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There's no place like home

Altman to head back to Kansas State

By Chris Dickerson
Athletic Correspondent

"I didn't even have time to hang any pictures on the wall."

That's what basketball coach Dana Altman said Monday when he announced he had accepted the men's basketball coaching job at Kansas State.

The pictures weren't up, but team photos from his three years as an assistant at Kansas State were sitting in the corner of

his office. The official announcement from KSU will come at a 9:30 a.m. press conference today.

"I have accepted the job at Kansas State," he said.

Altman came to Marshall last April after coach Rick Huckabay left in the middle of the NCAA violations controversy.

Altman, a former assistant at Kansas State in Manhattan, was Southern Conference Co-Coach of the Year after leading the Herd to a second-place finish in the league.

Marshall was picked to finish no higher than third in pre-season polls.

Kansas State's former coach Lon Kruger Sunday became the University of Florida's coach replacing interim coach Don DeVoe.

Altman said the job at KSU is one close to his heart because he grew up 100 miles from Manhattan in Wilber, Neb. "I'm excited," he said. "Kansas State has a great tradition."

Kansas State is in the Big Eight Conference, which fielded three teams ranked

number one in Associated Press polls at different times during this season. The Wildcats finished fourth in the conference behind those three teams (Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas) and made the NCAA Tournament.

"It's a bigger conference and a bigger school," Altman said. "I wasn't out looking for a job, but when Kansas State called, it was a little different."

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Moon surprised, angry about coach's choice

By Chris Dickerson
Athletic Correspondent

Surprise and anger describe Athletic Director Lee Moon's reaction to Dana Altman's decision to leave Marshall after one year to assume the head coaching job at Kansas State.

"It did surprise me," Moon said. "It really surprised me that Lon Kruger went to Florida." Kruger was the coach at Kansas State until he took the University of Florida job Sunday.

He said his job is to try to keep some continuity in the program. "I need to make sure I take care of the players here now," Moon said.



Moon

Moon said he will talk to President Dale F. Nitzschke to discuss the hiring procedure, adding that letter of intent signing day on April 11 makes the search for a new coach even more important.

"We can't give up a recruiting year," Moon said. "We've got a schedule for next year and for the year after that and the guys here now are going to be the ones who have to play it."

Moon said he understands Altman's reasons for taking the Kansas State job, but said loyalty has been betrayed.

"Loyalty is a two-way street and, obviously, it didn't run both ways this time," Moon said. "I think there has to be loyalty."

Moon said he didn't think the recent sanctions placed upon Marshall prompted Altman's decision. "It's a Big Eight school," Moon said of Kansas State. "It has a great tradition."

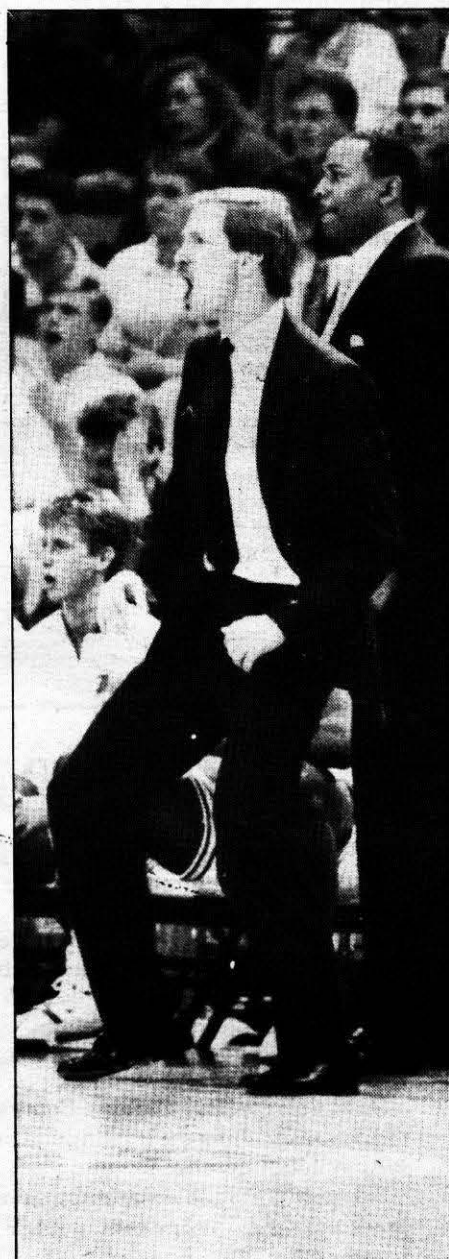


Photo by Chris Hancock

In his one year stint with the Thundering Herd Coach Dana Altman won Co-coach of the year honors and led the team to a second-place Southern Conference finish. Altman is going back to Kansas State where he was an assistant coach for three years.

Team members upset; some players may leave

By Clark Haptonstall
Reporter

Earlier in the year when Marshall was penalized for NCAA violations, senior basketball team members were given an opportunity to transfer to another school without having to sit out a year.

All five of the seniors decided they would play out their eligibility at Marshall despite the restrictions. However, some of the seniors along with underclassmen are now thinking of leaving because of coach Dana Altman's decision to leave for Kansas State.

"It was hard to switch from Coach Huck to Coach Altman in the last two years. Now, I'm going to have to switch to a new style," Andre Cunningham said.

In a closed meeting with his players, Altman told his players he had accepted the head basketball coaching position at Kansas State. Many of the players reportedly cried.

