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Parking, library, priorities of master plan

By Jodi Thomas
Editor

A campus plan for future facilities at the university, which cost Marshall \$159,000 to have prepared, involves doubling its size and closing the campus to traffic.

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Marshall's first comprehensive master plan, prepared by Woolpert Consultants of Dayton, Ohio, calls for campus to include most of the properties from Hal Greer Boulevard east to 23rd Street and from Commerce Avenue south to Seventh Avenue.

The only businesses allowed to remain in their present locations would be Stationer's on Fifth Avenue and 20th Street, and The Twentieth Street Bank on Third Avenue.

The preliminary plan includes the addition of a day care center, a 912-space parking garage, a library to replace James E. Morrow Library and new facilities for speech therapy, autism and the HELP program.

Campus would be closed to all traffic, eliminating all parking beside Memorial Student Center and Old Main and a wall would be constructed around campus.

Dr. Edward Grose, vice president for administration, said the parking garage is probably a first priority.

The parking garage would come before we close campus to cars," he said.

"It is a first hope, although we haven't gotten to the stage yet when we prioritize or look into the cost of things."

Because campus will be closed to traffic, Grose said the university looked into building catwalks across Third and Fifth Avenues but rejected the idea after studying the statistics on catwalks.

"Catwalks don't work," he said. "You are not linking critical places with a crosswalk such as that. Students would have to go out of their way and the studies show that people just don't use them."

Grose said that instead of catwalks the university will try to create an "atmosphere" that stresses to drivers that they are entering a pedestrian area. He said the wall built around campus and signs identifying Marshall's campus will help create that atmosphere.

Grose said the master plan makes good sense.

"We don't know what the future of Marshall will be in the next 20 years, but we have to plan for the future and I think that this is an important first step," he said.

Grose said the final touches on the plan will be done by September. The

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Removal of all asbestos on campus to take years

By Alan P. Pittman
Managing Editor

Removal of all asbestos from campus buildings may take 20 years, according to Dr. Edward K. Grose, vice president for administration.

Grose said safety and cost would dictate when and where asbestos is removed. However, he said "you don't have problems with asbestos until you disturb it."

Asbestos was recently removed from the basement of the Memorial Student Center. Jeff Ellis, safety specialist on campus, said you could see the asbestos in the ceiling. He said this type of exposure is dangerous, so it was removed.

He said most buildings on campus contains asbestos, which is not uncommon for buildings 10 years or older.

Most of the asbestos found on campus was installed as fire proofing material and insulation for pipes and boilers, according to Ellis.

Joan Goodis, public information officer of the Environmental Protection Agency in Philadelphia, said that "as long as asbestos does not become friable

(crumbling or deteriorating from exposure to elements) there is no known risk to a person's health.

"When asbestos is disturbed, fibers about 12,000 times smaller than a human hair are released in the air which becomes hazardous when inhaled. Inhaling over an exposure period causes diseases."

Goodis said there are no regulations requiring asbestos removal unless it's an immediate health hazard. However, she said the people who remove it must be accredited. She said tight regulation must be followed for removal.

Master Mechanical Installation of Huntington, removed the asbestos from the basement area of the student center. Its employees are properly accredited abatement workers, according to Ellis.

He said the Attorney General's office paid for an on-campus survey two or three years ago that defined asbestos locations, amounts, cost of removal, and safety.

Grose said the long range goal of

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Goin' South



Photo by John Baldwin

Geography 101 student Denise Frazier, checks the direction on her compass as

she makes a map for Prof. Jim Rogers class.

Governor to address health care

Gov. Gaston Caperton will make a "major health care announcement" at 4 p.m. today on the Memorial Student Center Plaza, according to George Manahan, the governor's press secretary.

The announcement will probably focus on a three-year Kellogg Foun-

dation medical grant in which West Virginia is a finalist. Money from the grant would be distributed between West Virginia's three medical school.

Del. Brian Gallagher, D-Monongalia, said he heard "rumors" that West Virginia received the grant.

West Virginia having a birthday bash

By The Associated Press

West Virginia, the 35th to gain statehood, turns 128 on today with celebrations planned across the state and in Washington, D.C., where officials are throwing a birthday bash.

State employees have the day off to celebrate West Virginia Day, but an official state-sponsored celebration won't take place until Sunday night at the Capitol Complex.

"We have moved the celebration from Thursday to Sunday to give more people a chance to celebrate West Virginia Day and it also gives state employees a chance to enjoy their day off," said gubernatorial spokesman George Manahan.

