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Trustees name new chancellor

From the Associated Press

James Rowley, president of the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, Wednesday was named interim chancellor of the new University of West Virginia system.

At the same time, the Board of Trustees approved what President David Hardesty described as an interim statement of how members will govern the university schools. The document includes the job description for the chancellor.

The Board, meeting for its second time, also approved a document outlining its authority and philosophy.

The document also contains a provision that requires the chancellor to develop the board's agenda after consulting with the presidents and councils representing faculty, staff and students.

Trustee Vice President Michael Perry said he was concerned that developing the board agenda would be to cumbersome.

The board agreed that presidents would be consulted when appropriate.

Huddle up men



Photo by Todd Burns

Freshmen players listen Wednesday to Coach George Chaump at their first practice at Fairfield Stadium.

12 testing positive for drugs low nationally – trainer

By Greg Leaming
Reporter

During the 1988-89 school year, 12 Marshall University athletes tested positive for drug use, underscoring the success of Marshall's drug testing program, Head Athletic Trainer Dan Martin said.

All athletes, managers, student trainers and cheerleaders are tested for alcohol and drug use at least four times during the school year. Faculty and staff are not tested. The urine tests are conducted at the beginning of the school year, during the month of January and randomly during the rest of the year. The substances being tested for are

alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, opiates, barbiturates, amphetamines, tranquilizers and LSD.

Of the 12 athletes who tested positive, eight tested positive for marijuana, three for alcohol and one for the use of a tranquilizer.

Martin claims these 12 cases represent 1.5 percent of the 800 students tested, "which is far below the national average of 8 to 10 percent."

Athletes refusing to submit to testing are automatically suspended from their team.

A initial positive test result does not constitute suspension. In cases involving alcohol or marijuana, the first-time offender is referred for counseling af-

ter the head coach and athletic director are notified.

A second offense involves "multiple counseling sessions, as many as one each week," Martin said.

"Testing is increased to once a week and the student's parents are notified," he added.

A third positive test result brings mandatory testing for the "rest of the athlete's Marshall career, and counseling will expand dramatically."

Removal from the team is the consequence of a fourth positive test result.

Martin is concerned that the use of LSD is coming back into vogue. One of the most popular recreational drugs of the late sixties and early seventies,

LSD is described by Martin as "an incredibly dangerous drug."

"We are seeing the trends of the sixties coming back. LSD is on the rise. Part of that is because it is really cheap to make," Martin explained.

Martin also noted LSD clears the human body within 24 hours, making it a drug of choice for those wishing to evade a positive reading on a urinalysis screening. Cocaine and amphetamines are also expelled quickly.

Martin is worried about LSD use even though no athlete has been detected using it.

"It's just what you hear and what you're aware of," Martin said.

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Freshman and transfer players hit the field Wednesday to prepare for the season.

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Ron Howard's new film 'Parenthood' gives a realistic look of rearing children.

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BEYOND MU

Columbia to deploy secret military satellite

From the Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Columbia, NASA's oldest shuttle returned to space for the first time in 3 1/2 years earlier this week, rocketing into orbit with five military astronauts on a secret mission to send a spy satellite aloft.

The 125-ton winged spaceship blazed away from its seaside launch pad at 8:37 a.m. Tuesday after a blacked-out countdown and darted northeastward.

"We're tracking it right down the middle of the pike," the flight guidance officer said about four minutes into the flight.

Nearly nine minutes after liftoff, NASA announced that Columbia was in orbit more than 100 miles above the Earth, streaking along at more than 17,400 mph.

"We had a completely clean and smooth ascent. There are no problems whatsoever to report," said launch commentator Brian Welch.

The space agency then imposed a news blackout. Apart from brief periodic status reports during the five-day mission, silence will be broken only if there is a major problem, NASA said. Crew conversation will not be broad-

cast.

The satellite reportedly can focus on the Soviet Union and world hot spots such as the Middle East.

