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Lengthy closed list continues to grow

By Tina Marie Alford
Reporter

Fall semester classes are going . . . going . . . gone!

As of Wednesday afternoon, 762 classes were closed, including 37 sections of introductory biology, 44 sections of English 101, and 35 sections of Speech 103.

Scheduling has been such a hassle that both the housing and orientation offices have received letters from students who say they have changed their minds about attending Marshall

because of the problems.

Registrar Robert Eddins does not attribute the scheduling difficulties to a large increase in enrollment. The most recent figures indicate that 2,553 freshmen have enrolled for fall semester classes as opposed to 2,053 freshmen for the same period last year. According to the registrar's office, only a 2 to 3 percent overall increase in enrollment is expected for fall.

Eddins said that because of a large freshman class last fall, many freshmen were forced to take higher level classes and those students are having

to go back and take the 100 level classes this year, making those classes that much more crowded. "It's a cycle that keeps getting worse," Eddins said.

In an attempt to lessen the problem, two additional sections of Biology 104 were added Monday morning.

Dr. Deryl Leaming, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said permission has been given to open three more sections of English 101, one section of Spanish, and one section of psychology. The new classes should be open "within the next few days."

There are no plans, however, to open

more sections of speech. "It's not just the availability of funds," Leaming said, "but that we can't find any more part-time faculty qualified to teach."

Dr. Robert P. Alexander, dean of the College of Business, said he will make a request for another section of Computer Science 101, making room for another 55 students.

The scheduling problems normally encountered at the end of the summer are effecting incoming students in the third week of registration, according to university officials.

Hot selection



Photo by Greg Perry

A fire at this automobile dealership located at 4th Avenue and 4th Street in downtown Huntington left the selection of used vehicles in less than select condition. The building had to be demolished.

Verdict expected this week in trial of Huntington teen

By Dana Tomes
Reporter

A jury is expected to decide this week the fate of a Huntington teen-ager accused of the September stabbing death of a Marshall University student.

Christopher Smith, 18, of Barboursville, a freshman in the fall 1988, was killed early on the morning of Sept. 3 at an east Huntington boat launch area.

Heath Beaman, 17, is being tried as an adult on charges of first degree murder in connection with the crime. If convicted, he could spend a maximum of life in prison.

There was conflicting testimony this week at his trial as Beaman claimed Smith had a weapon while the prosecution's witnesses said Smith was unarmed and murdered by Beaman.

Defense attorney Chuck Chambers argued that his client stabbed Smith in self-defense.

The altercation apparently began after a bottle was thrown from the car in which Beaman was riding and through the window of Smith's car, a 1984 Oldsmobile. The two vehicles were stopped side by side at the intersection of 26th Street and 5th Avenue, officials said. See VERDICT, Page 6



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BEYOND MU

Democrats with Bush on burning issue

Associated Press News Analysis

WASHINGTON — Nobody ever lost votes for waving the American flag. Somebody lost a lot of them for vetoing a pledge of allegiance bill.

Those lessons were not lost in Congress or at the White House after the Supreme Court held that a flag-burning demonstrator was acting within his right of political protest, a decision that apparently overrules flag desecration laws of 48 states and the federal government.

Democrats weren't about to yield the issue this time.

The Senate adopted a resolution, sponsored by the Democratic majority leader, declaring that it will seek a way to reinstate the flag laws. Later, it approved an amendment revising the federal flag desecration law in an effort to make it fit the court ruling.

President Bush said the administration is reviewing proposals for a constitutional amendment to reinstate flag desecration laws, and will consult with Congress on the measure. "And as president, I will uphold our precious right to dissent, but burning the flag goes too far, and I want to see that matter remedied," Bush announced.

He'll have no trouble finding congressional support.

Before their Fourth of July recess, members of the House and Senate

tuned up for some old-fashioned patriotic oratory back home.

One House member said flags should be flown at half-staff to mark the ruling. Another said the six men who raised the flag at Iwo Jima "were symbolically shot in the back by five men in black robes." A third said that George M. Cohan, he of the grand old flag, "must be turning in his grave."