Marisa Spatafore, spokeswoman for Sen. Jay Rockefeller, said a celebration is planned for Thursday at a Sen-

ate building in Washington.

"It's a celebration with a birthday cake and the whole deal," Spatafore said. "A lot of West Virginia residents in the area and the congressional delegation generally goes."

West Virginia moved for independence after it objected to Virginia's secession from the union in 1861.

President Lincoln approved a statehood bill for West Virginia on Jan. 1, 1863, on the condition it would gradually abolish slavery. It was proclaimed a state on April 20, 1863, with the bill becoming effective 60 days later on June 20.

Independence Hall in Wheeling, where representatives voted to break away from Virginia and which was temporarily the state Capitol, will celebrate by opening a new exhibit on steamboats, said Katherine Jourdan, director of the state historic preserva-

tion office for the northern region.

"We'll be having cake and lemonade," Jourdan said. "It's probably the biggest yearly celebration for the museum. It's a lot of fun and it's not every state that has a birthday like this."

Others are celebrating in different fashion, including Charleston's Stone & Thomas store. Employees will dress in old fashioned clothes and bluegrass, country and dulcimer music will fill the store.

Manahan said Sunday's celebration would include the final performance of Stark Raven, a local band that's played together for nine years.

"The first lady and the governor are encouraging as many West Virginians as possible to come to the Capitol and bring their blankets, picnic baskets and their lawn chairs to celebrate in honor of West Virginia," he said.

Source: Career Development and Placement Services

The Jackson (Tenn.) Sun

Judge reduces extent of order in Smith trial

William Kennedy Smith's trial judge imposed a scaled-back gag order Wednesday, expressing her concern about publicity on matters that probably couldn't be used as evidence.

Circuit Judge Mary Lupo ordered prosecutors, Palm Beach police, sheriffs and other law enforcement workers, defense attorneys and their investigators, and all courtroom personnel to refrain from out-of court commentary on the case.

But her order was less-sweeping than other restrictions she outlined in a June 7 hearing.

"In light of the prejudicial and inadmissible nature of material reported in the media, there exists a reasonable and substantial likelihood that a jury pool may be improperly influenced and selection of an impartial jury impaired," Lupo's 13-page order said.

She said she wasn't blaming anyone about the pretrial publicity, but she said the court "is deeply concerned with how the release of the alleged victim's polygraph results generally inadmissible at trial, has polluted the prospective panel."

News media attorneys argued against such sweeping restrictions, and the judge Wednesday excluded potential witnesses (except police) from her order.

But Lupo said there would be no delay in Smith's Aug. 5 trial. Smith, 30, has pleaded innocent to charges of second-degree sexual battery and misdemeanor battery in connection with the alleged rape at his family's Palm Beach estate on March 30.

Finding a job after college

The Lindquist-Endicott survey shows fewer jobs will be available this year. But in the past two months, 20 percent of the companies that in November said they would hire, are now indicating an entry-level freeze until September. Below are the number of companies recruiting in each field and the number of graduates competing for the jobs, compared to last year.

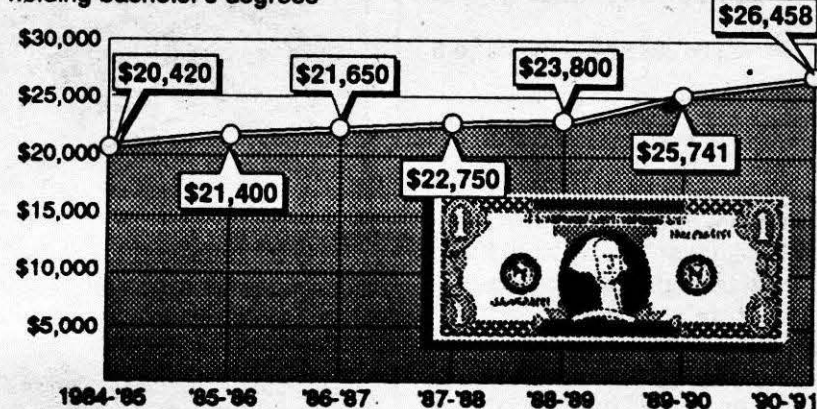


	1990 actual		1991 projected	
	Number companies	Number graduates	Number companies	Number graduates
Engineering	142	9,896	138	10,017
Accounting	119	7,589	117	7,221
Sales-marketing	91	1,512	85	1,714
Business administration	96	2,600	90	2,398
Liberal arts	78	1,958	69	1,915
Computer	106	3,003	110	3,212
Chemistry	41	390	37	470
Mathematics or statistics	46	489	36	386
Economics or finance	85	1,447	71	1,277
Other fields/undesignated	76	1,853	54	1,743
Totals - Bachelor's level		30,737		30,353

Source: 1990 survey by Lindquist-Endicott.