The exact launch time was not made public until nine minutes before liftoff, when the Pentagon lifted the blackout. Earlier, officials had said only that the launch would take place between 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Liftoff was delayed about 40 minutes to allow fog to burn off.

The mission is the fifth shuttle flight since launches resumed last September after a 2 1/2-year hiatus prompted by the Challenger

disaster.

Columbia, which flew the first shuttle mission in 1981, spent the past few years as a "hanger queen," stripped of parts to keep the two other remaining shuttles flying. It underwent 258 safety modifications after a failed rocket joint caused the Challenger explosion in 1986 that killed all seven crew members.

The ship's return to space will give NASA a fleet of three orbiters to handle a heavier flight schedule. Three more flights are planned this year and nine in 1990.

The commander is Air Force Col.

Brewster Shaw, a veteran of two previous missions. The other crew members are Navy Cmdr. Richard Richards, Army Lt. Col. James Adamson, Air Force Maj. Mark Brown and Navy Cmdr. David Leestma, who flew once previously on a shuttle.

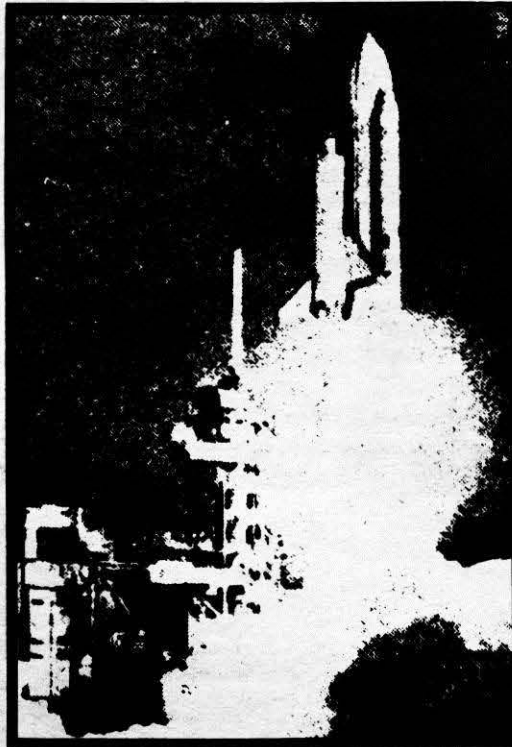
Although details are classified, sources close to the program said the astronauts will deploy a 10-ton satellite to gather intelligence over a wide area of the globe, including much of the Soviet Union, China, and the Mideast.

The satellite is designed to take highly detailed photographs of troop movements, military installations and other targets of interest.

The sources said that in the shuttle's cargo bay was a package of scientific instruments for military research, possibly for the "Star Wars" missile defense project.

The flight is the eighth for Columbia, the oldest of the shuttles, but its first since it flew the last mission before the Jan. 28, 1986, Challenger explosion.

After the accident, NASA concentrated on modifying the newer orbiters, Discovery and Atlantis, using parts from Columbia. Discovery and Atlantis. Each has made two trips into space since post-Challenger flights resumed.



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OPINION

Editorials

Old Main blues

Like retail workers at Christmas, the oft petty paper pushers who think they run this institution forget that their job is to help the customer.

In retail the store usually has a complaints department. At Marshall complaints are a waste of breath.

Many students have come to expect and accept the abrasive treatment they receive in Old Main. And why not? Will it ever change?

Tempers always flair in the stale August air that fills the semi-lit halls of Marshall's most prolific building.

When registration is going full-throttle, Old Main is like a house built of dead wood and crammed full of gas-covered rags and dynamite. Anyone who has eaten a Mexican lunch and blows on it wrong could set it off.

Finding fault for the incidents is futile. No one on either side of any of the many arguments can be completely blamed. But it is awfully convenient to blame students for every spat, and then take it out on every student who happens by.

That was last year's excuse. If students thought Old Main office workers needed a crash course in public relations before, this year will be a very trying experience.

