted us, or them, within five days after the boot has been put on then they are also towed, and that is an additional \$25."

When a student receives a number of violations, "I personally send them a letter with a print-out of the violations," Wilson said.

'The judge is also very lenient, a \$50 ticket can often be lowered to around \$20 depending on the violation and if the student has contacted me or made an attempt to pay.'

Mary B. Wilson

A judge comes to the public safety building to hear cases every other Tuesday at 4 p.m., Wilson said. With the exception of the fall renewal period, he said there are usually about six cases to be heard each time.

"The judge is also very lenient, a \$50 ticket can often be lowered to around \$20 depending on the violation and if the student has contacted me or made an attempt to pay," Wilson said. "He (the judge) even asks if you want to set up a payment schedule, however if they don't pay it all starts over. We try to work with them and make it as convenient as possible."

At one time or another almost everyone experiences one type of violation or another. Parking is everybody's problem, I just wish that we had the money to take care of it," Wilson said.

Permits rejected by some

Several students that qualify for parking permits have refused them. Many students simply want to park closer than the area they get.

"I just don't understand why, after being on the waiting list for so long, people don't even respond about the spaces," Mary B. Wilson, parking manager said. "On Tuesday we had 34 permits for the area W parking lot (across from Twin Towers East and West) and only 18 people came in."

Most of the refusals are in the area W parking lot and students that don't live in the dorms tend to turn them down. "They (the students) must not understand that once they refuse a space, their name is then removed from the waiting list. The waiting list to receive a parking permit is at least two and a half years.

The area W parking lot has 439 spaces and runs from along 6th Ave. between 18th and 19th streets. "If a student receives a permit for a lot they should accept it, eventually they will be transferred to another lot. I would rather walk from Towers to class than spend a half-an-hour driving around searching for a spot to park," Wilson said.

After there has been a refusal, the permits are usually offered to seniors and graduate students, according to Wilson. "It just upsets me that they are given an opportunity and they turn it down."

Radio plan collapses Applicants for waivers are down

By Tamra K. Young
Reporter

Plans to open a commercial radio station owned by Marshall University Foundation, Inc. have fallen through, according to Dr. Keith Scott, vice president of institutional advancement and head of the foundation.

"While we found that we'd like to have a commercial radio station we do not have the resources (staff, space, or money) to run it," Scott said.

The foundation, which handles the university's fund-raising, purchased the WWHY station in the spring of 1986 with a \$47,000 donation.

The call letters were changed from WWHY to WHRD and plans were made to have the station on the air by May 20, 1988.

The possibility of incorporating scholastic departments, such as marketing

and advertising, into the station was also a prospect.

Sale documents are being prepared at present," Scott said. "It's a long legal process that must go through the Federal Communication Commission and a lot of other federal agencies."

The donor has been apprised of the situation, and agrees that it would be against Marshall's reputation to do something half-way, Scott said.

Scott said that a clause is being put into the documents that gives Marshall the right of first refusal if the buyer later decides to sell.

"Given the time and effort put into it, it probably will be a break-even proposition," he said.

The money from the sale would then be put back into the foundation to support Marshall, as with all other proceeds, Scott said.

By Mary E. Rice
Reporter

Classified Staff Employees of Marshall University planning to further their education may be able to find financial assistance through the Employee Educational Benefits Committee.

All full-time classified employees who have passed their one-year probationary period, are eligible to apply for financial assistance according to Barbara R. James, Program Assistant, Regents BA Degree. The Marshall Foundation awards one undergraduate tuition waiver of three hours per semester. They also provide for half of a three-hour tuition for all remaining applicants.

However, James said over the past several years "fewer and fewer employees have been applying to help."

"We have sent them (Marshall em-

ployees) notices telling them," James said. "We don't know why. It's just gradually falling off. We used to have 40 to 45 applicants, now we're getting fewer and fewer."

The applicant review committee consists of one representative from each of the seven university divisions, and primarily bases their decisions on "how much the course applies to the individual's work." As a former chairperson for the committee, James said the committee meets shortly following the deadline to review the applicants without knowing who they are. The committee's decision is then reached within a week to 10 days.

Gina Kates, current chairperson for the committee said that the classes on the other hand do not have to be work related or even degree related. However, the committee does not provide financial assistance for summer school classes.

Weather

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be and the temperature would have to be colder, Plybon said.

Of course, this is a hypothetical prediction because moisture content determines how much snow there will be and the temperature would have to be colder, Plybon said.

The storm total from Sunday to noon Thursday was 5.46 inches of rain. That is equivalent to 54.6 inches of snow. Plybon said one inch of rain is equal to 10 inches of snow.

