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SGA members upset about fee usage Give others pay raises, too, professor says

By Mary Calhoun
Reporter

College of Business students in the Student Government Association say they want more input in deciding how supplemental fees are distributed.

Some students have expressed concern over the \$100 in-state/\$200 out-of-state fee assessed on business students this year to be used toward achieving accreditation.

"I knew the fee would increase salaries, but I don't like the way it is distributed," Thomas E. Hayden, student body president, said. "People can sit on their butts in the College of Business and get fee money, but the people who really work with students should be getting the money. Graduate assistants spend more time with students than professors."

"It pisses me off that faculty members are distributing students' money, my money, without student input," Hayden said.

Sen. Robert E. Bollman, COB, said, "I was surprised at the charts (in The Parthenon Tuesday). I always heard that the faculty were underpaid. I expected them to be making \$35,000, but when I saw they were making \$50,000 and \$60,000, I was shocked."

"Some of those professors don't do much," Bollman said. "Some only teach six hours of classes and have five office hours. They are impossible to get in touch with. I think they

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Thomas E. Hayden

got one hell of a raise.

"We'd like to get our money appropriated where not all of it goes to salaries. Many other programs, like the computer labs, need money," he said. "The fee should be proportionally distributed."

Hayden said he told interim president Alan B. Gould that he was not happy with the distribution of the fee money. Hayden said Gould told him it was out of his hands.

"That really makes me mad," he said. "It's the student's money. The students should get the benefits from its use."

"I stuck my neck out for the faculty members. Some wanted to leave, some wanted to come, but wouldn't because of the money. Now they have the money, and all they've done this semester is bicker about it."

"The \$400,000 that was given to the College of Business through the special session of the Legislature will be split in half," Hayden said. "We will get \$200,000 now

and \$200,000 in June. When the faculty were asked what they wanted to use the money for, they said they wanted it to go to their base salaries."

"That makes me wonder if they are in this for the students or for themselves," he said.

Bollman said, "If other colleges on campus are upset and want salary increases for their faculty members, they can charge their students the fee."

"Because faculty are upset about this, Dr. Robert Alexander (dean of the COB) has to go in front of the Faculty Senate and defend the COB," Bollman said.

"We would like to encourage business students to show up and support him. The Faculty Senate meeting is Dec. 6 on the eighth floor of Smith Hall," he said.

Hayden said, "We want the students to be involved in the decisions made by the faculty about the fee money."

Bollman said, "We (four COB senators) talked with Dr. Alexander and got a list of six faculty committees. We've decided to send senators to the meetings of the Curriculum Committee, the Library Committee, the Research Committee, the Computer Utilization Committee, the Accreditation Committee, and the Salary Supplement Committee."

"We would like to be made voting members of these committees."

The chairman of the political science department says the special salary supplement to College of Business professors this semester has created a great inequity in faculty salaries throughout the university.

"I've been at Marshall 28 years and I think this is the greatest injustice to faculty," said Dr. Simon D. Perry said.

He said he is not opposed to the business faculty pay raises, but he termed it "really unfair to leave the rest of us so far behind."

The average salary for a full professor at Marshall is \$45,124 for nine months while some business professors are making more than \$60,000.

"The Board of Trustees and the State Legislature are going to have to provide more money to the rest of the faculty and be very careful in identifying market conditions," he said. "All departments and professors are not affected by market forces."

Dr. Ramchandra G. Akkihal, professor and director of graduate programs in economics, said, "I think all professors who are qualified deserve more money. I hope they get more. It's not them against us. It's all of us together."

He said he is concerned about how other faculty members feel about the pay raises in the College of Business.

Akkihal now receives \$64,700 for nine months, including a supplemental fee of \$14,690.

Dr. David R. Woodward, professor of history, said, "My reactions to the salary increase is that I don't blame business professors for accepting salary increases."

However, he said the differences in salaries between the academic colleges creates tension.

"I realize that universities are seeking accreditation and that they must follow accreditation standards," he said. "Other schools also are paying business professors more, but it does create an unfortunate situation."

A petition to be sent to Interim President Alan B. Gould is being circulated among faculty members.

The petition states, "Although we understand and accept the desire by Marshall University's College of Business to obtain national accreditation, we, the undersigned faculty of other colleges and schools in this same institution, feel that we have been discriminated against in the determination an assessment of fees, and in the disbursement of salary monies."

"Since Marshall's administration has deemed it appropriate to fund salaries in the College of Business according to regional and national averages, we insist on fair and equal treatment for the other faculty of this university. We consider it your duty and obligation to address this inequity in the interest of insuring quality and continuity for all academic programs on this campus."

•Artists Series fall finale•

Play about 'truest gift' to finish semester's events

The final Marshall Artists Series event of the fall semester is the Off-Broadway holiday production "The Gifts of the Magi."

The Lambs Theater, the original performers for five years, will present this Christmas tale which is set in 1905 in New York. The moral of the musical: the truest gifts come from within ourselves.

"The Gifts of the Magi" is a musical based on the classic O'Henry story. O'Henry is the pen name of William Sidney Porter, a celebrated turn-of-the-century writer who wrote much about the lives of ordinary people.

The performance begins Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Admission is free for students with a validated Marshall ID and activity card. Tickets are available at half-price for part-time students, faculty and staff. For the general public, tickets are \$6, \$8 and \$10.



Beyond MU

From Associated Press and College Information Network reports

Pentagon denies rumor of Persian Gulf caskets

By Keith Goldschmidt
College Information Network

Have you heard the one about the Pentagon putting in a rush order for 23,000 caskets — presumably to be shipped to the Persian Gulf? Or was it 40,000? Or 15,000? Uncle Sam says it ain't so.