"What in God's name is going on?" cried Rep. Douglas Applegate, D-Ohio. "...are there any limitations? Are they going to allow fornication in Times Square at high noon?"

Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis took a daily drubbing from Bush during the 1988 campaign for his veto of a Massachusetts bill to require that school teachers lead pupils in the pledge of allegiance. Dukakis explained his veto by citing a 1943 Supreme Court ruling.

As a candidate, Bush kept it simple. He said he would have signed the bill. He led the pledge of allegiance frequently. He campaigned at a flag factory.

The president said he did not consider his call for reinstatement of flag laws to be a partisan matter. "...What I've said here is American. It isn't Republican or Democrat. It isn't liberal or conservative," he said Tuesday.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine sponsored the Sen-

ate resolution against the decision last week: it passed 97 to 3.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley of Washington doesn't favor a constitutional amendment on the subject. Foley said that to play politics with the flag issue would be cynical, base and crass. But he isn't leaving House Democrats with no handle on the topic: the House voted 411 to 5 Tuesday night for a resolution expressing concern at the court ruling. Foley said there will be hearings after the recess on legislation to ban flag burning.

Sen. Joseph R. Biden, Jr. D-Del. once a presidential candidate, proposed the amendment the Senate added to a child care bill changing the working of the federal law that makes it a crime to mutilate, deface, burn, display on the ground or trample an American flag.

Biden, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said he thinks the change will make the law constitutional under the court ruling because it would no longer involve the intent of a person burning the flag, only the action.

The amendment would change a measure Congress passed in 1968 during the era of Vietnam demonstrations.

Soviets claim spy died by own hands

From the Associated Press

MOSCOW — A U.S. Navy intelligence analyst who spied for the Soviet Union and defected was a delicately tempered man who broke under the pressure of his work and committed suicide, the head of the KGB said today.

Glenn Michael Souther, 32, rose to become a major in the Soviet KGB, yet "his nervous system could not stand the pressure. This was apparent even in his homeland," where life as a boy was far from simple, Gen. Vladimir Kryuchkov told reporters outside the meeting hall of the Soviet legislature.

Kryuchkov, in a rare admission of Soviet spying, said Souther took his life last week and left a note thanking the Soviet government for what it did for him personally.

"The motive was not political," Kryuchkov said. "He long ago started to show a nervous state of mind. He was a gifted, emotional, caring, sensitive person. He was easily hurt."

The spy chief would not say how Souther committed suicide.

He said the U.S.-born Souther began working for the KGB "several years before he came to the Soviet Union."

When Souther defected in May 1986, the FBI was investigating him on charges of spying. He appeared on Soviet television in July 1986 when the Soviets announced the defection and said the FBI was harassing him.

A Soviet obituary, which appeared Tuesday in the military newspaper, Red Star, identified Souther first by the Russian name of Mikhail Orloy, which he took when he arrived in the Soviet Union, Kryuchkov said.

The name had led to speculation that he was a Russian mole rather than an American defector.

Kryuchkov said Souther was born in the United States and that his parents, brother, and sister had traveled to Moscow for the funeral. He said Souther was buried Monday in the military section of Kuntsevo Cemetery, the resting place of the late British traitor Kim Philby.

The FBI said Souther was born in Hammond, Ind., and went to high school in Cumberland, Maine. He served in the Navy in the 1970s, and then went to work as a civilian intelligence specialist in the Navy's End Fleet headquarters in Norfolk, Va.

"I am very sorry he died at the age of 32," Kryuchkov said. "It was also a personal loss. I met him several times."

Souther left an American wife in the United States when he defected. He married again in the Soviet Union. It was not known if he divorced his first wife. He left a Russian wife and an 18-month-old daughter.

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OPINION

Editorials

Raising standards really won't help

The state is on a mission to better its academic reputation by making it tougher to attend state universities.

But although the thought may be noble, the actual workings of the plan are weak.

Beginning the fall semester of 1990, the statewide admission's policy will require high school students to take an additional math and science course. These requirements are good, but are not enough.