Plybon said the forecast for the weekend is light snow Saturday, fair Sunday, and possibly some snow Monday. "Two or three inches is the most we should get unless things change before tonight," Plybon said.

gram would include civilian service in education, human services such as hospitals, elderly services and housing, day care, conservation and existing programs such as the Peace Corps and state and local programs.

The proposal also allows individuals to choose two years of active duty in the armed forces or six years in the reserves. Citizen Corps members in the armed forces would receive two-thirds of the basic military pay while serving on active duty. After completion of two years, the volunteers would receive a \$24,000 voucher.

The Citizen Corps would also enlist a limited number of volunteers over the age of 65. Many of these members would be assigned to supervisory and adminis-

Service

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trative duties.

Nunn said the bill is "an idea whose time has come." He cited the need of vital human services for the poor as the inspiration for the bill.

"By linking public service and public benefits, voluntary national service can help us tackle two urgent problems facing our country," the senator said. "The 'social deficit' of unmet human needs that has accumulated over the past decade, and the economic squeeze on low and middle-income families."

According to a report in the February issue of U.S. News and World Report, opponents of the bill argue the bill would unfairly single out low-income students who have no other way to attend college. Students who could afford tuition would

have no incentive to enlist.

Labor union leaders worry the increase in low-wage workers would replace existing jobs in low-level public service areas.

Nunn said the program would be expensive, but some of the costs could be offset by the reduction of existing forms of student aid. He believes the program would replace most existing federal student aid programs, such as Pell grants and Perkins Direct Loans. However, these programs would remain available to people who won't qualify for national service or for whom full-time service would create a hardship.

The proposed bill would go into effect Oct. 1, 1990, and be phased in over a five-year period if passed.

Opinion

Editorials

Nitzschke should give system chance to improve

President Dale F. Nitzschke should stay in the state's higher education system until he sees if Gov. Gaston Caperton's plans are going to help improve the situation.

We know the grass is going to look greener in almost any system when compared to West Virginia's, but Caperton's ideas may be just what higher education needs to improve.

And it is our hope Nitzschke will be here to see it happen.

Wednesday, he gave up the opportunity to interview at Eastern Michigan and went to Charleston to talk about merging plans.

We hope this is a sign of things to come, and that it means Nitzschke will stay.

Our Readers Speak

Other priorities should be considered

To the editor:

Although I do not ordinarily read the Parthenon, someone drew my attention to an editorial in the Feb. 10 issue which I must address. Mr. Leaming thinks abortion is "senseless killing." In the days when abortion was illegal, millions of women died from abortions performed by unqualified personnel in unsanitary conditions. That, Mr. Leaming, is senseless killing.

Regardless of the the reason for an unwanted pregnancy, whether it was due to rape, failed birth control, or simply uncontrolled passion, there are some situations in which a pregnancy will cause more suffering and ill effect on life than a termination of pregnancy.

The so called "pro-life" forces have little regard for life. These same people are often in favor of the death penalty and opposed to increased resources for child welfare services. The "pro-life" Reagan administration cut over \$1 billion dollars from child nutrition programs while spending millions on private Pentagon dining rooms and pets of military personnel. It is not "love of life" or love of

children that fuels the anti-choice movement. It is a desire to control women.

Those of us who truly love life want to make sure that termination of a pregnancy is performed in the safest medical environment possible. Those of us who truly love children believe that they have the right to be born into a loving and nurturing world and we don't forget about them once they are born or when they become an adult who needs help.

Since, in W.Va., one in four children lives in poverty, one in two is born into poverty, one in six is born to a teenage mother, and one in three does not see a doctor or dentist because of no form of medical insurance, and since over 13,000 reports of child abuse and neglect were made in W.Va. in 1987, and since 40 of 55 counties in W.Va. have no licensed day care for children under two years of age, it seems that there are other priorities to consider than worrying about taking away a woman's constitutional right to personal choice.

Jody Gottlieb
assistant professor of social work

Opinion needed to be spoken

To the editor:

I wish to thank you for your excellent article in the Feb. 10 Parthenon. Abortion-on-demand has lasted as long as it has partly because many pro-lifers have been afraid to speak out — in particular, no one wants to be the first to speak out. By writing your article in a college newspaper you have done a great service.

One small point: There has been very little bombing of abortion clinics lately, the main thing now is Operation Rescue, sit-ins mainly, together with some side-

walk counseling. Naturally the liberal media has ignored this or tried to confuse it with bombing. (CNN is a very honorable exception, but then is it liberal?)

(I have never knocked the bomber, but Operation Rescue is much better for several obvious reasons.)

It is my pride to say that two of my cousins have been arrested at OR sit-ins. Please, keep up the good work.