"Those rumors are baloney," said Larry Wilson, spokesman for the Defense Logistics Agency, which would handle any such orders.

"We've heard it for about two weeks." So has Glenn Flood, a Pentagon spokesman. "It's just not true," he said. "Number one, we don't buy caskets."

The military, he said, uses metal containers to ship soldiers' bodies back home. No

order has been placed for more of them.

Maybe so, but the casket story has bounced from sea to shining sea with enough strength for it to be nominated as an "urban legend" — those stories that have no truth to them but end up on the lips of millions.

Even Chris Williams, spokesman for the Batesville Casket Co. in Batesville, Ind., has fielded questions from reporters.

His firm is the nation's largest casket maker, and he said he's received no special orders from the government.

"Anyway," he said, "we would not ship caskets to the Middle East."

While no one knows where rumors of this size begin, this one might be traced to an order for 10,000 more remains pouches, commonly called "body bags."

Lt. Col. Mary Andrews, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said the military usually has about 77,000 pouches in stock.

But two contracts broke down, leaving the military with a 10,000 shortfall. It is now accepting bids for the 10,000.

She said the military usually keeps 2,000 to 3,000 metal transfer cases.

Andrews added that all requests for extra pouches or transfer cases would be funneled through the Army.

Army officials say they have not alerted any suppliers to expect a large order.

Official explanation aside, the rumor about extra caskets or coffins has spread through networks such as The American Friends Service Committee, an anti-war group with chapters nationwide.

Word that 3M Co. was delivering a rush order of 55,000 body bags was traced to the activist group Milwaukee Jobs for Peace.

For the record, "3M doesn't make body bags," company spokesman John Cornwell said.

Another widespread rumor that 100 to 1,000 morticians were being rushed to the Middle East flashed through the ranks of the Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Bob Dodge, a Ventura, Calif., physician, said he got his original information — minus any documentation or evidence — after a friend he won't name heard that a unit of morticians had been deployed through Camp Pendleton.

A spokesman at the Marine Corps base said he knew of no such event.



Local/State

Ohioan acquitted in W.Va. slaying

Putnam County's prosecutor said a defendant charged with aiding in the murder of a sheriff's deputy gained no advantage when his trial was moved to Ohio County, but the defense attorney said the move helped his client win acquittal.

An Ohio County jury Wednesday cleared Robert Bates, 33, of Gallipolis, Ohio, of a first-degree murder charge of Putnam County Deputy John Janey in August 1989.

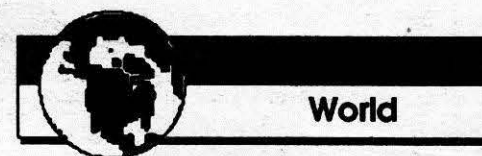


National

Military draft may be necessary

War in the Persian Gulf would be a "no-win" proposition, retired Admiral William Crowe, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Congress Wednesday.

Crowe agreed with committee members that economic and political sanctions should be given time to work before any military action is taken. He warned that troop deployment could not be sustained for long without reinstituting the draft.



World

U.N. authorizes military action

The Security Council, led by the United States, on Thursday authorized military action to liberate Kuwait if Iraq does not withdraw its troops and release all hostages by Jan. 15.

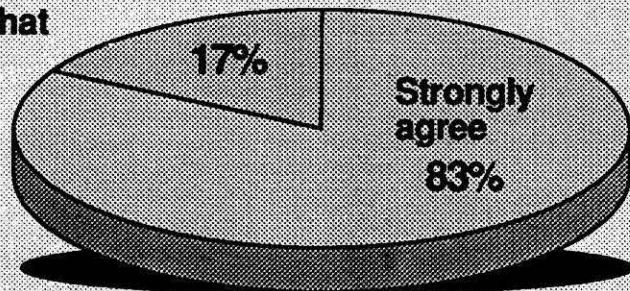
The vote was 12-2, with an abstention by China. Cuba and Yemen voted "no."

Adoption of the resolution marked only the second time in the 45-year history of the United Nations that the council authorized the use of force to counter aggression.

What new teachers say

I can really make a difference in the lives of my students.

Somewhat agree

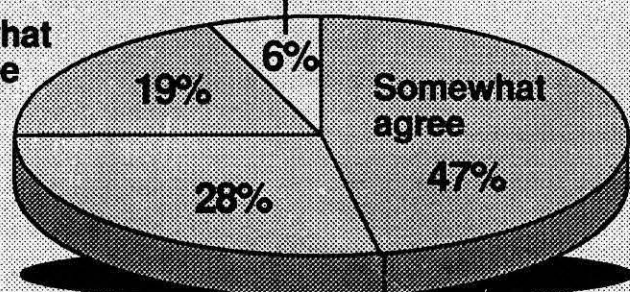


Many children come to school with so many problems that it's very difficult for them to be good students.

Strongly disagree

Somewhat disagree

Strongly agree



Source: The Metropolitan Life Survey of the American Teacher 1990, Louis Harris and Associates poll of 1,002 new teachers

Va. college require students to own computers

Lynchburg College is getting all wired. Its new Knowledge Initiative program, begun with this year's freshman class, requires Lynchburg's 1,600 undergrads to get a personal computer in the next three years.

"We're responding to student learning styles," says Lynchburg (Va.) Dean James Taer.

The MTV generation, "is accustomed to looking at a screen."