Students with low grade point averages and ACT scores will still be able to attend state universities. This will continue to detract from the state's reputation and ability to properly teach students.

It is known that most students who don't do well in high school, don't do well in college. And tougher admission's requirements would guarantee a better education for those who really care.

Keep fees committee

Student Government Association wants the power to control student fees, but the current committee should not be tampered with.

The president of SGA said this move would give his organization more respectability and power.

What it would do is put some very important decisions in the hands of very young people. And every year, the make-up of the committee would change.

Some universities already incorporate this policy, but there have been instances where these student governments have been crossed and have cut an organization's student fee funding.

The proposed change would give too much power to a student organization.

Flag burning considered freedom of speech right

Last week, in a landmark case, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a decision protecting the burning of the U.S. flag under freedom of speech. There is no doubt this is a hot topic guaranteed to draw criticism from most every political and patriotic faction in the country. Before every American decides what he or she thinks about this decision, two sides must be considered.

Emotionally, most Americans probably believe burning the U.S. flag falls under some form of treason, and rightfully so. Anybody who wants to burn the unique symbol of the United States is considered a radical -- an outcast and the type of person you don't take home to meet the parents. Some folks would even go so far as to call this person a Communist. Burning the U.S. flag undermines everything we stand for, and is a slap in the face to the men and women who fought and died for this country.

Agreed.

Logically, however, Americans must put aside their emotions to fully consider how the court reached its decision. Logically, we must all agree with the decision, whether we like it or not. Under the First Amendment to the Constitution, the right to speak freely is protected from any restraint or invasion by any person, the government included. Burning the flag as symbolic speech is allowed by the same amendment that allows us to comment or criticize our friends, neighbors, enemies and our government.

Had the court denied the burning of the flag as symbolic speech, it would have put a serious limitation on the First Amendment right to speak freely, critical or not, about our government.

Any restriction placed upon the First Amendment should be considered just as repulsive as burning the flag. Under that logic, strange as it may seem, the burning of the flag is just as symbolic as the displaying of the flag. This is the logic the Supreme Court must use every time a First Amendment freedom is in question.

It should be stated, however, that the case was decided by a very narrow 5-4 vote, meaning it could have gone either way. In the future, when this issue is surely to come before the court again, it could very well decide the other way. If one of the justices retires we may see the day when what we say is subject to restriction or prior restraint by the government.

Tuesday, President George Bush called for a constitutional amendment that would prohibit

Greg Perry

Commentator



desecration of the flag. Bush said it was important to protect the free-speech guarantees of protest, but he didn't want to extend that to the flag.

How nice. A president sworn to uphold and defend the Constitution wants to go against his oath of office and say protest is OK just as long as you don't use the flag as a form of your protest of our government. Good for getting votes, President Bush, but not a bit logical. His opinion is a real, living example of the emotional side of the issue.

Historically, amending the Constitution is difficult. Under Article V, a proposed amendment originating in Congress must be approved by two-thirds votes in both houses. It then must be approved by 38 of the 50 state legislatures. Or two-thirds of the state legislatures may call for a constitutional convention, and if approved, the amendment has to be ratified by three-fourths of the states.

In the 213 years our country has existed, only 26 amendments have been ratified, the first 10 at one time.

Putting our resentment for the decision aside, we Americans must see the logical side of the flag burning issue, swallow our pride, and accept it. Our Constitution is based on logic, not emotion. Had it been conceived by emotion, our rights and freedoms would be considerably few and far between.

It's a pretty neat fact that people who do not believe in our system of government are protected by the same Constitution that enables the system to exist. Try finding that anywhere else in the world. Students, much like you and me, have died fighting for that freedom in China.

Let's be thankful we don't have to fight.

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Getting into 'Herd country' going to be tougher

By Chris Rice
Managing Editor

If the admissions standards created by the Board of Regents for 1990 were applied to this fall's freshman class, more than 350 of the students already admitted for the fall would not be eligible for classes, the director of admissions said.

"We would exclude 10 percent of the students who are coming this year if we had the new requirements in effect right now," Dr. James Harless said.