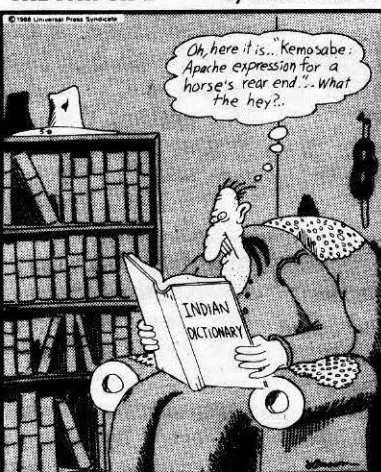
It will be like Satan himself has gotten a job in Old Main and chosen the moniker Banner. He will drive the supposed service workers beyond their expected and acceptable levels of impatience and intolerance.

But the new computer system will be a far too convenient excuse for a problem that has existed for years.

It's about time for someone to tell Old Main employees to (in the immortal words of coaches since there have been coaches) suck it up, and accept the fact that you have to deal with the public. No matter how unpleasant it may be, it's your job.

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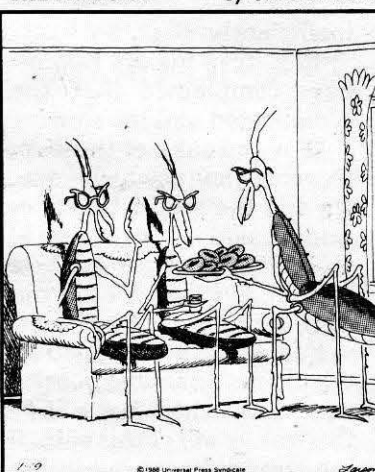
By GARY LARSON



The Lone Ranger, long since retired, makes an unpleasant discovery.

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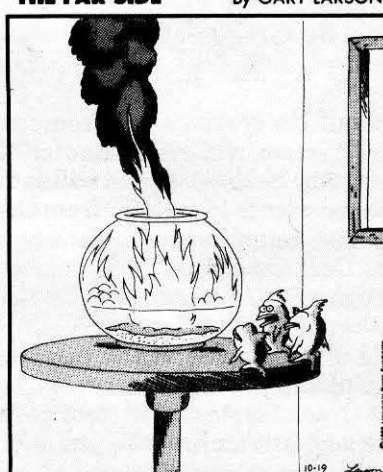
By GARY LARSON



"Oh, good heavens, no, Gladys — not for me. ... I ate my young just an hour ago."

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Well, thank God we all made it out in time. ... 'Course, now we're equally screwed."

Becoming comfortable #1 goal

After the long and tedious search for a semi-normal human being to go out on a date with, you find your target. And now begins the procedure of getting to know someone.

First comes the initial date. This is always an earth-shattering experience. You have spoken to this person often and feel comfortable while in his company. Yet for some reason the thought of several hours of one-on-one leaves the mind worrying about all the things that could possibly go wrong.

You should stay away from ordering messy foods if you are on a dinner date. A dressing-covered piece of lettuce falling in your lap, or pasta that no matter how much you cut it always is left hanging out of your mouth, can only agitate an already high-stress situation.

However, if you can survive the initial experience it does get better. You begin to slowly move toward the comfortable stage. This is when burping in front of your partner could be considered acceptable behavior — a deadly no-no on the initial experience. A woman may even dare to pose without makeup, and a man can get away with taking off his shoes after a hard day and filling the air with an odor that even makes the cat go outside.

Now comes the serious stage, a time when each person meets the other's parents. There

Commentary

By Cindy Shank

are many ways of rearing children and everyone thinks his way is best. This mere fact can be a dormant bomb that never will rear its ugly head until this point. If you're lucky and you were raised in the same atmosphere, your mission is simple and it's a time to become familiar with your partner's childhood.

Another problem that may arise is the pet clash. This occurs when the people concerned own pets that are enemies by nature. With good intentions they try to introduce these two beloved pets to one another in the hopes they will become friends, yet it's never as easy as they would hope it to be. Kitty-cats and large dogs in a small apartment together can be closely compared to a world war.