Other institutions nationwide make owning a computer compulsory for their students, "but they're generally oriented toward technical or career-related disciplines," Taer says.

"We're a liberal arts institution, so we'll use computers in every discipline."

Educational discounts can get students at Lynchburg a complete system for approximately \$2,000.

New television show to begin in December

The makers of Square One TV, the public television show that made math fun, will present a half-hour special on the best Square One music math videos.

Square One Video Jukebox will begin airing Dec. 11 (times and dates vary).

It will be hosted by MTV's Downtown Julie Brown and features eight videos performed by Bobby McFerrin, the Fat Boys, the Jets and others.

Square One, produced by Children's Television Workshop, uses a number of entertainment formats to sell kids on math, in-

cluding game shows and an on-going Drag-net-like detective series, Mathnet.

Brown sets the stage for the video special by telling viewers they'll be seeing 17 percent of the videos that have appeared on Square One TV.

Among videos airing will be McFerrin's "Wanna Be," which lets kids know that whatever their ambitions — whether as football player or airline pilot — "you gotta know math."

"In Perfect Squares," a Blues Brother-type duo sing and explain square numbers.

Higher education still affordable, reports find

A college education is still affordable, Secretary of Education Lauro F. Cavazos said Monday, as he released three new reports on escalating college costs.

But he urged campuses to control spending and chastised the media for focusing on

the most expensive schools.

While average tuition at private four-year colleges is now \$9,400 per student, it is only \$1,800 per year at public colleges and universities. Eight of every 10 students enroll in public colleges and universities.

Opinion

Editorial

Senate should withdraw change in 'W' proposal

Three out of four ain't bad. But number four is a real winner. In fact, it is an all or nothing proposition.

Four ideas regarding revision of the university's withdrawal policy were discussed during a Thursday meeting of the Academic Standards and Curricular Review committee.

Idea number four proposes that students may no longer withdraw from classes with a high drop rate and a large number of students waiting to get in, such as English 101, after midterm.

Instead, a student must either completely withdraw from the university, or remain in the class.

Students withdrawing from the university before finals will receive either "WP" or "WF," apparently for all classes for the semester.

The rationale for the proposal states the change "might reduce the number of withdrawals from classes."

So a case has been made for academic blackmail.

But perhaps there are some other factors to consider.

How many students have a grade in a class before midterm?

Often, there are only two exams in classes... midterm and final.

How many instructors are prepared give a student an accurate assesment of their class performance before midterm?

An earlier proposal states that faculty members would be responsible for ensuring students are informed of their grade to date by midterm.

Is it fair to ask a professor to alter years of teaching methods and habits to accomodate a withdrawal policy?

But it is just a proposal. It is still in the discussion stages.

And that's where it should stay.

Education should not be an all or nothing deal.

Disco's dead! Why not the '70s?

God save us all.

Don't worry, I'm not going to use this column to grouse about Marshall policy, abortion rights, or state, national or even international politics. Yet I'm warning all readers about something that is destined to viciously scar our American lifestyle time after time, unless we stop it.

George Santayana told us, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Yet the '70s are coming back to haunt even those of us who are old enough to remember them.

You can see it in the style of trendy entertainers. The two "Freedom Rock" guys are gone — replaced by a lounge lizard who urges viewers to buy their favorite "Me Generation" music and preserve the '70s.

Disco was dead. Now I'm afraid it's being revived by a K.C. & The Sunshine Band cult. Maybe we should have driven a vinyl stake through its heart.

The '60s nostalgia of the '80s was triggered by "The Big Chill;" I have no idea why bell bottoms and psychedelic designs are coming back into vogue. I'm afraid to speculate, but I will.

It may be a need for a change. During the past decade, I was forced to witness the slaughter of classic rock tunes as they were being used to sell everything from shoes to soap. Not even The Beatles were spared this indignity after Mr. One-Glove Big Shot bought the rights to all their songs.

I also had to endure television aimed at slaving yup-

D. Andrew McMorrow
IMPRESSIONS EDITOR

pies wishing to soak up the nostalgia of their own hypocritical existence. Oh, how I hated "The Big Chill" for that. (If a writer could make his voice quaver in print, mine would be quavering with disgust.)

Greed was good then, and for that reason the '80s were as bad as the '70s, although in a different way. I guess you could say the '80s were a '60s phenomenon, but with a '70s mind-set.

A return to the economic wasteland of the '70s seems inevitable, too. The ironic thing is that "Me Generation" music isn't going to offer advertisers much hope for selling. "Muskrat Love" and "Jackie Blue" just don't make people want to buy. However, YMCA and the U.S. Navy might get quite a bit of name recognition with the new "Best of the Village People" album hitting record store shelves.

The only thing I don't understand is that if George Santayana's quotation is true (and it has held up for many decades), where did the original '70s mindframe come from? It's fun to imagine Americans at the height of the Great Depression sitting around in their homes wearing polyester leisure suits and tuning into the Brady Bunch on behemoth floor model radios. But that's the only good thing I can imagine about that infamous decade.

Readers' Voice

Foundation more like Big Green; should've raised money for library

To the Editor:

A recent Herald-Dispatch attack on the governor's wife was a disgrace. She's on the Board of Trustees to oversee higher education, not to feed the already bloated ego of the Sports Empire across this state. I hope The Parthenon has a response to the Dispatch diatribe.