James Moloney
Department of Math

Legalization of drugs would curb problems

Discussion of the proper methods to use to stop the drug epidemic in America is often frustrating. It seems the same old ideas continue to be used. There is, however, an idea that is not old, but is often scoffed at when mentioned. It is also an idea that too many people who have judged my ideas will find uncharacteristic and unorthodox. But I have decided that I need to become more compassionate.

Instead of wasting millions of tax dollars on fighting the use of drugs, it is time to legalize drugs. Not only could our government save tax dollars on a fight that will never be won, but it might actually make some money, money that could be used to fund rehabilitation centers. As of now, people who want to get treatment usually end up waiting months before being admitted to a center. It seems our government has an obsession with trying to snuff out the drug pushers, rather than trying to cure the addicts.

The big plus for this idea is that it would end profits that drug lords make. According to a study conducted by Time magazine, cocaine and marijuana sales bring drug lords more than \$20 billion each year. If the government would legalize drugs and set drugs at a low government price, then the drug thugs would be wiped out.

Right now crime associated with drugs seems only to increase. Kids find more money in working for drug dealers than working for Wendy's. This type of work would no longer be available if the drug dealers would be destroyed. Legalizing drugs is the only way to do that.

"A significant point about legalization is that it ends criminal involvement in the profit-making aspect of drug selling and all violence associated with the use of drugs," Ron Paul, Libertarian Party candidate, said in an interview with Reason magazine. "The only victims of drugs would be people who voluntar-



Jeremy Leaming

ily use them, not people who are robbed to support a drug habit. Also there would be no pushers to give away drugs in hopes of monopolizing the supply to a possible addict."

Besides the government profiting from the legalization, the communities would profit from the safety involved. Citizens would be much safer in purchasing cocaine from the government than they would from teenagers with Uzis.

Instead, the government wishes to waste tax money on laws to stop individuals from having a little enjoyment.

Legalizing drugs would not end the whole problem, but it would definitely curb the crime that now plagues the communities. And while this proposal may seem immoral, it is a cry from concerned people that wonder if the deaths surrounding the sale of drugs will ever end. It is a legitimate idea that has been voiced before, and will probably continue for a long time. Not enough of our politicians have the will to admit failure in the drug war.

They're not alone, though, in their hope that legalization will never occur. Drug lords can deal with the laws as they now stand, but they would hate to lose their profits that legalization would take away.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"It's no use. I drink and I drink... and I still can't forget."

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High cholesterol level cause of heart disease

Health professor says get it checked

By Mary E. Rice
Reporter

Even though you may think you are healthy, everyone still needs to have their cholesterol level checked periodically, according to Dr. David P. Swain, assistant professor for Health Physical Education Recreation.

Beginning Monday and continuing through Wednesday, the Human Performance Laboratory of Marshall University will conduct a free cholesterol screening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

The test will consist of a small blood sample drawn from the finger, followed by an analysis of the sample on the Kodak DT 60.

"The main thing people have to realize is your cholesterol level determines your risk for heart disease, the number one killer in West Virginia," Swain said. "People should be concerned."

Cholesterol is a type of fat found within the body and in certain foods made up of animal products, Swain said. While some of it is beneficial to your body, too much can cause problems.

"It depends a lot on what you're eat-

ing," Swain said. "Our own body (animals) is capable of making its own cholesterol, but it's more important to know how much saturated fat (found mainly in red meats, dairy products, cooking oils and any product with the word cream in it) is in the blood stream."

Swain said there are two types of cholesterol. There is HDL (High Density Lipo Protein) which is beneficial to the body, and LDL (Low Density Lipo Protein) which is capable of causing harmful effects. He said after your overall cholesterol level is determined, it would then be a good idea to have a physician determine the percentage of each of the two types of cholesterol to determine your risk for heart disease.

Heart disease begins during childhood and it is not a problem that can be determined during routine physical examinations, according to Swain.

"It is important for people (students) to realize that if they want to prevent the symptoms of heart disease, now is the time to start," Swain said.

Other factors that can contribute to heart disease include cigarette smoking, a high fat diet and being sedentary, he said.

New plans for arts facility on schedule

By Debra Morris
Reporter

Revised drawings and specifications for the fine arts facility should arrive at Marshall in the mail today, according to Raymond F. Welty, associate vice president for administration.

Welty said the plans for the construction of the facility are continuing as scheduled.

All bids submitted in August 1988 were higher than the amount of money Marshall had allocated for the project, he said.

The lowest bid, submitted as a joint venture between Kuhn Construction of Huntington and Doster Construction of Alabama, at \$13.37 million was \$2.2 million more than Marshall could afford, Welty said.

"It was back to the drawing board for the fine arts center to make changes needed to keep the project within budget," Welty said.