After you finally become comfortable together and you have surpassed the parent and pet dilemmas, you're on your way to a peaceful existence.

That is until the issue of marriage is brought up. But that's a whole other story.

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Banner

System termed on cutting edge; displeasure st

By Greg Leaming
Reporter

Marshall University's new computer software system will revolutionize the entire enrollment process and will someday allow students to register from their home telephones if the predictions of Dr. William Deel come true.

Although such advances may be years away, the director of Campus Technology said if the "people in the trenches" are patient and willing to learn, the new Banner-Oracle system will reduce paperwork and streamline the university bureaucracy.

"Someday a student won't even have to come to campus to register. They will be able to punch it in on their touch-tone telephone," Deel predicted.

The new system which uses Banner and Oracle software packages, was purchased by the West Virginia Board of Regents in 1988 for all of the colleges and universities in the state. Produced by SCT, Inc. of Malvern, Pa., the system was originally designed for small colleges. Newly implemented at Marshall, Banner has drawn fire for operating

inefficiently.

Registrar Robert Eddins and others have complained that the system is complicated and too slow.

"For the sake of those 'people in the trenches,' one of which I am...I hope that we and the student body can survive," Eddins said.

"Every day is getting better with the system, but that doesn't mean we don't have a long way to go," he added.

Eddins acknowledges registration by telephone is possible but that it involves purchases which are not "practical for this university at this point in time." The registrar believes instituting telephone registration would be costly and require the hiring of many new employees and the re-training of others.

"Did Dr. Deel indicate the fantastic amount of money that is being spent to upgrade hardware? If you look out in the office, you will notice a computer terminal at every desk. Prior to Banner, there was only one terminal in that entire office. How much do terminals cost, and where is the money coming from? I'm not the only office that has to buy new terminals. Change is not cheap. West Virginia

is dead broke," Eddins said.

Although Deel is aware of displeasure among clerks and secretaries who use the system daily, he maintains "this system is on the cutting edge of technology."

"Banner is known for its universality. It will run on anything - on an IBM mainframe, a micro, anywhere. It is the wave of the future. We were going down the tubes under our old system," Deel said.

Deel said the problem causing the computers to operate too slowly has been corrected by Banner programmers who will eventually program all of the "bugs" and "gotchas" out of the system. He claims it is being re-designed for institutions the size of Marshall and greater.

"Banner's product was designed for smaller institutions. That was their market. They said they would build a system that would work in larger institutions, and they met the specifications of the state of West Virginia," Deel said.

"Today Banner is running on the mainframe in Morgantown for several colleges. There are other institutions who chose to run it on their own machine. We

are one of those," he added.

Deel said the decision to purchase Banner was made by himself and his counterparts from the other schools in West Virginia.

"We have had our fill of systems that are locked-in to one machine, one operating system and one crew of people," Deel said, explaining that the Banner system is a response to what he views as a complicated enrollment process.

"You can register in a minute, but it takes the Bursar's Office a week to catch up with you. The Housing Office doesn't know anything about you, and Financial Aid has no interface at all. So when you go to pay your fees, they don't even know you if you are registered. There is no integration. We have got to solve this problem," Deel said.

Discontent with the new system is caused by human resistance to change, Deel said.

"A clerk may have worked with a ledger sheet and a legal pad for 20 years, and now the sheet and pad are gone. That is really dramatic for some people. They have a real problem with it," Deel said.

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resistant to change because they are content with the present system and are not interested in interfacing with other offices on campus, Deel claimed.

Registrar Robert Eddins responded by denying that his office is resistant to change.

"The registrar's office is not an island, nor ever has been. The registrar is in the 20th century and we have not been opposed to bringing the rest of the student services in the university into the computer age," Eddins said.

Eddins maintains that he is not opposed to the new system.