For example, if the Marshall Foundation (which seems to confuse its mission with that of the Big Green Club) were really concerned for the foundations of Marshall, it would have proposed to raise \$4 million in bond sales for the James E. Morrow Library, which is in desperate need. Then its source of revenue for paying off the bonds would have been acceptable. Instead, having allowed Imperial Sports to engorge \$30 million for a new stadium (while sticking the students with the \$75 million in interest over the next 25 years), the Foundation has gotten permission now from the Trustees (with the exception of the governor's wife) to sell bonds for \$4 million to build "weight rooms," "specialty rooms," "meeting rooms," "coaches offices," etc. in a new "facilities building."

The foundation will pay off the bonds by selling the best seats in the "students' stadium" to corporate interest

and by putting a \$2 surcharge on the public's tickets to the games. For a library, OK. Otherwise, awful.

Some day we should just saw off the university and float it down the river, and let them go on playing football in the hole where their brains should have been.

Elinore Taylor
associate professor of English

Healthy students should take stairs in lieu of elevators

To the Editor:

I broke both arms at once, and got a new look at campus, a "handicapped" look. I could wish for many improvements, but I want to bring just one to the attention of Marshall students: elevators.

For some students elevators are not conveniences, they are necessities. I could climb stairs, but I could not pull the doors open. The sad fact was while so many "healthy" students were standing waiting for the elevators in Harris Hall, I had quite a wait for someone to open a stairwell door. If you can use stairs in crowded buildings, please, use them. You'll be healthier yourself and will make life a little easier for someone who needs the elevator.

Mary G. Beheler
Ona senior

Former senator didn't vote in favor of smoking policy

To the Editor:

In response to the commentary by Jim Buresch, I did not vote in favor of the smoking policy. I do not know where he obtained this information. I was not a voting member of the committee which dealt with the policy.

In the same paragraph bearing my name, I was accused of being one who neglected student's rights and did not do my job as an elected official. In my defense, I passed several pieces of legislation during my term that benefited students in the College of Science, as well as everyone on campus. My work was supported by the Senate and applauded by the administration. I represented students fairly even if my personal views were against the views of my constituency.

Slander, lies and rumors undermined the entire Student Government Association this semester, anything were only getting worse when I decided not to run for reelection. Perhaps if people would only ask questions instead of pointing fingers, progress could be made. Perhaps if the positive were emphasized and misdeeds weren't dwelled upon, there could be major accomplishments. A for now, I feel I can make other contributions to the university outside of SGA, and I can only wish the senators good luck with the attitude of the members of SGA.

Kevin L. Willis
former COS senator

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Public forum set

'Town meeting' to focus on hall visitation policy

By Renee Casto
Reporter

There will be a "town meeting" to discuss residence halls visitation policy Monday at 7 p.m. on the ninth floor of Holderby Hall to increase student involvement and to get opinions on the current policy.

"What I'm hearing is students want more visitation rights — possibly 24-hour visitation rights for all students regardless of rank or an extension of visitation hours throughout the week," said Inter-Hall Government Council President David Heath Treharne, Parkersburg junior.

Panelists will give a brief statement regarding their views and concerns on the current visitation policy. The meeting then will be open to questions and discussions.

Robert B. Bookwalter, assistant professor of speech, will moderate.

Functions of the meeting include educating people about the current policy and getting different points of view. The visitation committee will be responsible for making recommendations next semester.

Joseph M. Marshman, director of Residence Life, said, "I want a policy that has been worked on with input from residents

as well as administrators — a policy that is agreed upon and negotiated and will be something people will be happy with."

As a member of the faculty, Dorothy S. Daugherty, assistant professor of biological sciences, will emphasize the importance of quiet study time for students.

Eugene F. Crawford, assistant director of public safety, said. "There has to be some sort of rules and policies in place to help regulate persons that have access to residence facilities. Its not like living in your own personal apartment. There has to be something in place for the protection of some who probably, under certain circumstances, would not admit individuals into their buildings."

"The fact of the matter is, the way universities are structured now a group of students is the most effective way to get something changed," Linda P. Rowe, associate director of residence life, said. "It would take a group of students much less time to change something than it would take an administrator."

The committee's purpose is to review and examine the policy to see if it is doing what it is supposed do; if it is serving who it is supposed to serve and if it is meeting the needs it is supposed to meet, Rowe said.

Art department to offer photography sequence

By Michelle Polakovs
Reporter

Students now can earn a bachelor of fine arts with a concentration in photography through the department of art, which has included photography as a visual arts option.

"The new concentration in photography is an attempt to develop professional fine art photography," Michael Cornfeld, professor and chairman of the department, said.

Robert E. Rowe, associate professor of art, said, "We're tying it in with graphic design—integrating words with images. Designers will learn how to use photography effectively in their designs. Also,

photographers will learn how photography is used in photo illustration."

"We're training students in fine art photography as well as commercial photography ... for instance, by offering a studio photography class," Rowe said.

The program requires students to take 47 hours of general education courses, 58 hours of core art courses, 24 hours of photography as well as nine hours of electives. Six of those hours may be taken in the journalism and speech departments.

Courses offered spring 1991 are Introductory Photography, Advanced B & W Photography, and History of Photography. Other courses include color slide photography and studio photography.

MAPS meeting today to encourage peace

While the world waits for Saddam Hussein to make a decision, today one campus group is encouraging action now.

Members of Marshall Action for Peaceful Solutions are scheduled to meet on the walkway between Old Main and Smith Hall for the second time this semester to encourage others to join their fight for peace in the Middle East.

"Now is the time to stop talking about it in bars and on campus and start doing something about it," Matt Topping, MAPS president, said.