"He was a players coach and was easy to relate to," graduate assistant coach Brian Fish said about Altman.

"The players are the ones that keep getting screwed," Scott Williams said. "The freshmen come in to play for one coach and now have to play for another."

Cunningham said he saw the move coming. "Even with us in practice, he would talk about Kansas State. I felt he would leave when he got the opportunity."

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Six students questioned in Alpha case

Incident called joke; punishment to come

By Kevin D. Melrose
Reporter

Marshall officials have learned the names of six students who posted anti-homosexual signs throughout campus last week.

Posters advertising "Queerbash '90" were posted in and around Twin Towers East and Laidley Hall Tuesday about midnight by members of an organization calling itself Alpha Society.

Posters for Lambda Society, a student support group for homosexuals, were torn down and replaced by fliers advertising "a new support group for homophobes, red-blooded Americans, practicing heterosexuals, red-necks and all other homosexual haters." The group invited students to join its year-long crusade to "maliciously harass" homosexuals.

Representatives from Marshall University Police Department and the Office of Judicial Affairs met with the students Monday after one person involved disclosed the names of the others, Officer J.E. Terry of MUPD said in a report.

Terry said a witness provided MUPD with the name of one of the student and, after officers spoke with him, the student gave MUPD the names of the other five.

Terry, Capt. Eugene F. Crawford of MUPD and Linda Templeton, coordinator of judicial affairs, spoke with the suspects Monday.

The students told officials there is no Alpha Society, and they made the posters as a joke, Terry's report stated.

The six said they made the sign on a personal computer and then photocopied the posters on a machine where they worked, according to the report.

The report stated that the individuals involved will be sanctioned by the Office of Residence Life.

Lost in priority shuffle

Commons takes backseat to other projects

By Dana Tomes
Reporter

After four years of feasibility studies and design changes, the Marshall Commons Project has been moved to the back burner of university and city priorities, officials said.

"It is still something we are interested in," according to Provost, Alan B. Gould. Part of the reason for the lack of interest in the project is several other projects presently in the construction stage.

Dr. Edward K. Grose, vice president of administration at Marshall, said the project has been dormant for the past few years.

"It is the financing that is holding people back," Grose said.

The project, which was originally planned to mix housing, offices and retail shops, was proposed by Mims, Graves and Turner Developers of Lexington, Ky., in 1986.

At that time Marshall and city officials had been considering the project for several months.

As originally designed by the Kentucky firm, the Commons would have been a \$17 million private-public project constructed in the 1800 and 1900 blocks of Third Avenue facing the Marshall campus.

In 1987, the city of Huntington agreed to construct an adjoining \$3.5 million parking garage to complement the development, but Mayor Bobby Nelson said that would only happen if the city could generate the finances needed for the project.

In 1986 Nelson said the city of Huntington was committed to helping develop the project.

The Commons project was slated for construction in late 1988 but disagreements prompted a redesign effort by the developers.

In April 1988, a study done by an Atlanta, firm called the original plan "less than feasible for the time." Developers then began the process of redesigning the project on a smaller scale.

"We're still committed to the Commons project," said Craig Turner in 1988, a part-

ner in Mims, Graves and Turner Developers at the time.

Officials from the Lexington firm would neither confirm nor deny they were still interested in the project last week.

The redesigned version would trim the cost to approximately \$11 million and would not offer housing like the original plans. The new version was to only offer retail space and a few offices.

The original city parking garage to be placed along the 1900 block of Third Avenue facing the Twentieth Street Bank was to be a smaller integrated part of the project on the north side of the road in the redesigned plans.

The original garage was planned to be placed where Mycroft's, Papasita's Pizza World and Glaser Furniture are located.

As proposed by Mims, Graves and Turner Developers, the Commons was to house the community at large as well as Marshall students, Turner said.

Landauer Associates Inc. of Atlanta, reviewed the original concept and did not like the idea of housing the general public.

"They didn't like the idea of offering the apartments to the community at large which is what we wanted to do," Turner said.

This and other decisions prompted the redesign.

The Commons project first became a reachable idea in 1985 when Marshall and city officials agreed the project would serve as a complement to the football stadium which was proposed at the time.