This fall a C average in high school or a composite score of 14 on the ACT is the only requirement for admission.

Beginning with the fall of 1990, all West Virginia four-year public colleges and universities will require four years of English; three years of social studies; two years of mathematics, Algebra I and higher; and two years of laboratory science, biology, chemistry, physics or any other course with a strong laboratory science orientation.

According to James Wyatt, principal of Huntington East High School, all of these requirements, with the exception of one higher level math class and one higher level science class, are require-

New admissions standards scheduled to go into effect in fall 1990 would mean 10 percent of students coming this year would not be eligible to enroll at Marshall if those standards had been followed now, says MU's admissions director.

ments for a high school diploma.

Huntington East High School is Marshall's "major feeder high school" according to the ACT Class Profile of 1988-89 freshmen.

"It is an intermediate step," Dr. Robert S. Gerke, chairman of the Department of English, said. "I would expect that a couple years down the road the next step would be put into place with the effect of not only making Marshall have a stricter admissions policy, but also with the effect of bet-

tering education on the high school level."

The requirements for a C average and a composite score of 14 on the ACT will remain intact.

Harless said the ACT data indicates that students who have a 2.7 grade point average and a 17 on the ACT will be able to produce a C average upon entering Marshall.

The ACT Class Profile of the 1988-89 freshmen class shows that 37 percent of the students who listed Marshall as one of their college choices scored a composite 15 or lower on the test.

"We're not getting a watered down clientel, it's the same student body probably we've had for five or 10 years," Harless said.

Gerke said, "It's probably a good idea as long as there are elements in place to catch the people who possibly through no fault of their own didn't make those minimum requirements."

Harless said there are proposals being considered right now that would put those elements in the Community College.

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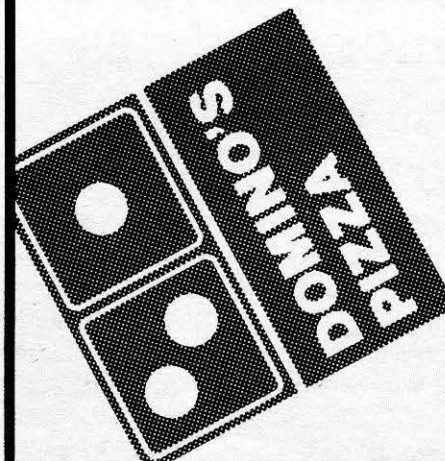
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Hendershot wants more say in fee process

By Kim Sheets
Reporter

Student Body President Tracy L. Hendershot wants more student say in regulating student fees and has named a committee to look into the possibility.

Fee changes now are recommended by the Committee to Study Student Fees, composed of administrators, faculty and students, with students and faculty members having an equal number of votes. Administrators are non-voting members. Its actions are recommendations to President Dale F. Nitzschke.

Hendershot, Parkersburg sophomore, has established a committee to evalu-

ate the "legitimacy, objectivity and effectiveness" of the student fee allocation process. The committee will report to Hendershot in early August.

Mark McGraw, Charleston senior and Student Government business manager, is chairman of the Student Fee Review Committee named by Hendershot.

"Step one," according to McGraw, "is we need to make sure that fees are allocated to the best benefit of the students.... We're not necessarily looking to replace the committee."

The first phase of the evaluation, according to McGraw, is to talk to Herbert J. Karlet, associate vice president for finance and ex-officio member of the fees committee, and other mem-

bers of the CSSF to discuss how well the CSSF has done, and to determine the feasibility of restructuring the student fee allocation process.

"I can't stress enough the importance of their feedback," McGraw said about committee members.

Dr. Ralph E. Oberly, chairman of the CSSF and professor of physics, said he wasn't aware of the SGA committee or its evaluation of the CSSF. He stated he thinks the CSSF was productive and, for the most part, its recommendations have been followed.

Hendershot said many schools in the states surrounding West Virginia have student fee committees under the sole control of the students. He said SGA has requested constitutions from

Ohio University and Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa.

Hendershot said he hopes the review committee will restructure the student fees allocation process so that as a student government, therefore the students, will have more control over it.