Topping, one of three speakers scheduled

for today's rally, said he wants to encourage student unity to bring a halt to U.S. involvement in the Middle East.

Jason Morris, program coordination officer and a featured speaker, said the group supports the troops, but not the conflict.

The group is not anti-America just anti-killing, Topping said.

Phil Carter, assistant professor of social work, also is scheduled to speak.

The group plans to continue demonstrations, in what they have called the "Free Speech Zone," until there is a peaceful solution to the problems in the Middle East.

Choral union Christmas performance set Sunday, Monday

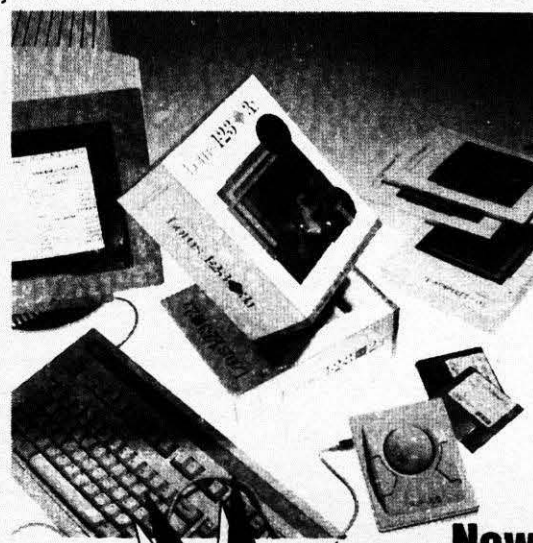
Marshall University Choral Union will perform Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" and Marc-Antoine Charpentier's "Midnight Mass for Christmas" Sunday and Monday in Smith Recital Hall.

David Castleberry, director of choral activities and new Marshall faculty member, will direct the 65-member chorus.

The performance of "Chichester Psalms" will be dedicated to the memory of Leonard Bernstein. A sixth grader at Cammack Middle School, Garrett Moore, will be the soloist. Moore has performed with the Musical Arts Guild and is a member of its children's choir.

Both performances begin at 8 p.m. Admission is free for full-time Marshall students with a validated student ID and activity card. General admission is \$5. Tickets are available in the Music Department this week or at Smith Recital Concert Hall Sunday and Monday.

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Withdrawal policy revisions discussed

Committee may eliminate 'IW' grade

By Ella Elaine Bandy
Reporter

Three revisions of class withdrawal policy passed at a Thursday Faculty Senate committee meeting.

The first revision passed at the Academic Standards and Curricular Review Committee meeting would eliminate the "IW" or irregular withdrawal grade for students who register for, but never attend, a class.

A student who misses the first week of a class without contacting the instructor automatically will be dropped from the roll which would allow other students to register for the open seats.

"This would make about 300 seats a semester available for students who were unable to get into closed classes," Dr. David Woodard, College of Liberal Arts representative, said.

"It does put pressure on the Registrar's Office to get class rolls out, but (Registrar) Mr. (Robert) Eddins has assured me it can be done."

Dr. Dean Adkins, College of Science representative, said he was concerned about students who were not aware of the new policy and missed the first meeting of a night class.

Woodard said the policy would stand for all classes, but there would be a reinstatement process for students who had legitimate reasons for being absent and had not contacted the instructor.

"This policy does put some extra responsibility on the faculty member," Woodard said. "If faculty don't take roll, the policy won't work."

The committee voted unanimously in favor of the revision.

The second revision passed by the committee would allow students to drop any class with a "W" or withdraw before midterm. Instructors would be responsible for informing students of their grade by midterm, so they could evaluate their standing in the class.

Student Body President Tom Hayden and other student senators said they were against the revision.

"If we're going to adopt this policy students should have been given a major assignment or at least know 25 percent of their grade by midterm," Hayden said.

"This would make about 300 seats a semester available for students who were unable to get into closed classes."

Dr. David Woodard

However, Dr. Sarah Denman, Community College representative, said Faculty Senate would not vote in favor of having their course schedule dictated by an outside group.

Hayden said when the withdrawal revisions are voted on by Faculty Senate he will recommend an amendment stating students must know at least 25 percent of their grade by midterm.

Six of eight representatives voted for the second revision.

The third revision would prohibit students who dropped a "designated" class after midterm from registering for that class during preregistration and from receiving an overload the following semester.

"Designated" classes are ones which have a high drop rate and a large number of students trying to register for them. Some examples are English 101, Math 120, and Accounting 215.

The drop percentages in these classes are

as high as 30 percent, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

The revision was made to reduce the number of withdrawals from classes, Woodard said.

"It's very discouraging when a student drops a class the last week of school and the professor has spent so much time grading papers and tests," Woodard said.

The third revision passed seven to one. The committee could not decide on a fourth revision which would prohibit students from withdrawing from "designated" classes after midterm unless they also withdraw from the university.

Students who did withdraw from the university after midterm would receive a "WP" (withdrawal-pass) or "WF" (withdrawal-fail).

The committee will vote on the fourth revision at 3 p.m. Dec. 6 in Smith Hall 810. The revisions then will be sent to Faculty Senate for final approval.

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Impressions

Missouri town prepares for the big one

By Dale Johnson
Reporter

In the early 1800's, the Midwest was struck with by earthquakes that were felt from coast-to-coast. Iben Browning predicts it will happen again Monday.

Browning, a New Mexico climatologist, says there is a 50-50 chance a massive earthquake will strike the New Madrid Fault within 48 hours of Dec. 3. The fault zone runs from Marked Tree, Ark., across Mississippi and up to Cairo, Ill. village where the Ohio River meets the Mississippi.