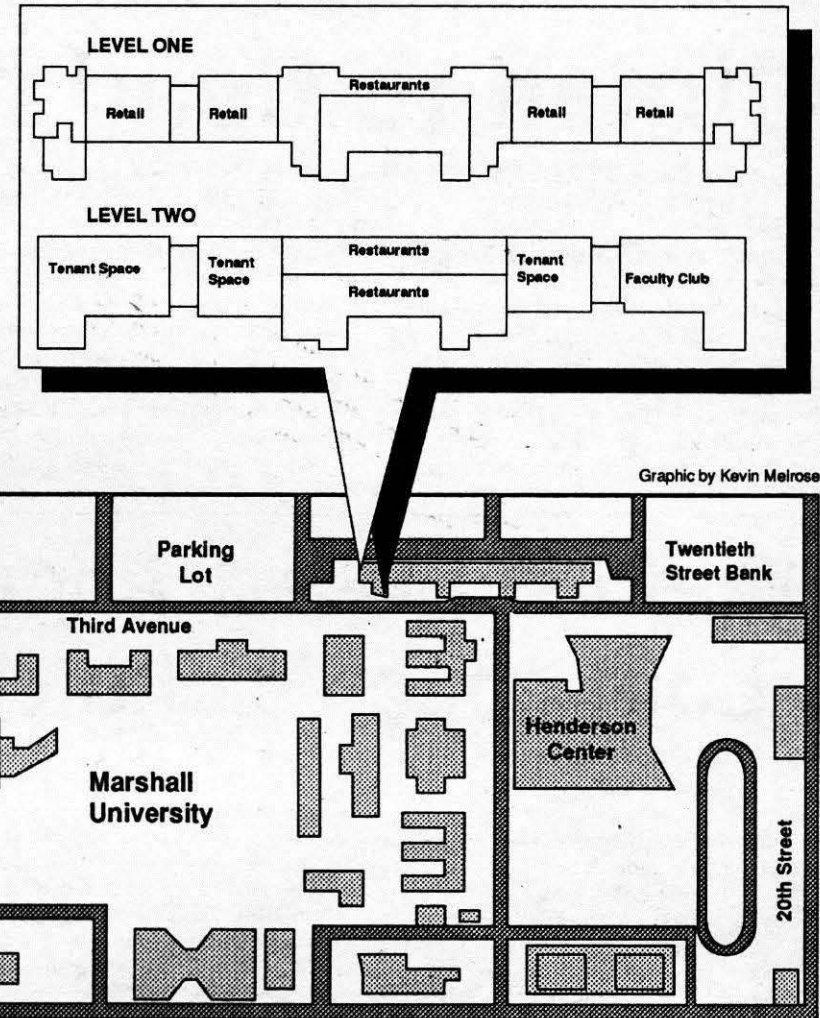
The stadium site has been cleared for construction on its originally planned site east of 20th Street between Third Avenue and 4 1/2 Alley.

The Commons project was to hold office space, restaurants and retail shops on the first floor as well as restaurants and apartments on the second.

Although not a top priority, Marshall officials say the Commons project is still being considered.

"It is something we would like to develop but it doesn't seem possible right now," Grose said.

Interest but no action



After going through four years of design changes and feasibility studies, the original Marshall Commons plans, designed by Mims, Graves and Turner Developers, has been placed near the bottom of Marshall's list of priorities. The original plans, shown above, included housing for students and non-students, as well as restaurants and retail stores. Blueprints have been revised.

Stadium bidding to begin May 10

Construction could begin mid to late May VP says

By Dana Tomes
Reporter

Construction bids for the Marshall football stadium will be opened May 10, Edward K. Gross, vice president of administration, said.

"The bidding can start the morning of May 10 and the most attractive bid will be accepted for construction," Grose said.

The entire project is expected to cost more than \$30 million. The construction part of the project will be approximately \$19 to \$20 million.

Grose said if everything flows smoothly, contractors should begin construction in mid to late May.

Because of the size of the project Grose said a construction firm from out of state would most likely be contracted for the job.

"There isn't more than one or two companies in the state capable of a project that big," Grose said.

The project was started in early 1989 when the university purchased 107 parcels of property on the

site which spans from 20th Street to Danco property near the C & O Railroad at 22nd Street and from Third Avenue to 4 1/2 Alley.

The structures, many of which contained asbestos fibers, were later demolished and transported to dump sites in Proctorville, Ohio, and Catlettsburg, Ky.

W & W Contractors of Louisa, Ky., was hired to clear the site in early December.

Officials from the Lawrence County firm are still on the site finishing the leveling and undermining of area streets, Grose said.

"They still need to smooth things over and plant grass and dig up the bricks in 21st and 22nd streets," Grose said.

After a contractor receives the construction contract, Grose said the company must purchase liability insurance.

"It usually takes two or three weeks to get started after a company is awarded the contract," Grose said.

The football stadium is to be ready by the first home game of the 1991 season. Grose said the stadium would need to be completely finished by early September to meet the university's contract.

Science Building changes may be made by fall of '91

There is a "50-50 chance" the Science Building renovations will be completed in fall 1991, the vice president for administration said.

Dr. Edward K. Grose, told the Faculty Senate last week this deadline could be met barring major problems with the contractor or the union.

Grose said there are five contractors, three of which are local, interested in bidding April 10.

One reason for delay is the architectural company, Abramovitz, Kingsland and Schiff, and the engineering company, Ammann and Whitney are both based in New York.

The engineers have run into problems trying to match and fit existing electrical and mechanical structures in the Science Building.

Dr. Gary D. Anderson, associate professor of chemistry, questioned why the new football stadium was proposed, money was allocated quickly, and the Science Building construction has been delayed for several years.

Grose said the decision was out of the hands of anyone at Marshall.

"That was a political decision, pure and simple," he said.

More than \$20 million originally was allocated for the entire project, but \$8.8 million is left for this phase.

Opinion

Editorial

Altman's move betrays loyalty of fans, players

The senior basketball players who decided to stick with Marshall, despite NCAA restrictions on the program, should feel betrayed by first-year head coach Dana Altman.

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Altman has decided to leave the program and become head coach at Kansas State, where he was as an assistant before coming to Marshall. All of the senior players unselfishly decided to play their final year for a team that is prohibited from going to any post-season tournaments next year. Many of these players, such as two-time Southern Conference Player of the Year John Taft, could have transferred to other schools and earned a chance at some exposure in big-time college basketball. Instead, they stuck by Marshall, probably at the urging of Altman.

What reward do they get for their loyalty? They now will have to play under a new coach and learn a new system for the second straight year — that is if they decide to stick with their decision to stay. Who could blame them if they transfer?