"That way we're not going to be surprised by last minute notices of \$125 fee increases.

"That's something that, if we could do, I would feel would be one of the largest most productive changes student government ever made. Because then you have real power, you have real credibility all of a sudden. We would be regulating student fees, and that's where it should be," Hendershot said.

SGA leaders say constitution needs reworking

By Kim Sheets
Reporter

Student Government Association will be convening the first of two constitutional conventions over Fourth of July weekend, according to Senate Pro-Tempore Bill Deal.

The upcoming sessions Friday and Saturday and in August will be working on proposed amendments to the SGA Constitution to place before the student body in November.

Deal and Tracy L. Hendershot, SGA

president and Parkersburg sophomore, said the present constitution has some inherent problems.

"There are a lot of grammatical errors," Deal said. "There are a lot of things that leave you sort of clueless about what should be done." One thing the constitution is vague about is when to call executive meetings, according to Deal.

The part of the constitution dealing

with the budget would be revised to simplify the process Senate committees have to go through to access money, and to empower the SGA's business manager to enforce the budget, Hendershot said.

"It's no doubt that every senator will tell you and every member of student government will tell you, that the constitution we have right now is no vehicle for real progress," Hendershot said.

"It allows us too much bureaucracy with not enough results. What we're doing is that we're trying to rewrite the constitution."

The second constitutional convention, slated for Aug. 4-5, will concern itself with revising the bylaws of the Senate, and devising and instituting bylaws for the executive branch, according to Deal.

Plans to write bylaws for the judicial branch are uncertain at this time.

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Med school officials pleased with preliminary evaluation results

By Steven J. Keith
Reporter

Although no official results will be released until the fall, officials at the School of Medicine said they are pleased with the school's spring evaluation and said they expect a good report in the fall.

The medical school was evaluated March 20-23 by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, a joint committee of the Association of American

Medical Colleges and the American Medical Association. The evaluation is part of a three-year cycle to determine if the school should receive accreditation for the next three years.

Assistant Dean Karen L. Bledsoe said the school has received a preliminary report, but said she couldn't release any information the report contained. "I still believe, just as I did in the spring, that we were prepared for the evaluation and I think things went

well," Bledsoe said.

In the committee's last evaluation in 1986, evaluators pointed out deficiencies in the Health Science Library and an inadequate ambulatory care unit. The library ranked 137 out of 137 studied that year.

But Edward M. Dzierzak, the library's director, said he expects things to go much smoother this time. "We haven't received any official notification yet, but we were told that they are fairly

happy with the way the library is supplying information to students and staff."

The 1986 evaluators also suggested improvements in faculty recruitment, increased specialties in all departments and increased faculty-funded research.

Bledsoe said after an official report is received, it must be reviewed by medical school officials before the results are made public. "I would estimate the official results will be released in September."

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Lab accident worst in 20 years -- chairman

A Marshall chemistry student injured Friday in a laboratory explosion is listed in good condition at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, a hospital spokesperson said.

Troy Francisco, Charleston junior, suffered second-degree burns on his left arm and hand, as well as less severe burns on his right hand and face when a flask in which he was mixing flammable chemicals exploded.

John W. Larson, chairman of the Department of Chemistry, said this was the worst accident he had seen in his 20 years here Marshall.

Although there is some risk in any experiment of this nature, Larson said he did not consider it dangerous. "Any research work like that is considered hazardous," he said. "Hazardous, but not dangerous."

Friday's explosion did very little damage to the laboratory facilities, Larson said, with the breakage primarily limited to glass.

The accident will cause little or no alterations to department policy, he said.

Verdict

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said.

According to testimony, the vehicle in which Beaman was riding, a Ford Tempo, fled to the Guyandotte Boat Ramp with Smith and his passenger, Timothy Brown, pursuing it.

After arriving at the ramp, Beaman and Smith engaged in a fight while, the other occupants of each car, Lunsford and Brown, also fought.

After a brief fight, Beaman and Lunsford fled the scene.