The 72-year-old scientist based his prediction on the earth's tidal forces. Browning says because of specific planet alignment on the predicted day, the earth's tidal forces will reach a 60-year high for much of the Northern Hemisphere. That alignment will "pull the trigger" on earthquakes and volcanoes around the world, Browning says.

Although some scientists are dismissing Browning's prediction as little more than speculation, many people living along the fault lines are taking precautions.

School systems in five states have canceled classes for early next week. Kentucky also has put 1,600 members of the Kentucky National Guard on call next week to go along with the 1,200 members already on full-time duty.

In a recent study by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, it was determined the real danger is not the quake

15 worst U.S. quakes

Location	Date	Magnitude	Intensity
Cape Ann, Mass.	Nov. 18, 1755	6.0	8
New Madrid, Mo. (4 quakes)	1811-12	8.0-8.8	11
Virgin Islands	Nov. 18, 1867	7.5	8
Charleston, S.C.	Aug. 31, 1886	6.6	10
Charleston, Mo.	Oct. 31, 1895	6.2	9
San Francisco	April 18, 1906	8.3	11
Mona Passage, Puerto Rico	Oct. 11, 1918	7.5	9
Long Beach, Calif.	March 10, 1933	6.2	8
Olympia, Wash.	April 13, 1949	7.1	8
Hebgen Lake, Mont.	April 17, 1959	7.3	10
Prince William Sound, Alaska	March 27, 1964	8.4	10
Seattle, Wash.	April 29, 1965	6.5	8
San Fernando, Calif.	Feb. 9, 1971	6.6	11
Borah Peak, Idaho	Oct. 25, 1983	7.0	9
Loma Prieta, Calif.	Oct. 17, 1989	7.1	9

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itself, but the effect the quake might have on the region's soft soil. Major cities like Memphis, Little Rock, Ark., and Evansville, Ind. are built on soft soil that could liquify during a quake, the report said.

The F.E.M.A. study estimates hundreds of people could die if a nighttime quake

occurs while people are at home. But if the quake happens during the day, when people are in high rises, the death toll could be 5,000. Damage, the study estimated, could be more than \$50 billion.

The area is affected by several hundred minor to not-detectable tremors a year.

The biggest danger for the area, according to most experts, is the Mississippi River. During the 1811 quake the Mississippi River actually moved, according to Bonnett.

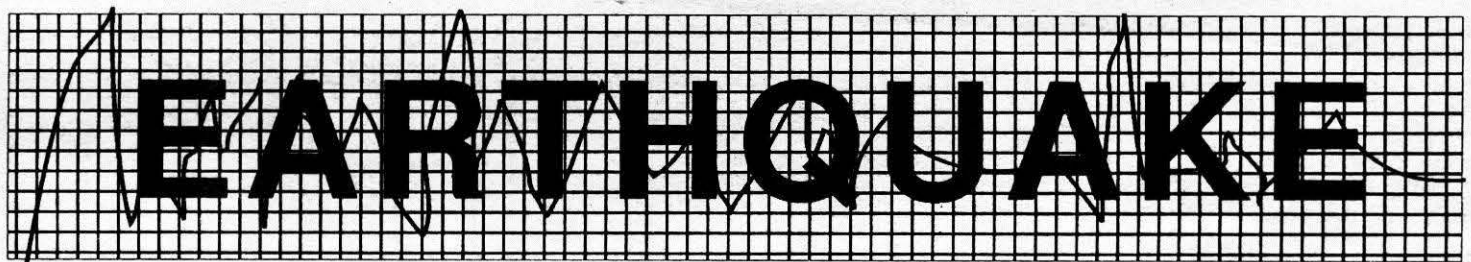
"The old town of New Madrid is now sitting in the middle of the river," he said.

Many experts fear when the fault has another major tremor, the Mississippi could change back to its old channel and engulf many towns, including New Orleans.

New Madrid, Mo., the fault's namesake, has been the center of attention since Browning's prediction. The small farming town of 3,300 has been turned into earthquake central by the news media.

"We've got reporters running out our ears," said New Madrid Police Chief Jim Helms in Tuesday's USA Today. "They've been here from Washington, Michigan, Kansas City, Oklahoma and as far south as Houston. We've had them every day." The television show "Unsolved Mysteries" also has visited the town.

Interest in earthquake insurance has soared recently. Thousands of people near the fault have bought quake insurance.



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Basis for prediction shaky, geology professor claims

By John Winters
Reporter

While some residents along the New Madrid Fault are preparing for next Monday's predicted earthquake, one Marshall University professor is doubting the accuracy of the prediction.

"I do not believe that the scientific community has enough information to successfully predict earthquakes on a regular basis," Dr. Robert B. Bonnett, geology department chairman, said. "Dr. Iben Browning (the man who predicted the quake) went out on a limb when he predicted this."

"Dr. Browning has not released any data on how he came up with the date for the earthquake, and I am very skeptical," Bonnett said. "As far as I know, Dr. Browning does not have any sort of degree in seismology, and I do not recognize him as an expert in that field."

The New Madrid, Mo., area has a lot of seismic activity, and it frequently experiences minor earthquakes, according to Dr. Bonnett.