Starting salaries

Here is the national average annual starting salary for graduates holding bachelor's degrees



BRIEFS

NEW YORK

Two out of seven say Gulf parades too much

Despite a near-consensus among Americans about the success of the Persian Gulf War, two of seven people in an Associated Press poll found the welcome home parades excessive.

Of the 1,004 Americans interviewed June 12-16, a 62 percent majority considered the parades about the right amount of celebration, and 8 percent said they were not enough. But 29 percent said they were too much of a celebration.

That division of opinion was a striking departure from near unanimity on related questions in the poll:

- 90 percent said they were proud of what the United States accomplished in Operation Desert Storm.

- 95 percent said the U.S. military effort in the Persian Gulf was successful.

LOS ANGELES

Rock stars honored

Rock n' roll drummers Alex Van Halen, Ginger Baker and Carmine Appice were inducted into the Hollywood Rock Walk.

Van Halen, Baker and Appice put their handprints and signatures in cement on the Sunset Boulevard sidewalk gallery, which was begun in 1985 to honor rock musicians and innovators.

Alex Van Halen is a founding member of the band Van Halen; Appice played with Vanilla Fudge, among others; Baker was part of the Cream trio.

EAST WENATCHEE, Wash.

Classroom fish takes bite out of teacher's finger

A sharp-toothed classroom piranha took a bite out of science teacher Ron Mason's finger, what you might call an occupational hazard with a twist.

Mason got a half-inch gash requiring three stitches last week. It happened while he was moving Spike in a net from one tank to another at Eastmont High School.

"It felt as if something quickly grabbed my finger with a pair of pliers and let go."

Spike has lived in a tank at the school for years. Mason said Spike isn't vicious and has caused no problems in the past.

OUR VIEW

Master plan is a start

*Without a plan for completion,
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Robert Half

Marshall's new 20 year master plan is just that: A plan.

We shouldn't get excited because the way most construction projects are handled around here it could be 40 years before we see results.

However, the Board of Trustees requires Marshall to have a plan, and for good reason. It's imperative that Marshall have some kind of direction. By looking to the future we can identify and correct Marshall's weaknesses. This way Marshall can be more competitive in recruiting better students and teachers. The more we have to offer the better chance we have of growing and developing into a better academic institution.

The master plan offers some needed changes. The new library is critical. The present library is simply archaic. A four-story parking garage with 912 spaces could finally bring relief to decades of parking problems. A day care center would be a godsend for those members of the university community with small children. It's kind of sad when some high schools have a day care center and a state university doesn't. These are just a few of the suggested improvements.

Campus plans call for using nearly all property from Hal Greer Boulevard east to 20th Street, and from Commerce Avenue south to 6th Avenue. One businessman is upset that he will have to relocate. This is inconvenient for him. However, Marshall is the largest employer in Huntington, and many businesses depend on students.

The benefits of Marshall's expansion in the long run should be better for Huntington. Businesses can relocate — Marshall can't.

Another positive aspect of the master plan is that it would make campus more attractive. The elimination of on-campus roads and parking, the addition of a wall around campus, and landscaping will improve the aesthetic quality of campus.

It seems the creators behind Marshall's campus master plan have good intentions. Whether those intentions become reality is yet to be seen. Nevertheless, Marshall has taken an important first step toward improving itself.



AREA BUSINESSES REACTED TO THE UNIVERSITY'S MASTER PLAN LIKE IT WAS HITLER'S MASTER PLAN, BUT NEITHER WILL BE REALITY.

In this age of recycling many things still can not be reused. Energy, water, time, ozone, parsley, condoms — and as a nation we take them all for granted.

Unfortunately, moderately amusing phrases are not nearly as precious a commodity. They are too easily recycled and turn up on everything from talk show monologues to T-shirts.

Because of greed, small-mindedness, and advances in mass communication, a joke, a clever phrase, or an advertising slogan can be used or referred to in casual conversation for months or even years.

Finally, one day you're forced to look your best friend in the eyes and say, "Look pal, 'Where's the beef?' is not funny anymore, and I can't remember when it ever was."

Think back to your own past. You are as guilty as I am of running a few of these timely expressions into the ground.

I'll confess my sins.

I called a few people "nerds" and told them to "sit on it."