He said the drawings and specifications, which were designed by the firm of Abramovitz, Kingsland, and Schiff in New York, were sent to the Board of Regents and Marshall.

"We will review the plans next week and if they are acceptable, we will set the date for the pre-bid meeting," Welty said.

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Ray Welty

The purpose for the pre-bid meeting is to give the interested contractors the opportunity to ask the architect's questions and decide if they want to make a bid for the project, Welty said.

The contractors will then submit sealed bids, which means that the contractors will not see each other's bids until after the project has been awarded, according to Welty.

The Finance and Administration Committee in Charleston, which handles all purchases and bid projects for the state, will then award the project to the contractor with the most reasonable bid.

"The contractor can then mobilize his equipment and start breaking ground," Welty said.

"I do not believe the project will be overbid this time, but if it is we will go back to the drawing board," he said.

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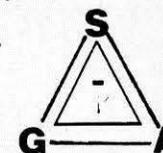
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Dollar Days Sale on books

By Deanna Sharpe
Reporter

"Hey buddy, can you spare a dime?"

That may be a common phrase used at the Cabell County Public Library book sale which began Thursday and runs through Saturday. Friends of the Library, a volunteer organization, will sponsor the sale which is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. and end approximately 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Cabell County Library, according to Pamela W. Ford, librarian at Marshall.

Ford, who is in charge of organizing the event, said the cost for the books will range from a dime to a dollar. "The average cost for most of the books will be about 25 cents and very few of them will be over a dollar," Ford said.

A variety of books and magazines will be offered. Ford said that those people who enjoy Harlequin Romances will be able to purchase eight paperback books for \$1. "We also have quite a few National Geographic magazines that may be helpful to students working on term papers."

Ford said members of Friends of the Library donated some of the books while others came from the various public libraries. "This (the organization) is a great group to be involved with because it supports a good cause. The membership is \$2 and all the money goes to buying new equipment and books for the library," Ford said. She added that the money from the book sale will be used for the same causes as well.

Ford said that she is hopeful that the library will bring in about \$1900 to 2000. "I just hope that the bad weather doesn't hinder the turnout that we are expecting," Ford said.

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2. Marshall University
3. W.Va. College of Graduate Studies

4. Concord College
5. Shepherd College
6. Bluefield State College
7. Fairmont State College
8. Glenville State College
9. West Virginia State College
10. W.Va. Institute of Technology
11. Parkersburg Community College
12. Potomac State College of WVU
13. Southern W.Va. Community College*
14. W.Va. Northern Community College*
15. W.Va. School of Osteopathic Medicine
16. West Liberty State College

Under the proposal made by the Carnegie Foundation, Marshall, WVU and W.Va. College of Graduate Studies would merge under one governing board. The other state schools would remain under a separate governing board.

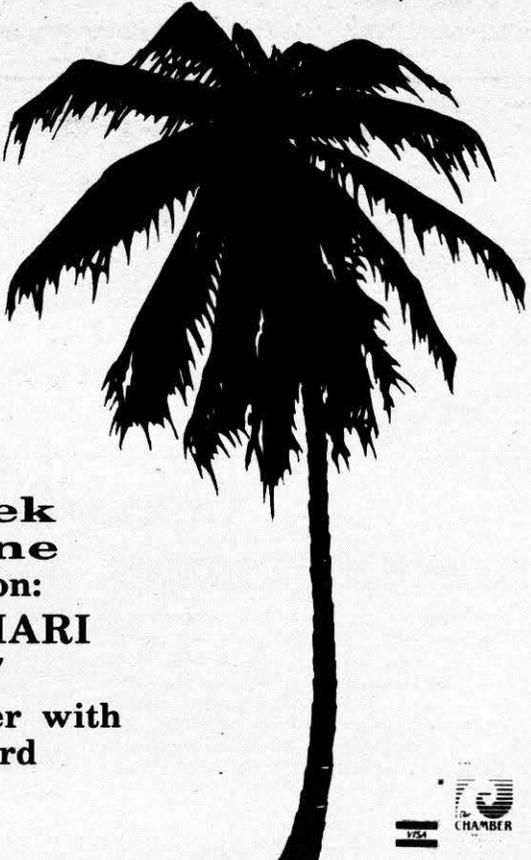


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Conferences deal with international trade

By Chris Stadelman
Reporter

The Institute for International Trade Development is sponsoring two conferences in Huntington Monday.

The first conference will begin at 8:45 a.m. and will deal with the United States-Canada Free Trade Agreement. Speakers include Roger Fortner, director of the International Trade Administration in Charleston, Blair Hankey, Consul from the Canadian Embassy and Congressmen Bob Wise and Nick J. Rahall.

Dr. Christine L. Barry, director of the Institute for International Trade Development, will be the moderator and Dr.