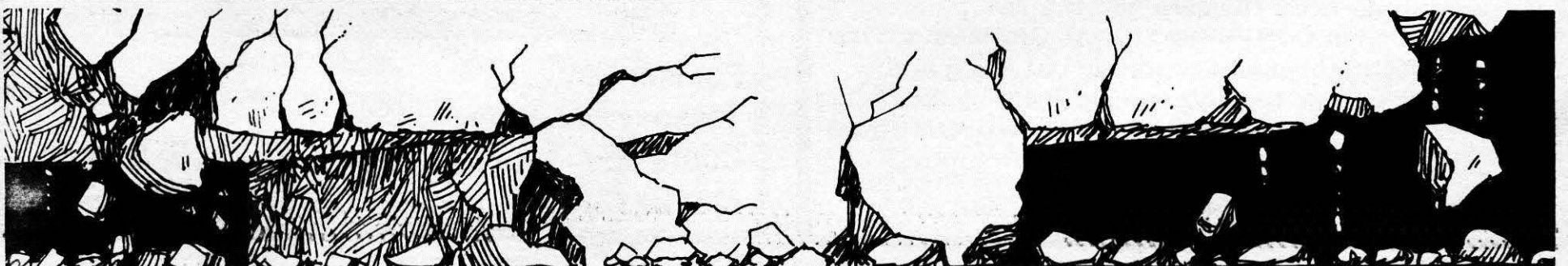
"Because of the frequency of tremors in that area, the possibility of an earthquake is fairly high on any given day," said.

But the prediction of an earthquake registering between 7-7.5 on the Richter scale has some people worried.

"With St. Louis so close to the New Madrid fault, an earthquake that size would cause havoc on such an overpopulated area," Ralph D. Triplett II, Huntington graduate student, said.

Bonnett said, "An earthquake that high on the (Richter) scale could cause severe structural damage. It could bend railroad tracks so they would resemble a snake."

"We know where the faults are," he said, "But we do not know how they are going to act."



Sports

Memorial Classic

Tourney example of 'good basketball'

Coaches optimistic despite inexperience

By Melissa J. Short
Reporter

- "We're just going to take it one game at a time." — Jarrett Durham.
- "The tournament will be a good opportunity for us." — Bill Kennedy.
- "I think we'll see some good basketball." — Brad Seigfried.
- "The team who plays the best has the best chance in winning." — Dwight Freeman.

That is what the coaches had to say this week as their teams prepared for the Key Centurion-Marshall Memorial Classic that starts tonight. Coach Jarrett Durham of Robert Morris College in Corapolis, Pa., said he thinks his team has a good chance in the tournament.

With junior forwards Ricky Cannon and Joe Faletta and senior guard Andre Boyd, Durham said the Colonials have good inside play to offset their powerful guards.

"Our strongest point is in our guards," Durham said.

The Northeast Conference team starts the season with three seniors and two juniors returning from last year's 22-8 team.

It's first opponent in the tournament, Texas A&M, has a young team with only two players returning from 1989.

Texas A&M assistant coach Bill Kennedy said the Southwest Athletic Conference team starts the year with new coaches and a new team.

"We have few strong points right now," Kennedy said. "We lack depth and hope leadership from the players will help us out."

Kennedy also said size is an issue, with the team's largest player only 6-foot-7.

But the young, rebuilding team from College Station, Texas, is not alone.

Mercer University from Macon, Ga., also is recovering after losing eight lettermen last year.

"Inexperience is definitely our biggest weakness," coach Brad Seigfried said.

Two freshmen, two sophomores, and one junior start for the Bears. Junior center Rob Linfro, 6-foot-11, is the only returning player.

Seigfried said a key element for the Trans American Conference team is the youth and energy of its players who are "ready to run the ball every chance they get."

After losing the first two games earlier this week, coach Dwight Freeman said Marshall needs to work on rebounding. The Herd usually plays both zone and man-to-man defense he said but is concentrating more on zone to get more rebounds.

Freeman said guard John Taft is the Marshall's strongest player. Taft averaged 25 points in the Herd's first two games against Wyoming and Colorado State.



Taft

MARSHALL

Record: 0-2
Coach: Dwight Freeman
Player to watch: John Taft

MERCER

Record: 0-1
Coach: Brad Seigfried
Player to watch: Mike Kennedy



Kennedy



Suber

TEXAS A&M

Record: 1-1
Coach: Kermit Davis
Player to watch: Lynn Suber

ROBERT MORRIS

Record: 0-2
Coach: Jarrett Durham
Player to watch: Ricky Cannon



Cannon

Lady Herd wins home opener, plays Wright State Saturday

The Lady Herd gunned its way to a 70-58 victory over Ohio University Wednesday night in the team's home opener at the Henderson Center.

Marshall was led by senior forward Sheila Johnson who had 11 rebounds and a game high 18 points. University of North Carolina transfer Wendy Gatlin had 11 rebounds and 16 points for the Herd.

"I was really pleased with the character of Johnson and Gatlin," coach Judy Southard said. "They give us a really good one-two inside punch."

The team will travel to Dayton, Ohio, Saturday to play Wright State University. Wright State enters the game with a new coach and facilities.

The tradition continues through name changes

By Melissa J. Short
Reporter

Although the Marshall men's basketball tournament has changed names a few times, it is a tradition dating to the 1960s when alumni came up with the tournament to promote the university and to raise money.

This year's tournament, the Key Centurion-Marshall Memorial Classic, is this weekend. The participating teams are Robert Morris College, Mercer University, Texas A&M University and Marshall.

The tournament began in 1967 as the Marshall University Invitational Tournament and was played at Memorial Field House, former home of the Thundering Herd.

From 1978-80, the tournament was discontinued and the Herd played in a tournament at West Virginia University.