I requested that several of my cohorts stick rubber hoses up their noses.

On several occasions I can remember greeting my friends by



Chris Rice
■ Staff Writer

saying "na-noo-na-noo."

I can even remember feeling wild and crazy and shouting "excuuuuse meeee" a few times.

But, I was born again at age 13. I never threatened to gag myself with a spoon.

I never said, "life's a bitch and then you die," or asked anyone to "make my day."

No one ever "looked marvelous."

And to "go for it" always sounded like a lot of work.

"Party naked" is almost as painful a memory to me as the "Wild Thing."

And speaking of painful, how about that whole "E.T. phone home" thing?

But, "Don't worry be happy" nearly killed me while running its course.

All of these are so disposable, but we are running out of room at the landfill for this kind of

trash. We have to stop over-using these phrases so we can save the Earth for future generations to destroy.

Everyday we get one step closer to filling all of our catch phrase composts. And with the ever increasing number out there, we have got to stop it now.

Recent editions to the landfill include last summer's "U can't touch this," the Nike classic "Bo (which became whatever name you wanted to substitute) knows," and "read my lips" from George Bush, the second great soundbyte president of this country.

The grim reaper has his eye on a few that will soon have to be retired like sick or wounded cattle. Among them: horrible George Bush impersonators saying "That would not be prudent at this juncture," and "the mother of all... (insert noun here)."

The next time you say "I've fallen and I can't get up" remember you're contributing to a world-wide problem that will not go away unless we do something.

From now on if you don't have anything original to say, don't say it.

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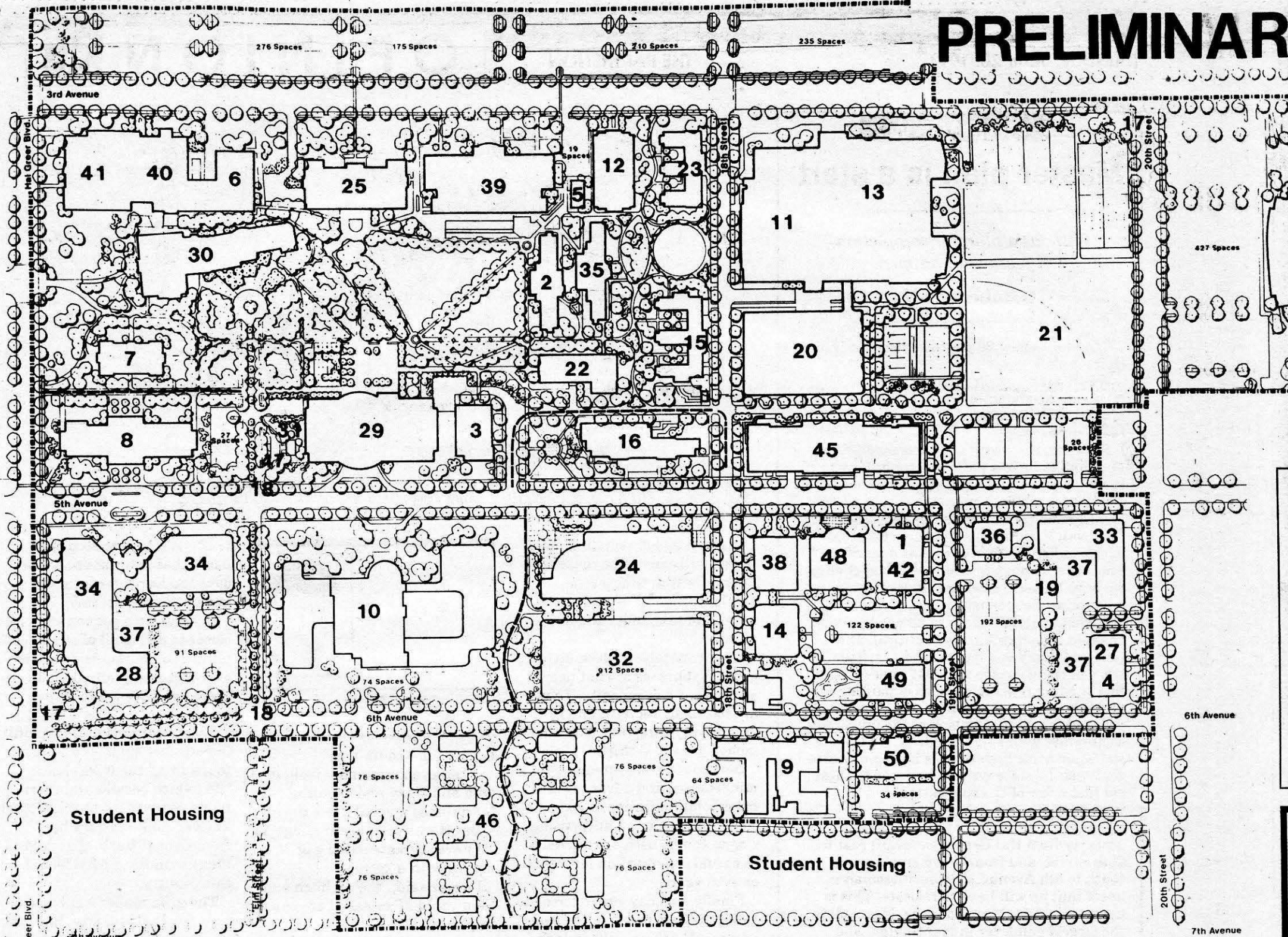
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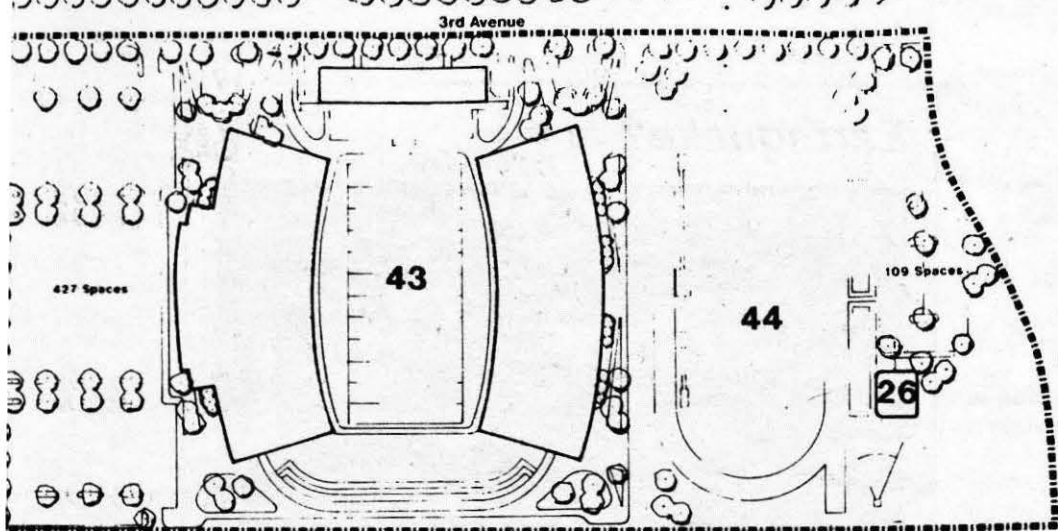