Deel described Marshall as being at the threshold of a new era where bureaucracy can be held at bay.

"If we don't get away from rows of desks and stacks of paper, we will have so much money tied up in people who do nothing except move paper from one desk to another. The world is moving toward rapid data processing," Deel said.

Deel said people will eventually get used to the system. "It is like giving birth to a baby. The Bible says 'the pain of childbirth is soon forgotten,'" Deel said.

By Tina M. Alford
Reporter

Marshall's new student information system, Banner, is expected to cause delays in regular registration early next week.

Friday is the deadline for the payment of fees for students who have pre-registered for the fall term. Those students who fail to pay their fees by 4:30 p.m. Friday will have their registration canceled.

Normally, registration would continue Monday morning. However, university officials said registration will be closed Monday and Tuesday to allow the new Banner system to process the canceled registrations.

According to Registrar Robert Eddins, registration will continue Wednesday in the multi-purpose room in the Memorial Student Center. Eddins is moving registration to the student center at the request of Student Body President Tracy

L. Hendershot to allow for better crowd control and an air conditioned atmosphere.

Eddins also said he expect a 1 to 2 percent increase in enrollment over last year.

In addition, Dr. Nell C. Bailey, vice president of student affairs, is developing a student panel to assist students during the normal confusion of the three weeks prior to the fall term.

"We're going to have students helping students," Bailey said. The assistants will not only aid students with registration, but they also will help students with financial aid and paying fees as well.

Bailey said her four or five "troubleshooters" will be well acquainted with the university, and she plans to have them located in the ombudsman's office.

She stresses that "we may not solve 100 percent of the problems the way the students want them solved," but they will do their best to approach a situation

in a practical manner.

"We will do our level best to help them solve whatever problems they encounter which may or may not be caused by the new system."

Dr. William S. Westbrook, professor of sociology, said the Banner system is not only yielding problems for students. As an adviser, he is encountering difficulty in retrieving closed class lists.

"Work that took five minutes with the old system takes 40 minutes with the new system," Westbrook said. "It obviously was not installed with faculty and advisers in mind. It makes the advising process so much more difficult."

Dr. Robert P. Alexander, dean of the College of Business, admits his staff has had some difficulty with the system. However, he compares learning Banner to getting used to a new automobile. "It takes a while to become accustomed to it."

"When it's up and operational, advising will be quite an improvement," Alexander said.

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Testing

From Page 1

Martin said marijuana can be detected as long as 4 to 6 weeks "in people who smoke on a regular basis."

He also noted that the occasional user is usually safe from registering positive because the marijuana clears their system in "a few days."

Athletic Director Lee Moon estimated the annual cost of the drug testing program to be about \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Despite the cost, Martin believes the program serves as a deterrent worthy of being applied to other areas on campus.

"It may be that during medical school you have got to prove that you are clean...and to get through medical school you might be tested several time," Martin suggested.

Athletic Department faculty and staff are not tested for the use of alcohol, marijuana and other drugs. However, Martin said he could "see an argument" for the testing of faculty.

"I know of schools that test all of their

faculty, coaches, trainers and administrators," Martin said.

Martin also stated several athletes have expressed concern that drug testing interferes with their individual liberty and constitutional rights. Some have voiced feeling uncomfortable with being observed as they urinate to give their specimen.

A male athlete who asked not to be identified voiced his objections to the program.

"I don't take drugs. I don't even drink very often. This drug screen stuff is like Big Brother or something. It's like something they probably do in Russia. I just don't like not being trusted," he said.

Martin says he empathizes with these feelings.

"It is a delicate balance between institutional and individual freedoms, but you don't have to be a scholarship athlete if you don't want to be," Martin said.

School board president wants education out of political arena

From the Associated Press

BECKLEY— The new president of the state Board of Education says he opposes a proposed constitutional amendment that would eliminate the board's constitutional protection and place it under the governor's control.

Virgil Cook says the amendment would allow future governors to interfere in the day-to-day running of county school systems.