Not only should the players feel betrayed, but so should the Marshall community. After the Huckabay debacle, it seemed as if fans could look forward to a new, young enthusiastic coach, who could build them a winning, honest program. And Altman seemed well on his way to doing so — he benched starters for skipping study halls and the team finished second in the Southern Conference.

We realize the Kansas State job is a lucrative one for Altman, but it's obvious Marshall was just a stepping stone for him, and, unfortunately, he has hurt some players and fans in his ascent.

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Harassing homosexuals immature

No one has right to play God

At the beginning of this semester, the Lambda Society, a support group for homosexuals, re-formed. Last week the Alpha Society, a support group for "homophobes, red-blooded Americans, practicing heterosexuals, rednecks, and all other homosexual haters" was formed. On Wednesday morning signs were placed on this campus that advertised the Alpha's "Queerbash '90." The signs stated that the organization's purpose is "to maliciously harass Marshall's homosexuals".

I had the chance to speak with some of the individuals who were posting signs and was informed by one person that the signs were merely a "practical joke." I informed him I did not find it the least bit funny.

The question that stays in my mind is why, suddenly, are people insulting, harassing and endangering the lives of other people because of an "alternative lifestyle" that has nothing to do with them. Why is it that so called "red-blooded Americans" have resorted to this sort of ignorant, immature behavior?

One could say that these people are just plain stupid and then stick his head back in the sand, but it goes further than that. These "rednecks" have reached the point where they believe that they have the right to play God. They believe that their way is the correct way (whatever way that is) and that they have the right to change — in any way they feel necessary — any person that they believe is not like them.

The problem lies in the fact that these scared heterosexuals do not realize that homosexuals are exactly like them. There are only two differences (1) heterosexuals and homosexuals practice sex differently and (2) homosexuals have reached the level of maturity where they realize that people are different and accept that.

In this society there are so many differences in people that only a sociologist can name them all. This society

Marcy Cain
STAFF WRITER

also creates and promotes an atmosphere, not of acceptance of other people and cultures, but intolerance and hate of people unlike the norm. One would think that at an institution of higher education there would be a platform for education about other people, but, alas, the intolerant factions would rather let their hate fester while in their sterilized plastic bubbles.

The Lambda Society meets weekly and places signs announcing those meetings each week. Last week's signs said "Fact: There are 5.13 billion people in the world. Fact: Of those, 513 million people are homosexual. (25 million in the USA)." Homosexuals are male and female, tall and short, young and old, of all nationalities and races, and are in all walks of life. That means each day every homophobic person comes in contact with a homosexual and doesn't even know it.

Homophobia is much like racism — it is a sickness that breeds from ignorance and is based on nothing other than the prejudices of the ignorant. When it comes down to it, everyone is the same — regardless of gender, race, color and sexual preference. Once people begin to let their prejudices go, much like their childhood security blankets, and allow themselves to accept others for who they are and not for who or what the labels say they are, it will be painfully obvious that the "homophobes, red-blooded Americans, practicing heterosexuals, rednecks, and all other homosexual haters" were and always will be wrong.

Readers' Voice

Students should check own spending practices

To the Editor:

Your March 21 lead story on student fees reveals that the student body should look to its own spending practices before it criticizes members of the faculty or administration. If 12,500 students (a very conservative number) pay activity fees of \$150 per semester, you have all contributed to a pool of \$3,750,000 per year that is supposedly being spent on things that you want. Ask yourselves whether or not you get \$3.75 million worth of good from the organizations and services that tap into this pool of money. Every time an organization asks for a single dime increase in its allotment, that organization is taking \$2,500 per year out of your collective pockets. If the organization asking for the dime provides needed services, the fee is justified. But if the organization serves the needs of the few at a cost to the many, you have just had your pockets picked. Perhaps the student body should review these spending practices to make

sure that value is being received for value given.

Times are tough for everyone, and nothing comes for free. The faculty and administration really are trying to keep expenses down so that you can receive a quality education at the lowest possible price. But there are limits to the cuts that can be made without damaging the quality of education or restricting its availability. One of the places where students can control the cost of education is in the structure of the activity fees. This is your money that is to be spent for your purposes. Make sure you are getting what you pay for.

On Page 9 of your March 22 edition, I enjoyed the placement of the articles on "Health and Nutrition" on the same page as ads for a bar and a pizza joint. Nice layout, folks!