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board of trustees for their approval. "The board of trustees has mandated that we have a master plan," he said. "A well thought out, long range master plan, and until we have a final plan they will be reluctant to approve capital for projects."

Bill Love, consultant, said although priorities have not been set yet, he knows what Marshall needs.

"We will work with the community and we already know what some of the high priorities will be," he said. "I think the library by far will be a higher priority than the other buildings."

ASBESTOS

From Page 1

Marshall is to "remove all asbestos or seal it off according to EPA standards. The removal of asbestos from the student center was the first bite of a big problem," he said. "As money becomes available we will identify problem areas and correct them."

Ray F. Welty, associate vice president for administration, said everyone should be concerned but not alarmed. He said only service and maintenance people should be aware of where asbestos is located so they won't disturb it.

Med school receives grant to study cancer in rural W.Va.

By Ed Loomis
Staff Writer

Researchers from Marshall's School of Medicine are gearing up for a ground-breaking study of cancer and its prevention in rural West Virginia areas.

Dr. Robert B. Walker, chairman of family and community health and author of the study proposal, said, "We are trying to find barriers (to cancer preventive services) and ways to overcome them."

Board members of the American Cancer Society were receptive to Walker's proposal after former West Virginia Gov. Cecil Underwood argued that the society was focusing on barriers to preventive services in cities and ignoring rural areas.

"They created three national study sites a year, always in an inner city," Underwood, a member of state and national boards of the Cancer Society, said.

"I raised the question, 'Why not a rural study?'"

Researchers will target victims of cancers of mouth, lung, cervix, breast, prostate and colon, and identify problems people have in getting treatment. Death from these forms of cancer can often be prevented through early detection and treatment.

Walker said the West Virginia cancer study will bring an important element to the body of national cancer research information by studying the effects of chewing tobacco and snuff.