"He would have that power," said Cook, recently elected president of the nine-member state board.

"When fully implemented, this amendment would place the state board of education under the governor's unencumbered control. We need to be protected from the political arena. Education should not be placed in the middle of political, partisan politics."

State residents will vote on the amendment and two others in a special Sept. 9 election.

Voters in 1958 approved an amendment making the education board a constitutionally protected agency. The accepted belief then, Cook said, was that education was politicized, much in that way the Department of High-

ways today is accused of political favoritism and patronage.

Cook, a former Raleigh County school board member, said his position to the amendment isn't a reflection on Gov. Gaston Capterton personally, but that he recommends that voters consider the future.

"What is at stake here goes far beyond this governor's administration," he said. "I wonder about the governors coming after him, when they've got the power."

While details are limited on how schools would be administered if placed under the governor's control, Cook said he believes the constitutional revision would enable a governor to order changes without the requirement of legislative approval, in nearly all facets, from the curriculum for fourth graders to the certification standards for teachers.

State board members serve staggered nine-year terms and are appointed by the governor to oversee policy and funding of the state's elementary and secondary schools. Working with a budget that now exceeds \$700 million annually, the board also selects its superintendent, the system's top administrator.

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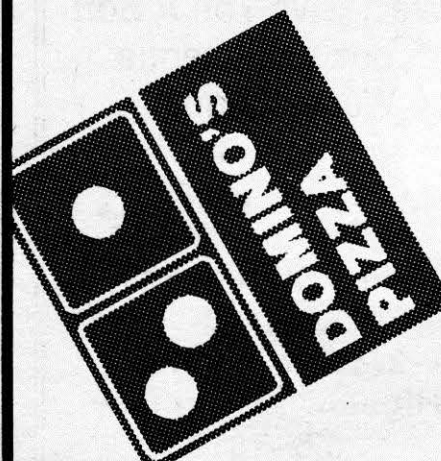
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SPORTS

Herd football practice under way at Fairfield

Freshmen, transfers begin two-a-days;
Returnees report Saturday, begin Monday

By Jim Keyser
Sports Editor

Marshall football coach George Chaump says the first day of fall practice with his freshmen and transfers gets better and better each year.

"Each year it gets better in both ability and numbers," the fourth-year coach said after the first fall morning session Wednesday. "I can see it getting stronger."

Wednesday the Herd had 51 walk-ons, scholarship freshmen, transfers and Proposition 48 victims on the turf at Fairfield Stadium.

Not surprisingly, the majority of the newcomers (30) wore green jerseys, signifying defense, which is where the Herd lost the most players last season.

Specifically, there were six defensive linemen, 16 linebackers and eight defensive backs. On offense, three quarterbacks, five running backs, seven offensive linemen, three receivers and one punter were in Marshall gray shorts and white jerseys.

"I'm pleased with the turnout and I'm real pleased with the kids," Chaump said. "We've got good speed, good size and good talent. Of course you never really know until you put on the pads, but I'm happy with what I saw. I'd say

this group is going to be heard from in a couple of years."

Chaump said one of the most important things for the new players is discipline.

"I think this group had good discipline today," he said. "Of course, we try to emphasize that. We want for everyone to develop discipline, and these guys have pretty good intelligence."

The two-a-day workouts for only the newcomers will continue through this week. Saturday, Chaump expects about 65 returnees to report, and the entire group will practice in shorts and jerseys through next Wednesday.

Aug. 17, will be the first practice in full pads, giving the Herd about 16 days before its Sept. 2 opener. Chaump said he really has no qualms about that schedule.

"It's about right," he said. "Really, you can never have enough time, but after a while it gets too monotonous."

Other than the two-a-days, at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., the newcomers are attending nightly meetings with discussions on plays and alignments.

"They have quite a full day," Chaump said. "We try to let 'em rest after the evening practice until about 9 or 10 p.m., then we have our meetings and get 'em to bed."