Dallas Brozik, Ph.D.
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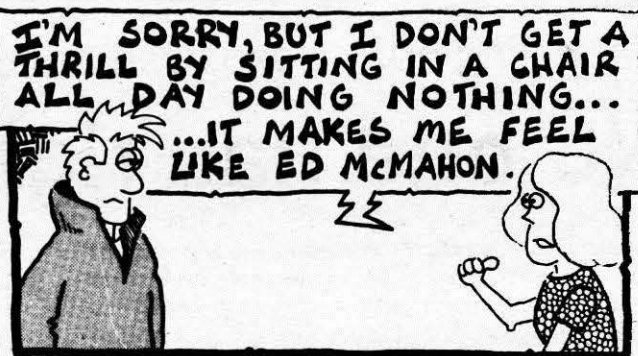
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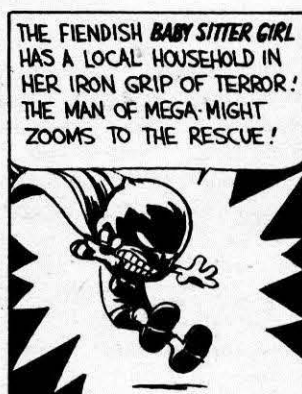
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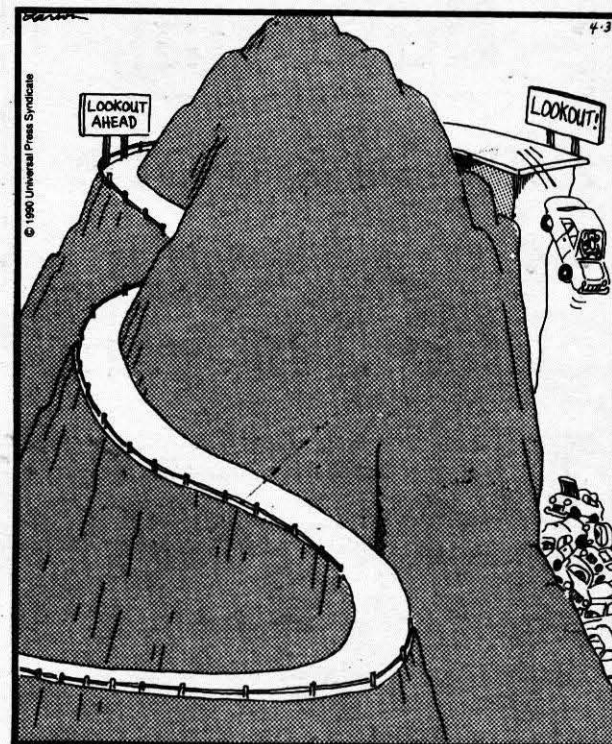
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SPJ chapter snags 21 awards at conference

By Penny L. Moss
Reporter

Marshall's chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists took top honors last weekend at the Region 4 Conference in Pittsburgh.

Twenty-one awards were given to members of the chapter, easily defeating closest competitor Kent State for the Sweepstakes Award, said Dr. George T. Arnold, professor of journalism and co-adviser of the chapter.

"This not only re-affirms the fact that we have good print and broadcast journalists at Marshall University, but it also is very good for the university as a whole," Arnold said.

Besides the awards assembly, the confer-

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Dr. George Arnold

ence had various workshops given by professional journalists. Subjects such as international journalism, libel, trends in jour-

nalism, ethics and sports writing were presented.

"The students enjoyed all of the awards, of course, but I think what they got out of it more than anything else was meeting students from other schools, going to workshops and hearing professionals," Arnold said.

Arnold also noted the size of the university.

"It's nice to know that a school Marshall's size, slightly more than 12,000, can not only compete favorably with Ohio State (60,000), Ohio University and University of Michigan (50,000), but to do even better than they do," Arnold said.

The chapter hopes the awards won at the conference will lead to a third consecutive year as best chapter in the region.

"Two years ago we won best chapter in the nation, so we're hoping it'll lead to that again," said Robert L. Fouch, President of the Society of Professional Journalists.

"This gives me confidence that we're doing something right. It's obvious that we're one of the best chapters in the nation and that we have a good program at Marshall," Fouch said.

Arnold said during the conference he, as well as faculty members Dr. Deryl R. Leaming, Dean, College of Liberal Arts, and Dr. Ralph J. Turner, professor of journalism and co-adviser of the chapter, were approached by professionals and people from other schools asking, "What are you doing down there? What makes Marshall so good?"

"We can't hear better things than that," Arnold said.

Jerry 'Crank's out a scholarship, \$500 award

By Penny L. Moss
Reporter

The winner of what a music faculty member called "the most prestigious award in the Department of Music" plans to use the \$500 award for summer school and travel expenses to a national music festival in May.

Jerry D. Crank, St. Albans junior and piano performance major, has been playing piano since he was five. He decided to enter Wednesday's Belle Lynam Jackson Scholarship competition to improve his performances.

"I am more concerned with my growth as a performer, not so much what the judges think. Fortunately, they were in my favor," he said.

"All of our students gave fine perform-

ances. Those who compete are the cream of the crop — musicians with motivation, talent and achievement," said Linda Eikum-Dobbs, assistant professor of music.

A stipulation of the scholarship competition is the winner must perform a full recital by June 30, but Crank has not set a date for it yet. He will present his junior recital April 6.

Crank also has won the Sherrie Turley Memorial Scholarship of \$250. It is given by the Delta Kappa chapter of Delta Omicron, a music fraternity on campus.

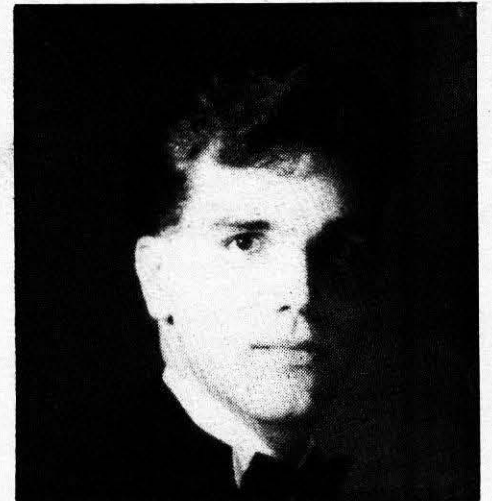
He and Marshall graduate student Karen Curran, soprano, recently were accepted to participate in the Festival of American Song at the University of Colorado at Boulder. They are the only representatives Marshall has sent to the national festival. They will participate in seminars, master classes,

coaching sessions and performing recitals while in Boulder May 27-June 2, Crank said.