Brown realized that Smith had been stabbed and drove him to St. Mary's Hospital where he died five days later of a knife wound to the heart.

In testimony Monday, Brown said that when he recovered from the fight, he saw Smith lying on the ground with a knife wound to the heart.

Lunsford and Beaman testified that Smith was still standing with Brown and threw a knife at their car when they left at the conclusion of the fight.



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Oh, Pete! What a mess!

Accusations continue to fly at Reds' skipper

Okay. Enough is definitely enough. What hasn't Pete Rose done?

Let's just presume for a minute that every accusation concerning him thus far has been true.

Now with that condition, the Reds manager has bet on sports addictively, including baseball and his own Cincinnati Reds, through both bookies and middlemen. He has also asked to get involved in a drug ring for a shot at some tax-free cash, even offering to store cocaine at his home, proposed to injure a bookie's kid in order to collect a debt, consistently slept around town on his wife, conspired to hide winnings from a Pik-Six ticket from a racetrack and offered to throw a game if he has enough bet on it.

Quite a list. And it's sure to grow. It probably won't be long before some over-eager witnesses tell us he has sold American military secrets to more than 20 nations, including the Soviet Union and Cuba, killed Jimmy Hoffa, conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald, been involved with Watergate, bribed fans to vote him into virtually every single All-Star game and videotaped several sexual encounters for Rob Lowe.

Also, Shirley MacClaine supposedly will step forward soon to tell us Pete was John Wilkes Booth in his past life.

My exaggerations may sound completely ludicrous, but the way things are going it may actually happen.

I'm not actually trying to defend Rose. The evidence of his gambling seems to be overwhelming, but he's not guilty yet, so he deserves a fair shake. That's what Judge Norbert Nadel decided last Sunday when he blocked the hearing with Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti scheduled for that following Monday. And he's right.

Jim Keyser

Sports Editor



And as if the gambling accusations and inevitable meeting with Giamatti weren't enough, now baseball's all-time hit leader has these other charges to deal with. Charges made by, and this is important, people that have nothing to lose and obviously enjoy this limelight they have been thrust into by trying to bring down one of the best to ever suit up for a baseball game.

So, if we go back to presuming Rose is guilty of all these things, then there is no doubt he should be banned from the game. Or is there? Well, that is a whole different story and an entire different column.

The issue at hand now is getting some type of conclusion to this mess. Otherwise witnesses whose credibility almost anyone would question will keep coming up with new things Pete did and the ordeal will drag into next year.

If that is Pete's intention, to drag this thing out as far as he can, then he should think twice. It won't help him if the outcome is unfavorable. In fact, it will probably result in both a harsher penalty and worse public reaction.

At the same time, the guy is fighting for his life, each day waiting to see how far he has dropped on the American idol list. He has to battle to the end, but he should realize, as should the people on the baseball side, that a prolonged court battle is not the answer.

The answer, though naive in its nature, is honesty. Rose, Giamatti and the witnesses and investigators all have to be honest. It may be simple to resolve this if that is the case.

Huckabay to direct basketball camp

Former Marshall basketball coach Rick Huckabay may be down a little, but he's not out quite yet in the Huntington area.

Huckabay, who resigned his position in April amidst internal investigations of the basketball program, will be conducting a basketball camp at the B.C. McGinnis Boys Club in Huntington for two weeks in July.

The first camp session will be from July 5-8 for players ages 5-10. Those sessions will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day and will cost \$60.

The second session will be for play-

ers ages 11-up from July 10-14 and will cost \$125. Those sessions will also begin at 9 a.m. each day but will run until 3 p.m.

Registration deadlines are July 2 for the first session and July 9 for the second.

Former Marshall star Rodney Holden, one of the Herd's all-time leading rebounders, will be the guest speaker at the camps.

More information on the camps can be obtained at the Boys Club or by calling 523-5120.

NBA draft provides big boost for Bulls, Clippers

Ferry or Elliot, Elliot or Ferry. The big question before the NBA draft was which future superstar, Danny Ferry or Sean Elliot, the Sacramento Kings would take with the first pick.