Photo by Todd Burns

Marshall newcomers jog around Fairfield Stadium laps prior to Wednesday's opening practice. The freshmen and transfer players will be practicing twice a day for the rest of this week.

Athletic department erases deficit, builds surplus; Moon, Nitzschke both want more funds in reserve

By Jim Keyser
Sports Editor

Just one year after Marshall's Athletic Department faced a \$183,000 budget deficit and a lot of pessimism on how to restore funds a \$230,000 contingency reserve has been surmounted.

In an annual financial report to President Dale F. Nitzschke Tuesday, Marshall athletic director Lee Moon disclosed that the Athletic Department finished the 1988-89 fiscal year with the \$230,000 surplus.

"Lee Moon, Keener Fry (business manager) and the other members of the Athletic Department staff have done an excellent job in reversing the department's financial situation," Nitzschke said. "At the same time we have been able to maintain a competitive program in intercollegiate athletics."

"I'm optimistic about the future of this important element of Marshall

University."

Yet despite the most optimistic and best financial report in years Nitzschke and Moon both said the reserve is only about one-third of the amount they would like to reach.

"Dr. Nitzschke and I have agreed that our goal over the next few years is to establish a reserve of \$750,000," Moon said. "This will enable the department to more effectively make its purchases and take advantage of discounts for advance purchasing of equipment and travel."

The deficit was erased and the surplus reached by a combination of things, according to Moon and Fry, including: more money received from both football and basketball ticket sales, an increase in athletic fees for students and closer monitoring and control of costs.

When Moon became Marshall's athletic director in March of 1988 he faced a potential shortfall of \$500,000 for 1987-88, but reduced it to the \$183,000

through cost-cutting measures, reorganization of the department's staff and the installment of a computer program to better monitor budget and ticket operations.

Moon said he commended the coaches and his staff for their commitment to the "no-frills" budget and their support of the effort to build an even bigger reserve.

"We are proud of our accomplishments during the past year," he said. "However, additional financial challenges face the department in the next fiscal year and future years. I'm confident we have a solid financial foundation which can provide the proper environment for continued growth and success of the Marshall athletic department."

One of the obstacles this year Moon said is the \$400,000 in expenditures due to salary and tuition increases.

He said the department must not let down in its efforts to continue to prosper.

Taft's trial Aug. 24; charges against Humphrey dropped

The problems continue to follow Marshall basketball star John Taft.

Taft, who is still ineligible for the upcoming basketball year despite repaying his debt of living free in a house, now must appear in court Aug. 24 to face charges of assault.

A Marshall student, Amy J. Rife, 21, claims in a written statement that Taft approached her outside Robby's, attempted to strangle her twice, struck her in the face and walked away as she fell to the ground.

Another MU student, Mary P. Sitter, 19, had filed charges against former Taft teammate John Humphrey for allegedly physically restraining her while Taft supposedly hit her friend, but those charges have been dropped.

Taft, last year's Southern Conference player of the year, lives in the same residence hall, Twin Towers East, as the two women.

Zitter had said that Humphrey bruised her arm while holding her during the alleged beating.

IMPRESSIONS

'Parenthood': a frustrating but funny film

PARENTHOOD — Starring Steve Martin, Tom Hulse, Martha Plimpton, Keanu Reeves, Jason Robards, Mary Steenburgen, Rick Moranis and Dianne Wiest. Directed by Ron Howard. Currently showing downtown exclusively at the Keith-Albee Theatre. Rated PG-13.

Don't go see the movie "Parenthood" just because the movie is billed as a comedy.

It's not a comedy.

Audiences will find themselves laughing, yes, but this movie's comedy is overshadowed by the seriousness of its subject matter. It's about the relationships between parents and children. It deals with the frustration of raising children who do not always meet their parents' expectations.

Jason Robards is the patriarch of a family that is dealt more than its share of troubles. Steve Martin, Tom Hulse, Dianne Wiest and Harley Kozak play his sons and daughters. While trying to cope with their own problems, they must deal with the frustrations of raising children.