Dale F. Nitzschke, Marshall's president, will also attend.

The afternoon session is entitled Acid Deposition Control Legislation and will begin at noon. Dr. Clair Matz of the Center for International Studies at Marshall will moderate.

Minister Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment from Ontario, Canada, Richard Trumka, president of the United Mine Workers and Richard Lawson, president of the National Coal Association are among the speakers.

The conference concludes at 9 p.m. after a dinner with Gov. Gaston Caperton. The cost for each session is \$25.

How to get to the beach and spend only 55 cents

By Lisa Wheatley
Reporter

Imagine yourself spending spring-break lying on the beach, and all it costs you is 55 cents.

From Monday to Thursday, personnel of Central Vending of Ashland will put specially marked cans into campus vending machines, Karen E. Kirtley, project assistant for auxiliary services, said.

The person who receives one of these cans will have the opportunity to register for the Feb. 28th drawing to win a \$700 gift certificate from Travel Inc.

The gift certificate is the grand prize in a \$1,000 vending promotion by Central Vending. The \$700 prize can be used for travel purposes only.

Students, Faculty and staff can participate in this contest.

All persons who receive one of these cans, are to take the can and the label to the Student Center 2W6, no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday.

This contest is part of a contract with Marshall and Central Vending, to promote sells, according to Paul J. O'Neil, president of Central Vending. "We've given away TVs, dust busters, exercise bikes, luggage and many other things."

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Last years winner was Denise L. Hedrick, ClearFork, Freshman. Hedrick said she won by accident. However, she enjoyed part of the \$700 by going to Virginia for spring break last year. She plans to use the remainder of the money for spring break this year.

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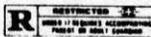
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Sports

Lady Herd may go undefeated in SC

Southard says perfect record builds 'confidence' for tourney

By Steven J. Keith
Reporter

A women's basketball team has never gone into the Southern Conference tournament undefeated, but Head Coach Judy Southard said she's confident this year's squad could be the first.

Posting a 6-0 conference record, Southard said her players have built a "different level of confidence" that should help them through their remaining four games and the conference tournament.

"So far this season, we've established the fact that we're capable of beating any team in the conference," Southard said. "I think that gives us tremendous confidence going in to the tournament."

Southard said before the season started, she believed she would have a "very good team this year," but once the season started, she said she had her doubts. "We really struggled before the Christmas break," she said, "and I became concerned that the team might not reach its full potential. We weren't playing as well as we'd hoped, and I became gravely concerned."

She said going into Christmas break with a record of 5-5, gave her players, and herself, time to think about the way the season was going. "It was a time of soul-searching for all of us," Southard said. "We evaluated the early games and decided there were several of those games we really should not have lost."

She said after break, her players were a completely different team. "We've been playing very well since Christmas, and we're extremely pleased with our progress," she said. "I think we're finally playing up to our potential."

Southard said she believes the team's ability to win on the road will be the key to winning the conference tournament. "We struggled early, with four losses on the road before Christmas," she said.

However, she said she believes her team has overcome that. "Any coach can take any situation and make it fit their needs," she said. "If you can win your games at home and then pick up a win or two on the road, I think you've got a big advantage."

She applied this philosophy to other teams playing Marshall in the Henderson Center. "Any team who can come in here and beat us at home, will have that advantage going into the tournament."

The Lady Herd's next game is Saturday at Furman University, and Southard said it will be a difficult game for her team. "In seven years, we've never played well at Greenville, S.C."

After Furman, the team faces the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Feb. 20 at home, Appalachian State, Feb. 25, and East Tennessee State, Feb. 27, on the road.

This year's tournament is slated for March 9-11 in Johnson City, Tenn. Although Johnson City is the home of ETSU, Southard said the game will still be played on a neutral court. "We'll be playing in Freedom Hall, an arena not on the school's campus," she said. "Johnson City is the geographical center of the conference, so that will be an easy trip for us."

Southard said she has good feelings regarding the tournament, but said it's still too early to speculate. "Our first concern is our regular season games, and then we'll look to the tournament," she said.

In your face?