Assistant ticket manager/concession manager Joe Wortham said one reason for the switch was to try to "foster the relationship with WVU."

'To showcase Marshall'

Leroy Caudill, former Alumni Board of Directors member, said Dr. Ray Hagley, a victim of the 1970 plane crash, was responsible for starting the Marshall Invitational.

"After Marshall went to the NIT in New York in 1967, Dr. Hagley brought back the idea to have a tournament and it was approved," Caudill said. Profits were to be used to buy a building for the Alumni Association.

"His idea was to showcase Marshall," he said. With teams from the South, West and East, Marshall would attract attention in those areas.

Hagley, basketball physician at the time, was president of the Alumni Association which sponsored the tournament until the Athletic Department took it over in 1981.

The name was changed to the Marshall Memorial Invitational Tournament in 1971 in honor of the victims of the 1970 plane crash.

Teams such as LaSalle, Louisiana Tech, Oklahoma State, Auburn, Maryland and St. John's have participated in the tournament in the past. Marshall has won 14 of 19 championship games.

The Hagley-Proctor Trophy

Friday's first game is at 7 p.m. at the Cam Henderson Center between Texas A&M and Robert Morris. The Herd plays Mercer at 9 p.m.

A consolation game will be 7 p.m. Saturday followed by the championship game at 9 p.m.

The Hagley-Proctor Trophy is presented to the most valuable player for his "unselfish and diligent efforts in the tournament," according to the Marshall 1990-91 basketball media guide. Past recipients of the award include former Marshall players LaVerne Evans, Wayne Lewis and Skip Henderson. The trophy is given in honor of Hagley and Dr. H. D. Proctor, who died in the plane crash.

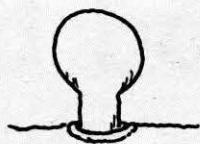
The Memorial Trophy is presented by the Alumni Association to the champion of the tournament. Marshall defeated Colorado State 65-58 last year for the championship.

Student tickets are free with a validated Marshall I.D. and activity card. Regular admission is \$12.

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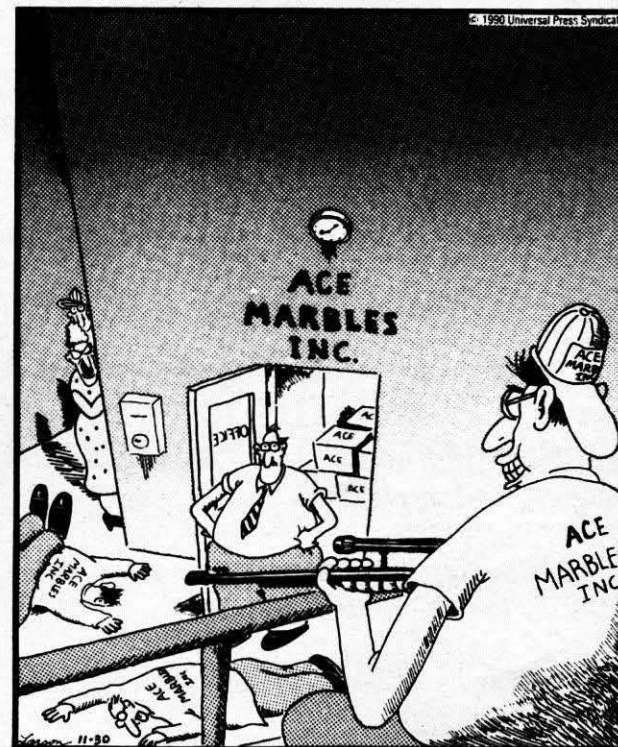


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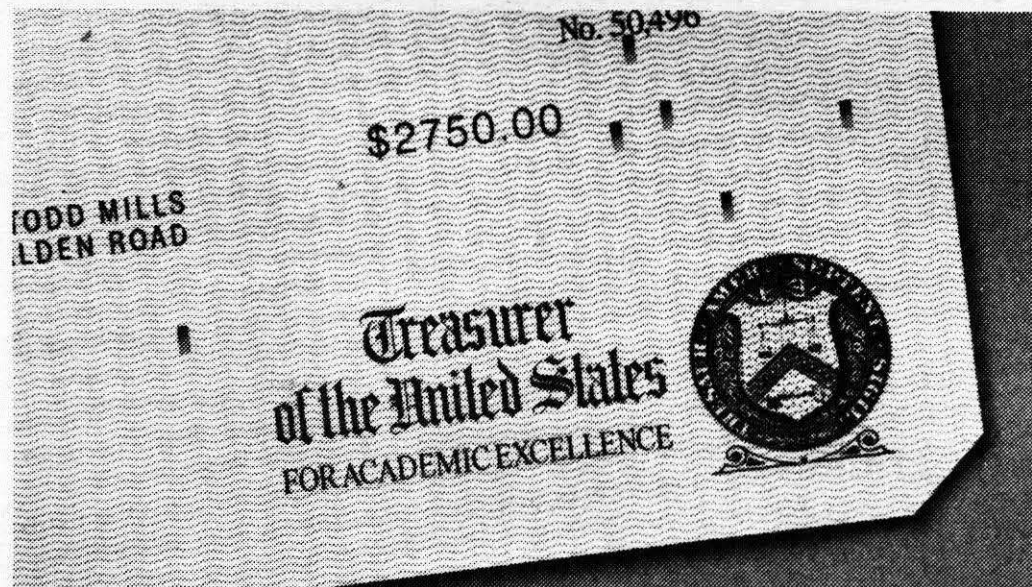
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By GARY LARSON



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