The problems faced by this family are those with which audiences can relate. Viewers will see themselves in the characters of this movie. For some, this movie may be all-too realistic. Maybe that has to do with the ability of the cast members.

The acting is superb. Especially great are Steve Martin ("All of Me," "Three Amigos," "Roxanne") and Dianne Wiest ("Footloose," "The Lost Boys"). This is Martin's best role to date.

One of the more admirable things about this movie is that director Ron Howard was not afraid to include controversial material. This picture talks about things most families don't talk about (i.e. teen sex, dildos, masturba-



Gil Buckman, played by Steve Martin, attempts to balance his professional career and his devotion to his children in "Parenthood."

tion, interracial relationships, pornographic movies). And yet the plot of this movie does not revolve around sex. It's not in that genre.

"Parenthood's" one problem is its

length. After 123 minutes of film, most viewers will be more than glad the movie ends. Still, the movie, despite being a little longer than it should have, is worth seeing.

Neither rain, sleet, snow nor big fish stopped message

By Tina M. Alford

Reporter

Angie Vaughn wasn't trapped on a desert island. She wasn't cut off from civilization, and she certainly had other means of communication.

But when she put her message in a bottle simply out of curiosity, she wondered what the chances of anyone finding and responding to her letter would be.

Vaughn, 15, of South Point, put a letter in a bottle and tossed it into the Ohio River on April 24, 1988. Approximately a year and three months later, Jared Stegall, 19, of Portsmouth, found her letter and wrote back.

Stegall says he was behind his grandmother's house in South Point about 50 feet from the river bank when he saw a frog jumping near Vaughn's letter requesting a reply.

Such was the beginning of their correspondence.

Vaughn admitted the whole experience is similar to a blind date. She sent Stegall a January picture of herself, but she has never seen a photo of him. "I couldn't believe I found it," Stegall said. "I wondered if there was such a thing."

Vaughn and Stegall will meet for the first time today. Will he be the answer to her message in a bottle?

Library seeking paperback donors

By Jill Zegeer
Staff Writer

It's a trial run at increasing library use.

The media section of the library will house a donated paperback book collection this fall. The idea behind the collection is to give students and faculty more incentive to use the library, said Jane S. Vickers, library technician 111 in media and a member of the collection and development committee of the James E. Morrow Library.

"It's a strictly experimental way to increase use of the library," Vickers said. "If faculty or students come in for

a paperback or video they could take advantage of other areas of the library," Vickers said.

Vickers said she received good response about the project after sending out memos to department chairmen. Notices will be posted this fall asking patrons to donate paperbacks.

"The books won't be cataloged, so it won't be any extra work on cataloging," Vickers said. Minimal work will be created for circulation because patrons will sign out their own paperbacks in media, Vickers said.

The library budget has \$200 earmarked for buying paperbacks, although the collection will consist mostly of donations.

Bank on seeing familiar faces at traveling cartoon exhibition

Cartoons, a traveling exhibition from the permanent collection of the Huntington Museum of Art, will be on exhibit this month at the Guaranty National Bank in Huntington. The exhibition is on view as part of the commemoration of the bank's 50th anniversary.

Cartoons includes original drawings for comic strips created between 1928 and 1980. All are from Huntington Museum of Art's Michael Reynolds Collection of American Popular Culture. The works in Cartoons illustrate the variety of drawing styles and techniques employed by the noted cartoon

artists represented. Viewers will recognize many favorite characters including Little Orphan Annie, Mickey Mouse, Flash Gordon, Batman, Peanuts, Cobra, and Nancy.

The traveling exhibition program, ArtReach, was begun by the museum in 1981 and offers varying exhibition sites such as libraries, cultural centers, and many others, setting an opportunity to display works from the museum collections. These ArtReach exhibitions have been on view throughout the states of West Virginia and Kentucky and have been shown at selected sites in Ohio.