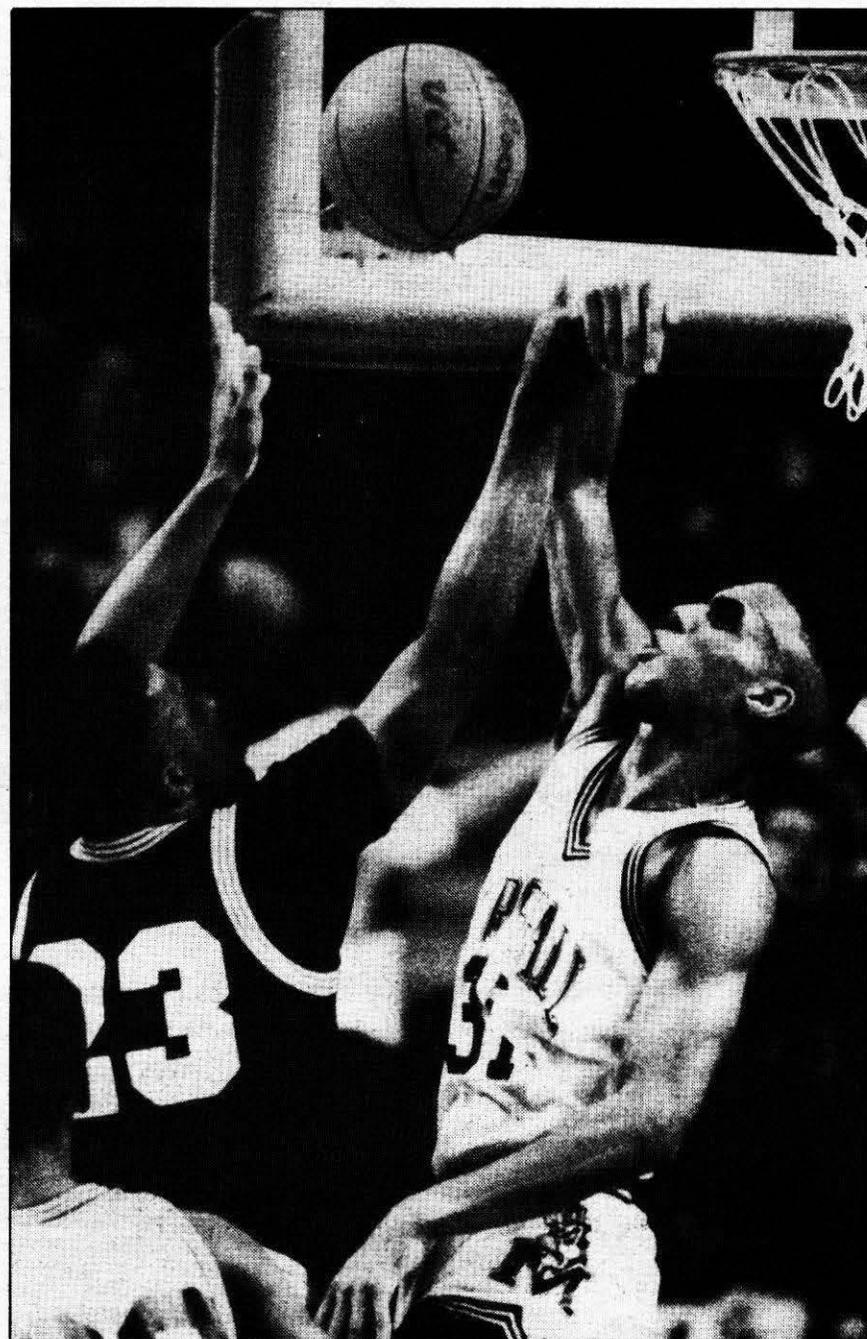


Photo by Chris Hancock

Omar Roland attempts to block the shot of West Virginia University's Chris Brooks Feb. 9 in Charleston while Gery Strickland looks on. The Herd will try to fare better than it did against WVU when it plays on the road at Furman.

Track teams not favorites in SC meet, coach says

By Mell Spicer
Reporter

The men's and women's track teams will compete in the Southern Conference Championship today and Saturday, but Head Coach Dennis Brachna said Marshall is not a favorite.

The meet is at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tenn.

Brachna said Appalachian State and Virginia Military Institute are the two favorites to win in the men's division. He said he thinks Marshall has a chance to place anywhere from third to sixth.

Brachna said he was pleased with last weekend's performance at the Hardee's Classic at West Virginia University.

"It was a great tune-up meet for us, going into the Southern Conference

Head Coach Dennis Brachna said the men's and women's track teams are not favorites in the Southern Conference Championship meet at East Tennessee State in Johnson City, Tenn.

Championship, I felt we were very successful," Brachna said.

In the women's division he said Appalachian State is the clear favorite. However, Brachna said he thinks there will be a battle for second, third and fourth places among East Tennessee State, Western Carolina, and Marshall.

Brachna said the men's strengths are in the jumping and field events and the

women's are in the distance running and field events.

Among the conference leaders for Marshall in the men's division for the 55 meter run are Bruce Hammond and Butch Jones. They are tied for sixth out of a field of 17. Hammond is also in the running for the 200 meter run.

In the 55 meter hurdles, out of a field of 15, Craig Burd is third and Scotty Harris is tied for 10th.