"We are focusing on oral cancer," Walker said. "We are a leader in the nation in the use of smokeless tobacco."

Underwood said funding for the study has come from the western division of the American Cancer

Society, the Huntington Foundation, and Marshall University.

"We hope to raise additional money to broaden the study," Underwood said.

Walker said, "Originally we were going to different counties simultaneously. However, funds weren't available."

Researchers will survey Lincoln County patients. If researchers receive additional funds, they will also study barriers to care in Wayne, Mingo and rural Cabell County.

"(Lincoln) County has a lot of preventable deaths due to cancer, so the need is high," Walker said.

"The residents also have outstanding service available at the Lincoln Primary Care Center."

The care center will be the base of the study because of services it offers to area residents, which include mammography.

Gerry D. Stover, administrator of the care center and a 1977 Marshall graduate, said current services and the center's approach to treatment will form a base for future reforms.

"Sometimes you create new systems, but you start with the old system," Stover said.

Stover has begun considering strategies to encourage Lincoln County residents to seek early detection and treatment of cancer.

He thinks cancer creates a psychological barrier, and one way he would try to overcome it is by focusing on positive experiences of people who have used preventive detection or sought early treatment.

"The grant gives us the opportunity to do stuff like this," Stover said. "You can focus on what you are doing."

Earthquake?

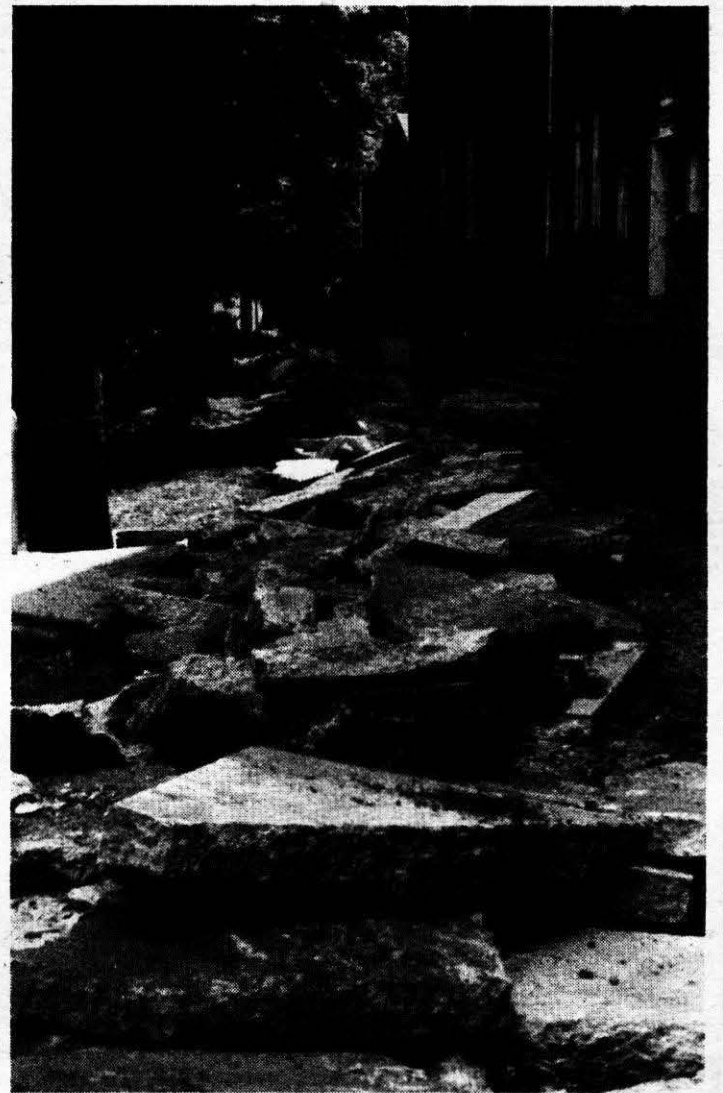


Photo by Keef Jones

Early this week workers began replacing the sidewalk on the 3rd Avenue side of Old Main. The new sidewalk will be finished by fall.

Science and Fine Arts construction 'coming right along,' officials say

By Jodi Thomas
Editor

Construction on the Science Building and Fine Arts Facility is "coming right along," according to Dr. Edward Grose, vice president for administration.

Four departments are scheduled to move into the Science Building, next month, according to Grose.

"Geology, physics, physical science and biology will be moving in on July 8, and classes will begin in the

science building in the fall," he said.