The Kings' response was a bold neither, throwing a curve into the proceedings and taking a chance on Pervis Ellison.

As a result, the L.A. Clippers grabbed Ferry second and Elliot, who Michael Jordan says is the only other player he would pay to see, dropped to third and the San Antonio Spurs.

Meanwhile, a lot more people may be paying to see Jordan and his Chicago Bulls after the way they helped themselves in Tuesday's draft.

The Bulls had the sixth, 18th and 20th overall picks and promptly grabbed Stacey King, B.J. Armstrong and Jeff Sanders to easily give them the most successful draft.

King, the smooth-shooting 6-foot-11 center out of Oklahoma, will give the Bulls a great post-up player with an outstanding turnaround jumper, which means more free space for Jordan.

And Armstrong will be the point guard who can stick the jumper and run the offense, allowing Jordan to move to off guard and continually school defenders with his latest array of moves.

If Sanders, a 6-9 forward out of Georgia Southern, produces at all it will make the Bulls even more of a threat to NBA champion Detroit in the Central Division next year.

Getting back to Ellison, certainly the smooth, 6-9 shot blocker out of Louisville should have been a top five selection, but the Kings need everything in the way of position players, so the far more versatile Elliot should have been taken.

Instead, the Spurs got Elliot with the third pick, which is really a steal. Remember, Jordan was also a third pick, and he's only the best player in the world, so go figure.

Toss Elliot in with David Robinson, who is eligible this year, and newcomer Terry Cummings and the Spurs should have a very solid front line for a few years.

In Ferry, the Clippers once again acquire a player that seems to be a certain superstar. One would think he can only help a squad with young talent like Danny Manning, Reggie Williams, Ken Norman and Joe Wolf, but you just never know with L.A.'s other team.

Commentary

By Jim Keyser

The fourth pick was Glen Rice, the man who led Michigan to the NCAA title in April. People laugh when I tell them this, but I would have taken Rice second after Elliot. Therefore, the hapless Miami Heat have a great pick in my book by getting the best scorer in the draft here.

Rounding out the top five was the first underclassman taken, J.R. Reid, by the Charlotte Hornets. My boy out of North Carolina (they just keep churning out the great players) should give the Hornets some much-needed inside punch with his bulky 6-9 frame.

The next five players taken were: King, by Chicago; George McCloud, by Indiana; Randy White, by Dallas; Tom Hammonds, by Washington; and Pooh Richardson, by expansion team Minnesota. The other expansion club, Orlando, took underclassman Nick Anderson with the 11th pick.

A few awards

The Melvin Turpin award: (tie) to the Indiana Pacers and Minnesota Timberwolves for making the worst first-round picks. The Pacers took Florida St. guard George McCloud, a streak shooter whose defense is suspect. The Timberwolves took Pooh Richardson, a good passer that unfortunately tends to play with no control. Not a good first-ever pick for an expansion team.

The Oh-boy-What-a-surprise-award: to the Boston Celtics, who took a 6-foot-10, dorky white guy with their first pick. Actually, BYU's Michael Smith could go in the Turpin category also, but please, one award per pick.

The Michael Adams-Mugsy Bogues-Spud Webb award: to the Phoenix Suns, for drafting 5-7 Greg Grant out of Trenton State.

The Yakov Smirnov what-a-country award: (tie) to the L.A. Lakers for taking Yugoslavia's Vlade Divac and to the Celtics for taking Yugoslavia's Dino Radja.

The God-we're-just-plain-stupid award: (tie) to the Milwaukee Bucks for taking Vanderbilt's Frank Kornet and to the Washington Bullets for taking Tennessee's Doug Roth. Neither of these bozos could play pro ball in Lichtenstein.

IMPRESSIONS

Tiawanese traveling troupe to perform traditional art

By Dreama Buck

Reporter

The Chinese Golden Acrobats and Magicians, a 23-member troupe from Taipei, Taiwan, will perform tonight at 7 p.m. in the Ritter Park Amphitheater.

The Marshall Artists Series and the Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District are sponsoring the show, which is based on an Oriental traditional art style dating from 200 B.C.