Charley Ward is the front-runner for Marshall in the mile run, with a time of 4:24.67.

In the high jump Kevin Orr is tied for first in the conference, with a 6-foot-9-inch jump.

Scott Jones is second in the pole vault with a 15-foot jump.

Matt Dillion is fourth in the long jump, with a 23-foot-2-inch jump.

For the women, the conference front-runners are Erica West in the long jump, 55 meter run and 200 meter run.

Christa Gibson is fifth in the 800 meter run out of a field of 15.

Dawn Wallace is third and Katrina Maynard is fifth in the 3,000 meter run. Maynard is also second in the 5,000 meter run.

Impressions

'Comedy gets by errors'

Review by Bill France
Impressions Editor

A banner stretches across a portion of the set reading, "A Comedy of Errors" by Bill. Bill as in William Shakespeare.

Marshall University Theater does a fine job of relating the sometimes confusing plot to the Marshall audience.

The play is about two sets of identical twins who were separated as children by a shipwreck and are then reunited as adults.

The first set of twins, played by Steve Christian, Huntington graduate student; and Joseph Yingst, Cross Lanes sophomore; and the other set played by

Danny Ray, Walker graduate student; and Sam Kincaid, Beckley junior; would never be mistaken for one another. However, the portrayal of the characters are similar.

The most memorable characters from the show were not the leading ones. Though he only appeared in one scene, Shane Ross, Huntington senior, amused and entertained the audience with his portrayal of Dr. Finch, a cross between Merlin the wizard and a modern day television evangelist.

Carrie Beckelheimer, Charleston sophomore, is another performer who makes the most out of a small role. The role of Luce, a cook/maid/hag came alive

under Beckelheimer's guidance.

Another small part with a big performance was that of the courtesan. Teresa Schleith, Huntington freshman was great as the sexy, seductive prostitute. Schleith is still new to the theater department, but we will definitely be seeing more of her.

The play did have some rough spots. It was hard familiarizing the Shakespearean characters to the modern-day audience. The language also made establishing the sometimes confusing plot a difficult task.

The set was unique and colorful, however the frequent set changes seemed unnecessary and distracting. Antipho-

lus' house was set up on a rotating platform to the show the inside and the outside of the house.

The music played at the end of every scene is another annoyance. It's a nice touch to start with, but it becomes monotonous as the play progresses.

There are a lot of obstacles to overcome when putting on a Shakespearean play. And Marshall Theater has done just that.

If you don't mind putting a little effort into your entertainment by following what may be a confusing - yet hilarious plot - take time out tonight or Saturday to see "A Comedy of Errors."

Understanding Shakespeare easier than most of us think, according to director of play

By Joseph William Yingst
Reporter

It's easier than you think.
Understanding that is.

David L. Cook, will direct William Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors" and said most students automatically think Shakespeare is too difficult to understand, when he's not.

"A Comedy of Errors" will be presented through Saturday, at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Although it will be Cook's first direction of a Shakespearean play, he has had other experience in Shakespearean theatre.

"I had a chance to see Shakespeare's Henry IV, performed by the Royal Shakespearean Company, in London," Cook said. "It was a great experience."

Cook performed in a show called "The Alchemist," by Ben Johnson, which was written in a language similar to that used by Shakespeare. "We opened with at least 500 people, and by the end of the show we had about 150 left," he said.

The language used in "The Comedy of Errors" is not as difficult as that of "The Alchemist." Cook said, "Shakespeare is much more general in nature than Johnson." "The language within Shakespeare's shows tends to have a wider appeal because it is more understandable."

Some people hear the word, and automatically think — boring, Cook said. "A lot of people tend to view Shakespeare in an academic setting."

When Shakespeare wrote his plays he was not viewing it as a major intellectual development, but was presenting what he thought would be popular, and enjoyable," Cook said.

"I think for The Comedy of Errors it's important to remember that Shakespeare was also an actor, and didn't just

sit in a dusty library, and write boring scripts for others to do," Cook said.

'When Shakespeare wrote his plays he was not viewing it as a major intellectual development, but was presenting what he thought would be popular and enjoyable.'

David L. Cook

The Comedy of Errors was written in the late 1500's. "This is one of Shakespeare's earliest written shows," Cook said.

Cook said he will direct the action and characters to entertain the audience throughout the show. "The Comedy of Errors is a light-hearted, fast-paced show," he said.

Cook has done community and professional directing before this production. "Every show is a new challenge, and a new experience," he said. "That's what I like about it."

Being able to act is just as important as knowing how to direct, Cook said. "I feel to be a good director, you must be a good actor," he said. "I think they compliment each other."