"We are in the final stages of plans and specifications to award the second phase of the renovations out," Grose said. "We hope to have the rest of the third floor and the fourth floor complete by the fall of 1992."

Grose said many of the rooms now occupied by the four departments will be reorganized.

"They have space in Northcott, Jenkins, and Gul-

lickson. Some of that space will go directly back to the original departments, and the other space we will be looking at it and deciding what to do with it."

Grose said that the fine arts facility was scheduled to be completed in the fall, but he is unsure whether that deadline will be met.

"I'm not quite sure we are going to make that deadline," he said. "As the project has progressed there has been some legitimate setbacks."

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Conference adopts new rules

Stadium not only change Herd fans will see

By Tim Glon
Staff Writer

The new stadium will not be the only change Thundering Herd fans will encounter during the 1991 football season. Narrower goal posts and an overtime tie-breaking system will change the face of Marshall games this fall.

During its annual spring meetings in Myrtle Beach, S.C., the Southern Conference adopted a new tie-breaking overtime system to be used in all conference games this season. The system, already in use during the NCAA I-AA playoffs, is set up in a series of periods. A period consists of each team getting a possession, beginning first and 10 from its opponent's 25-yard line. A possession will continue until the offensive team has scored, failed to get a first down, or lost the ball due to a turnover. If the score is still tied after each team has had a possession, another period will be played until there is a winner. A coin flip at the beginning of each period will determine which team has possession first.

"I think this will be a good rule," said

New member added to SC

The Southern Conference Executive Committee voted unanimously to admit Davidson College as the league's 10th member during its annual spring meeting.

"We are excited about Davidson rejoining the conference," said Dave Hart, Southern Conference commissioner.

"They are a very fine institution with an outstanding image. Geographically, they fit well with our current membership."

Davidson was a member of the

Southern Conference from 1936-88 and joined the Big South Conference last season. The Wildcats will compete in the Big South in 1991-92 before starting competition in the Southern Conference in 1993.

Georgia Southern was admitted to the conference in January and will compete in the conference in baseball, men's and women's tennis, and golf next season, football in 1993, and all other sports in the 1992-93 academic year.

Marshall Coach Jim Donnan. "This rule will give us experience because we will have to play this way in the playoffs, should we get there. Nobody likes a tie. This will ensure that there will be a winner when everyone leaves the stadium on Saturday. I think the fans will enjoy the added excitement, too."

One Southern Conference school, Furman, already has experience with the rule. The Paladins lost to Nevada-Reno in last year's playoffs, 42-35 in triple overtime.

"It was fantastic," said Furman Sports Information Director Hunter Reid. "Both teams had chances to win, both

in regulation and the overtimes. This will be a great change for our conference and the fans will really enjoy it."

The NCAA also mandated that the width of the goal posts be reduced from 23'4" to 18'3" (the dimensions of those used in the NFL) to reduce the number of field goals attempted. This rule was actually adopted two years ago, but because of the costs involved in changing goal posts, each school had until this season to switch.

This change was not looked upon favorably by Donnan. "Because of the width of the hash marks in the college game, I don't think this rule is a good one," Donnan said. "It wouldn't be bad if they would reduce the width of the hash marks to the NFL standards, too. The angles we will encounter are very difficult. You won't see long kicks because the margin of error is reduced."

The college hash marks are 53'4" wide, as compared to 18'3" in the pros.

"I don't know how it will affect us," said Donnan. "Everybody plays by the same rules, so our kickers will have to buckle down and perform, just like before."



A worker prepares St. Cloud Commons for the return of the Cubs, who kick off their second season Friday.

Photo by Jim LaFev

Play ball!

Cubs, crowds to return to Commons

By Jim LaFev
Staff Writer

Attendance for the Huntington Cubs second season is expected to surpass the Appalachian League season record.

The league record is 72,000 set by Burlington in 1985.

"My goal this year is 80,000," said Cubs owner Ed Poppiti. "We will break the league record."

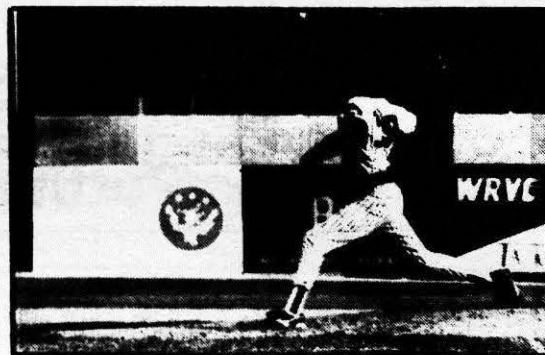
Poppiti said there already have been more than 820 season tickets sold this season.