A student of M. Leslie Petteys, assistant professor of music, Crank plans to attend graduate school after receiving his bachelor's degree, but he said he is unsure whether to go into performance specializing in accompanying and chamber music or piano pedagogy.

"Someday I'd like to teach college. You get to teach, but if you'd like to perform you have the opportunity because you're still in the performing community," he said.

A member of Delta Omicron, Crank is also pianist for Steele Memorial United Methodist Church in Barboursville and has performed for several Huntington area organizations, including the Women's Club and a French club, Alliance Francaises.



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Finals week makeup time for teachers

By Heather Smith
Reporter

Making up for lost time.

That is what many student teachers will be doing during finals week, according to a letter sent to principals, supervising teachers, university supervisors and student teachers by Dr. Jack Jervis, director of Clinical and Field Experience.

Because of the recent West Virginia teachers strike, many student teachers lost up to a full week of their required clinical experience. And according to Jarvis, that has caused problems.

He said one of the major ones has been scheduling make-up time for student teachers because different counties, and even different schools within the same county, were out for a different number of days.

Another problem is that some students will be graduating in May and must complete all requirements so it can be confirmed, Jervis said.

To make up for the free time they had during the strike, students assigned to schools in Logan, Mingo and Wayne counties will do make-up teaching through the week of final exams (Friday, May 4 to Friday, May 11).

Student teachers assigned to Cabell County schools didn't miss as many days as the other three counties mentioned, he said.

"For Cabell County we are extending the make-up time only for the two days that schools were shut down," he said.

The extension for these student teachers will be through Tuesday, May 8.

Jervis said in some cases the university supervisors for Cabell County have made other arrangements and already have completed the make-up time.

If this is the case, "your supervisor will inform you," he said.

Not much time for May grads

By Thomas Miller
Reporter

Those seniors intending on graduating in May that have not gone through the proper channels yet are running out of time.

Zana Crager, administrative aide, said, "The applications for graduation were due shortly after this semester started (January 26), but some exceptions are still being made."

"Those students who have not applied probably have one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel," said Robert Eddins, registrar.

Crager said seniors wanting to graduate should first see their academic dean, who will check their records to see if they are eligible for graduation, and then send a prospective graduate list to her office. Then

the students will fill out a card for their diplomas, which are ordered in June and mailed to the student in August.

"If they eventually get their stuff in they can still graduate. The deans bend over backwards for them, but if the student doesn't put forth the effort its their own fault. They need to work with their academic deans so they can help them graduate. We always have people added later that weren't on the prospective graduate list," Crager said.

Another problem that Crager pointed out was that of the diploma cards.

"Some wait until the last moment to fill them out and by that time we have nothing to go on. So the information, such as the correct spelling of the name they want on their diploma or the address to send it to, is not there. We have no other choice but to go

with what we know and sometimes that is not what the student wants," she said.

However, Eddins said there is a way to fix a name problem if the student's name was not the way they wanted it on the diploma. He suggests, though, that students go through the proper channels of filling out the card simply because it is easier and the alternative is rather expensive.

Eddins said the time is now to get this done and emphasized the urgency of the situation.

"It needs to be stressed just how important this is. If you haven't got your information in, get it in. This is serious stuff, and we are getting down to crunch time. Remember, this commencement is not for the students or the faculty, it is for the people who got you there," he said.

Graduation is Saturday, May 12.

Calendar

First Church of Christ will have a lecture on "Shouldn't Your Prayers Bring Healing?" April 9 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 736-7931.

The fraternity of Alpha Tau Omega is having its First Annual Spring Fitness Run April 21 at 10 a.m. at the Ritter Park Tennis Courts. For more information call John Snyder at 528-9893.

Start saving your glass containers and aluminum cans. Owens Illinois and BASF Guyandotte Corporation are co-sponsoring a Recycling Drive from now through April to help stop child abuse. Bring your recyclables to the Bottle Bank at 24th Street and 5th Avenue. A PAC-IT-IN Party (Prevent Abuse of Children) will take place from 1-4 p.m. on April 7 at the Bottle Bank. Entertainment and food will be available. All proceeds from the drive will go to the Cabell County Child Protection Team and their local abuse efforts. For more information call Tony Angelo at 886-7258 or Nancy Landrum at 523-9587.

Students Active for a Vital Earth (S.A.V.E.) will meet April 3 at 4:30 p.m. in MSC 2W22 for elections and planning for Earth Day. More information may be obtained by calling Terry Messinger at 523-3738.

Auditions for Big Green Marching Machine majorettes, feature twirlers and color guard (flag and rifle corps) will be Saturday, according to director Richard Lemke. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Henderson Center's main arena. More information may be obtained from Lemke's office at 696-2317.

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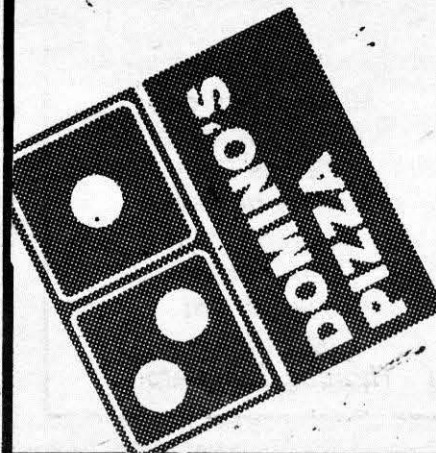
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Rugby team 3-1 after weekend tournament

By Tim Flaherty
Reporter

During its second year, Marshall's Rugby Club is making a name for itself.