A student who isn't a theatre major can get a lot from doing a play, Cook said. "Theatre is a field which people can participate throughout their lives, regardless of their career choice," he said. "The arts can help a student to unlock their potential."

"Marshall has a lot to be proud of in it's theatre department," Cook said. "I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

The audience is as much a part of the show as the actors are. "The actor, direc-

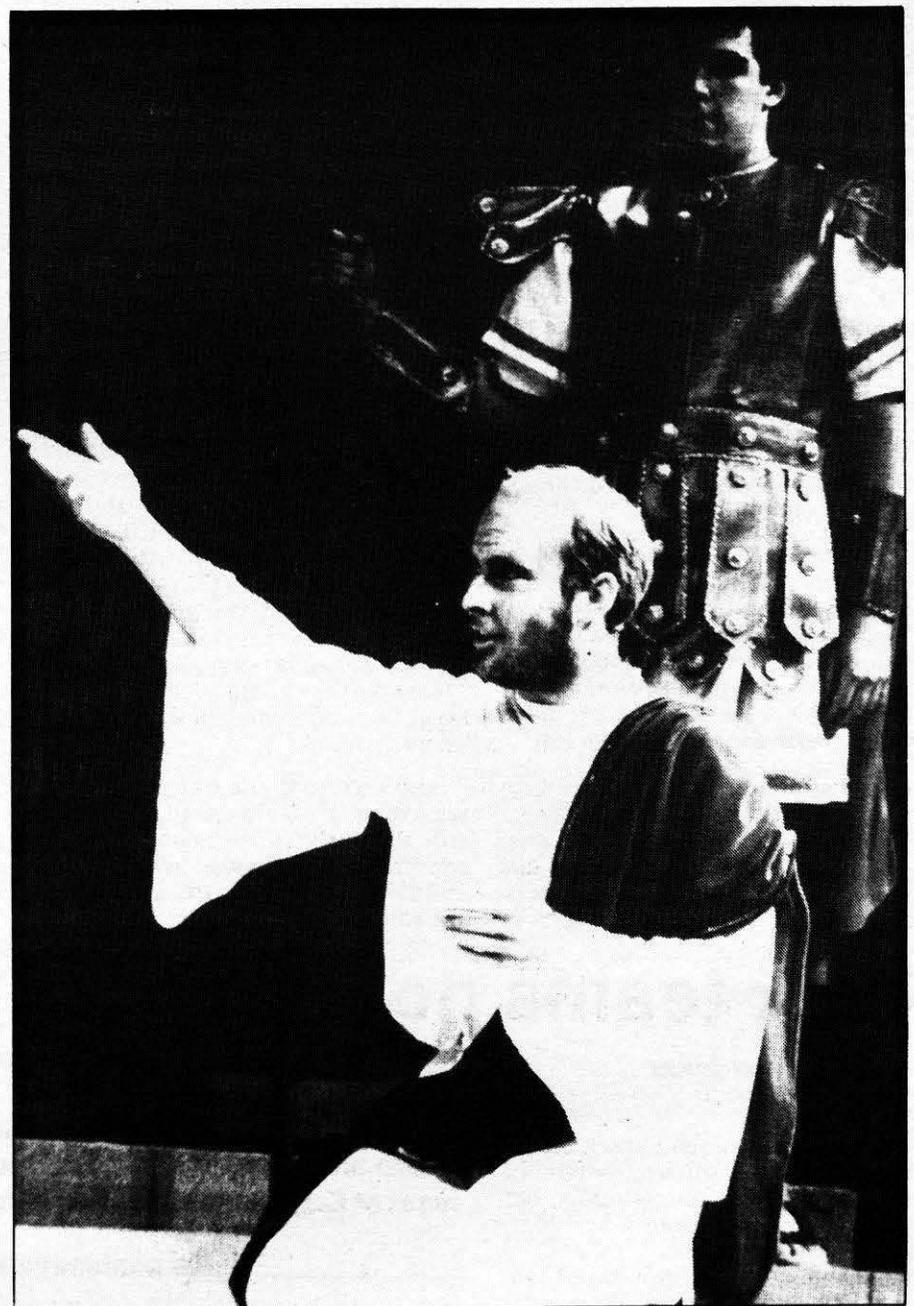


Photo by Robert Fouch

David Halley, Virginia Beach, Va., freshman, pleads to the Duke for his life in a scene from The Comedy of Errors. The play runs today and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Old Main auditorium. Admission is free with an ID and activity card.

tor, set designer and the audience all come together to create the atmosphere we call theatre," he said. "Old Main is the perfect place for all these elements to come together."

The Comedy of Errors will be the first

Shakespearean show the Department of Theatre has presented since Romeo and Juliet in 1982.

Admission for The Comedy of Errors is free with a ID and activity card. General Admission is \$4.