The Cubs will open play Friday at 7:15 p.m. against the Bluefield Orioles at St. Cloud Commons.

Last year the Cubs, a Chicago franchise, were second in the league for average attendance with 2,064 and was third for overall attendance with 66,042.

"I think last year was a tremendous success," Poppiti said. "We pulled something together that surprised a lot of people."

"People are quick to give us credit for going out and making it work. I think it is a lot



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more reflection on the area, and they have a right to be proud of themselves. It didn't just happen without everyone's help."

The Cub's staff had only eight weeks to prepare for last year's first season in Huntington.

"We had very little time to establish strong roots," he said. "No one knew who we were or what to expect."

Nonetheless, the Cubs surprised Huntington as well as the entire baseball community with a winning record of 40-29. Good enough to take second place in the league.

"Baseball has made it here in a big way and whether the people realize it not, they have

made an impact on the baseball community," Poppiti said. "There are people in other parts of the country that knew what happened in Huntington."

With more time to prepare this year's season, the Cubs are planning to add new attractions.

This will include a mechanical version of the team's mascot "Harry Beary" behind the left field wall. The bear will rise above the fence, its eyes will light up and smoke will come out of its ears.

Conveniences will include a new souvenir stand, ticket booth and added decking in the front plaza that will give fans extra room.

Orientation brings challenges, eases fears

Mandatory sessions double attendance from last summer

By Julie Welkie
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Danny V. Akers, Huntington freshman, was "worn out" after his first day on campus, and he didn't even attend class.

Akers is one of approximately 1,600 students expected to attend orientation sessions this summer. "It has been tiring," he said. "I just thought it would take an hour or so. We've been walking around all day."

Up to 200 students per day complete a jam-packed schedule that begins in the Memorial student center with 7:45 a.m. registration, according to Dr. Don E. Robertson, associate dean of Student Life. Small group information sessions, led by an orientation staff member, allow freshmen to break the ice and get to know their future classmates.

Students then meet with members of the counseling staff to learn how to make a successful transition from high school to college.

Representatives from Public Safety, Residence Life, Financial Aid, Student Government Association, and Greek organizations also talk with incoming freshmen.

A campus tour, lunch, another small group session, academic advising and registration conclude the day.

Robertson said the number of students has almost doubled from last



Photo by Keel Jones

Adrian Scales, Beckley junior, takes parents on a tour of the campus during an orientation session. Regular new-student orientation sessions began June 13 and run through June 28.

year, when only 850 students attended. The difference is freshmen are not allowed to register until July 1 if they do not come to orientation, he said.

The chance to register early gave some students incentive to attend. Huntington freshman Karen B. Irwin said: "Living in the city, I know a lot about it (Marshall) already. I came mostly for registration."

The increase has caused some changes in the way orientation is handled. In the past, the various colleges had certain days on which students could come for orientation. For example, all business majors came on one day.

Now, most students are seen in a 12-day period that began June 13 and

ends June 28. All colleges are represented, so that students may receive the proper academic advising.

J. Todd Ritter, Westmoreland freshman, found his advising session to be especially helpful. "If it weren't for Dr. (Daniel) Babb (professor of chemistry), I wouldn't have any classes right now."

Special orientation sessions are given in July and August for student athletes and returning students.

Additionally, orientation for parents is given in June. Robertson said approximately 125-150 parents attend for every 200 students.

Students and parents are asked to evaluate each session before they leave. "So far everything looks positive," Robertson said.

Morning motivators here to assist you

Getting people motivated at the crack of dawn, even when you're not ready to face the world yourself, is not for everybody.

But the 11 students and one graduate assistant who comprise the Orientation Staff face the challenge eagerly. "I like the fact that I'm helping others," said Shawn M. Howard, Sutton senior. "I want each student to know that I'm here to serve them personally."

"Personal" is not always easy when you see up to 200 students per day for 12 days.

Howard related a story about one bewildered freshman. "There was this guy who looked totally lost, and asked if I could help him. He said he needed to know where to register because he had just spent the last five minutes in line at the Financial Aid office trying to get his classes."

"You almost have to laugh, but you feel for the students."

Sharon M. Urban, Haines City, Fla., junior, said that she was amazed at how many freshmen have been overwhelmed by the possibilities of college life.

"Students are used to having mom and dad around for everything. But no one is going to tell you when to come in at night or when to go to class. That can be quite a shock," she said.

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