It has joined the Ohio Rugby Union (ORU), which is governed by the United States Rugby Football Union. After finishing the fall semester last year 2-6, it had its first winning record last semester, winning seven of nine matches. The club is 3-1 after this weekend's April Fool's Tournament in Lynchburg, Va.

Marshall defeated Emory & Henry 28-0 and Longwood College 10-0 Saturday before losing to Mary Washington College in the semifinals.

"We've never been blown out," David Milo, club president said. "We beat Muskingham earlier this semester 17-0."

Marshall is in the College Division of the ORU and has played Hiram College, Ohio State University, Xavier University, West Virginia University, University of Cincinnati and Dennison College. The team tries to schedule at least five single games and one or two tournaments each semester.

Everyone on the team gets to play, unlike other sports

that make players sit out. "Teams usually bring their 'B' and 'C' teams along with their first team, so everyone gets to play during the matches," Milo said.

Another fact that sets the club apart from other teams is that the players run the club themselves and have to do most of the preparation for practices and schedule many of their own games.

"We spent two days picking up rocks in the intramural field before a match last year," Brian Shannon, team captain and coach, said.

Players said one of the best parts of playing rugby, aside from playing the game, is the post-game ritual. According to tradition, the host team must have a party for the visitors.

"We have a good time," Shannon said. "We drink beer, sing traditional songs and after a player scores his first goal, they have to do the traditional 'Zulu Warrior Dance,'" he said.

Because rugby is a club sport, the team is not associated with the Marshall Athletic Department and must pay for its own equipment and travel expenses.

"Right now we are trying to set up a fund to help us pay for our dues and equipment," Dr. Allen J. Wilkens, faculty

sponsor, said. "Our dues for the ORU are \$300 and we have to pay the refs after each game. Also, a good rugby ball costs about \$100," he said.

The team also is looking for a place to play its home games and has moved its practices off campus. The team did use the field in front of the Science Building, but since it is undergoing a beautification process, it has been unavailable this semester.

The team can't use the intramural field in front of Twin Towers because the university is trying to thicken the grass on the field.

"We are trying to work closer with the administration to use on-campus facilities in the near future," Shannon said. "Right now we are practicing at the A.D. Lewis Center Field off of Hal Greer Boulevard," he said.

The club has been asked by the ORU to sponsor a tournament sometime next year, but Milo said chances of that are slim. "We don't have the facilities to have a tournament," he said. "But we are looking into the possibilities," he said.

The next home game will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. against Ohio Northern University. A site for the game has not yet been determined.



Photo by Chris Hancock

Changing pace

Football players returned to practice last week for the first season under coach Jim Donnan. Senior Layne Vranka, a reserve quarterback for last season's team, does push-ups to help prepare for his new position as a linebacker.

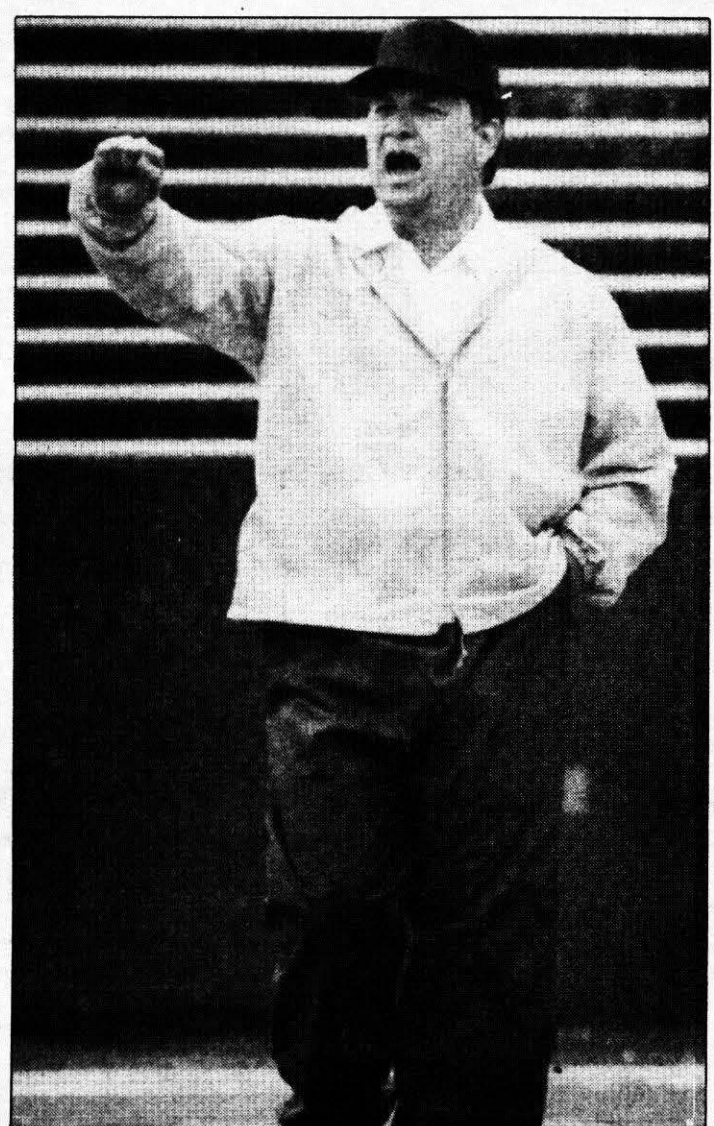


Photo by Chris Hancock

Taking control

New coach Jim Donnan is getting his first look at Marshall football players during spring practice. Donnan came to Marshall from Oklahoma University in January.