The performance will include balancing feats, exhibitions of Kung-Fu, magic, comedy and acrobatics. It will feature "the Pagoda of Chairs," "Dancing Plates and Fans" and "Human Pyramids."

Colorful costumes, music and "breath-taking timing" are intrinsic to the beauty of the show, which the performers have spent years of training and discipline to perfect, according to sponsors.

"We wanted to select a good, family-oriented show that plays well in an outdoor setting," Celeste Winters Nunley, director of the Artists Series, said. "This show is both."

Refreshments will be available at the Amphitheater, but patrons may bring their own picnic supplies, lawn chairs and blankets, the sponsors said.

The rain site is the Huntington High School auditorium.



Two of the performers bend an iron rod their way in one segment of the show which will be performed tonight.

Blockbuster Batman, slow moving, lacking suspense

By Kim Taylor

Reporter

Move over Superman- Batman has winged his way into the hearts of America.

Or at least into the hearts of the people who contributed to the movie's record-breaking 42.7 million dollar opening weekend.

The film, marking the 50th anniversary of the caped crusader, is definitely not a failure but viewers will find it isn't the spectacular, phenomenal comic strip-turned-movie which has been so highly publicized.

Although Tim Burton's movie is extremely original and imaginative, the film moves slowly, dragging from scene to scene, with uninvited predictability. If there is a crime, have no fear, the so-called Dark Knight is always on hand which sadly omits the element of suspense needed in the film.

Micheal Keaton stars as the winged do-gooder who by day is the wealthy and somewhat shy Bruce Wayne, a man who has lived a life of anguish after witnessing the murder of his

parents as a young boy. Wayne finds escape from his grief by donning the Batman attire and serving Gotham City justice by apprehending criminals of the night (just a bit of "bat" trivia- Batman is the only comic book superhero who possesses no superhuman traits but relies solely on ingenuity, athleticism and courage to battle evil).

Though Keaton was a controversial choice for the Batman character, he plays the role well considering the minimal script the movie gives the hero. Keaton did not have the chance to show off his acting skills as compared to the film's leading man.

Jack Nicholson steals the show as the vibrant, colorful and pleasingly evil villain. A more appropriate title for the movie would be "The Joker" for Nicholson undoubtedly is the crowd pleaser. The crazed Joker is a former gangster whose face is forever distorted into an ominous grin after being thrown into a vat of acid.

The script by Sam Hamm and Warren Skaaren thus spins together the beginnings and the various encounters of the two longtime comic book rivals.

Despite the prevalence of the two

men in the movie, Kim Basinger gives a refreshingly impressive performance as the news photographer, Vicki Vale. Vale falls for Bruce Wayne but has also caught the eye of the demanding Joker and she exists as yet another conflict between the two enemies.

One should also applaud the mastery and skill of production designer Anton Furst, who creates a powerful, art deco urban city, and the musical score by Prince which brings life to various parts of the movie.

The film definitely leaves the possibility of a sequel with the introduction of many different villains such as The Riddler or The Penguin and also the elaboration of the characters of Batman and Vale.

Whether a person sees the movie or not, it will be virtually impossible for anyone to escape the widespread "batmania" the movie has started, ranging from Batman T-shirts and posters to Batman and Joker tennis shoes by Converse.

"Batman" is now showing at the Camelot Theater downtown and the General Cinema at the Huntington Mall.

Handmade paper art, graphic print highlights of LaFon exhibition

Have some time to spare? How about stopping by the Birke Art Gallery in Smith Hall?

Just opened is an exhibition of work by Charlotte LaFon, a candidate for the M.A. Degree in Art at Marshall University. On display is a variety of handmade paper art and graphic print making, LaFon's specialty. Marbleized paper, collages, and inkless embossing are also among the types of artwork.

LaFon of South Point, Ohio, received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in art education from Marshall. For four years she has been a traveling elementary art teacher with Cabell County schools, and has taught children's art classes through the Art Opportunity and MU Children's College classes.

The exhibit is open free to the public, daily, through July 14 from 10 a.m. to 4p.m.