Hall-of-Famer Greer returns to MU for banquet

One of Marshall's former great athletes will be helping the school's Athletic Department.

Hal Greer, who played basketball for Marshall from 1955-58, will be the featured speaker at the 13th annual Ashland Big Green Scholarship Foundation Dinner April 23.

Greer, who was an All-American at Marshall, an All-Star in the National Basketball Association and is a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, is

the second prominent sports personality to be the featured speaker for the dinner. Last year, Carl Lee, the former Herd football player and two-time All-Pro defensive back for the Minnesota Viking was the speaker.

The dinner will be at the Ashland Petroleum headquarters in Russell, Ky. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased by calling the Marshall ticket office at 696-HERD.

Altman

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"I feel K-State is as good a job as Marshall and, in my case, a little better," he said.

Altman said he doesn't know who else was considered for the job, but said he feels lucky. "I feel fortunate just as I did a year ago (to come to Marshall)."

He said he leaves Marshall with regrets. "The administration here was great to work for and the players on the team are outstanding people," Altman said. "It's obviously a time for people to rally around the program."

"This is an outstanding basketball job," he said. "The program has outstanding support."

He said he thinks the Herd players should stay at Marshall. Five seniors on the team have the option to transfer after the NCAA sanctions against Marshall were announced last month. "I think those players made the decision to stay at Marshall," Altman said.

"I think they are here for a reason."

As for his assistant coaches, Altman said, "I'd hope they'd be considered for the opening here. If not, I would consider them for jobs at Kansas State."

He said the NCAA sanctions were not a determining factor in his decision.

Altman said he doesn't think leaving will hurt recruiting, even with signing day only eight days away.

Altman said it is important to hire a new coach quickly because letter of intent day is April 11.

The situation at Kansas State is like the Herd's in one way. "I'll need to get some players — more so than Marshall," he said. The Wildcats lost senior guard Steve Hen-son and four frontline players.

Altman said he was surprised Kruger left his job at KSU. "It's not going to be easy to try to replace him."

Team

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"The team is kind of mad. I know it is a better job for him but I thought he was committed to us," Cunningham said. "I thought he would be here longer but I wish him well."

Now that the seniors have the chance to transfer again, no decisions have been made.

"I'm 90 percent sure that I will stay. This is where I grew up and I am happy here," Cunningham said. "I would like to see who the new coach is before I make the final decision."

The search for a coach already has started. Advertisements for the position were posted in the Athletic Department shortly after

the press conference.

Some of the players have their own ideas about who they want as coach. Anthony Beagle said he hopes Dwight Freeman, assistant coach under Altman, gets the job. Cunningham said assistant coach Greg White would be the obvious choice. "He is from this area and he played here. He already has head coaching experience."

Whatever the case, Cunningham said he hopes Athletic Director Lee Moon lets the players help in the decision. "I feel bad for Lee Moon with all the heat that he took last year. I hope he asks for the opinions of the players when they hire the next coach."

Computer bulletin board on-line 24-hours for trial

By Julie Weikle
Staff Writer

Students may gain access to a university student computer bulletin board system during a seven-day trial period this week.

The test period, which runs through Sunday, will determine if there is enough interest to support it on a regular basis. The network is operated in conjunction with Mary-Ann Thomas, associate dean of student affairs.

The possibilities for the network are seemingly endless, according to Robert W. Painter, Beckley freshman and co-creator of the system. Daily menus, a calendar of events, special announcements, and specialized conferences dealing with such topics as debate and humor will be offered.

During the trial period, the system will be on-line 24 hours a day. The system may be accessed free to anyone with a computer and a modem. The on-campus number is 696-4349. Calls will be accepted at either 300 or 1200 baud (transmission speed of bits per second).

Painter said he was talking to Thomas about different uses for a computer system when the possibility for a university-wide network was mentioned. The proposal was then presented to several students to see if there would be interest in such a system, Painter said.

In Beckley, he helped implement and run a community network in cooperation with Beckley College.

"If the trial period is successful, and a permanent system is put into place, it will be the only one like it in the state for a university this size. WVU does not have a network like this yet," Painter said. "The computer network is a fairly new thing for a large school," he added.

A questionnaire will be provided on the system in order to determine the needs and wants of the university community. Using this data, the system will be adjusted accordingly, according to Painter.

If the trial period proves successful, Thomas will submit a grant proposal to the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation for funding.

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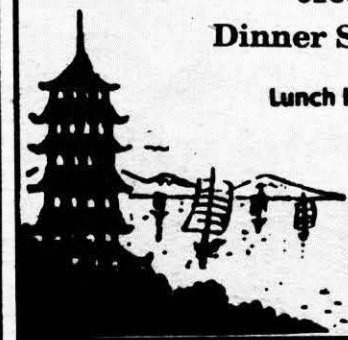
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