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It's nay for Jay

Rockefeller won't seek presidency

CHARLESTON — (AP) West Virginia Sen. Jay Rockefeller said Wednesday he will not run for president in 1992 because there is too little time to wage a successful campaign and plan an administration that "meets my own high standards."

The Democratic senator informed top aides of his decision Tuesday after days of agonizing over personal doubts about whether he was ready for the rigors of a presidential campaign.

"Between the compelling idea of leading America into the 21st century and the reality of preparing for one's inaugural address as president, there falls a shadow, not just a challenge of the campaign but the critical challenge of governing," Rockefeller said in an early afternoon speech at a Charleston hotel.

"I know now that come January of 1993, I'm not going to be riding down Pennsylvania Avenue. But I also know that I will be there shoulder to shoulder with you."

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File photo

Rockefeller, a 54-year-old U.S. senator and former two-term governor of West Virginia, surprised many with the announcement that he would not seek the 1992 Democratic nomination for president.

Chlorine released

By Julie Weikle
and Susan Nickels
Staff writers

A Marshall University building engineer was injured Wednesday as he was mixing two chemical substances used in the cooling towers of Smith Hall's ventilation system.

Mike Fulton of Plant Operations accidentally combined chlorine powder, a substance that kills algae, with MC-120, another chemical compound for treating cooling towers. The mixture "bubbled out of the drum into his face," according to Bill Lewis, building engineer with plant operations.

Chlorine gas, created by the mixture, was later sucked into the Smith Hall cooling system. Chlorine odors were detected on the upper floors of Smith Hall, but posed no major threat to occupants, both Safety Specialist Jeff Ellis and Dr. K. Edward Grose, vice president for administration, said.

Lewis said that Fulton was rushed to an eye-wash station located in the building. EMTs later transported Fulton to Cabell-Huntington Hospital.

Safety personnel arrived approximately five minutes after the 2 p.m. accident, and began to ventilate the basement area. In doing so, some of the gas was sucked into the cooling towers.

Grose called the accident "one of those human error things — this employee has completed this procedure many times, and just wasn't thinking this time."

Faculty begins moving into renovated facility

'I didn't think I'd see the day'

By Julie S. Brown
Staff Writer

Moving into the newly renovated science building is a "huge step forward" according to College of Science personnel.

Phase one of the science building project, estimated at a cost of \$5.5 million, is nearly complete after numerous stops and starts over a 15-year period. Within the last month, some faculty members and the dean of the COS have moved in, preparing for fall semester.

"Money has always been the biggest problem where we are concerned, along with a lack of supervision," said Dr. Edward S. Hanrahan, dean of the COS. He said the renovated facility is a major boost for the COS, putting his people in a more stimulating, state-of-the-art environment.

"Faculty was spread apart for years," he said. "They didn't have opportunity to interact, or

even get to know each other."

Dr. Margaret A. Bird, associate professor of biological sciences said she is looking forward "to seeing her colleagues every day. A lot of us have waited a long time for this. I didn't think I'd see the day - I was the most skeptical of them all."

Dr. Ralph E. Oberly, professor of physics, said, "There were weeks at a time when I'd not even see anyone from my own department because we never came to the same place at the same time." Oberly said physics personnel had been housed in five buildings, held labs in three buildings and lectured in six others.

Oberly said this fall will be "the first time in 21 years at Marshall that I have proper rooms to run my laboratories. Now we have laboratories that are properly designed and equipped, with electrical outlets, running water, ventilation, lighting - all those things you ought to have in the 20th century."

"As far as I'm concerned," said Oberly, "we

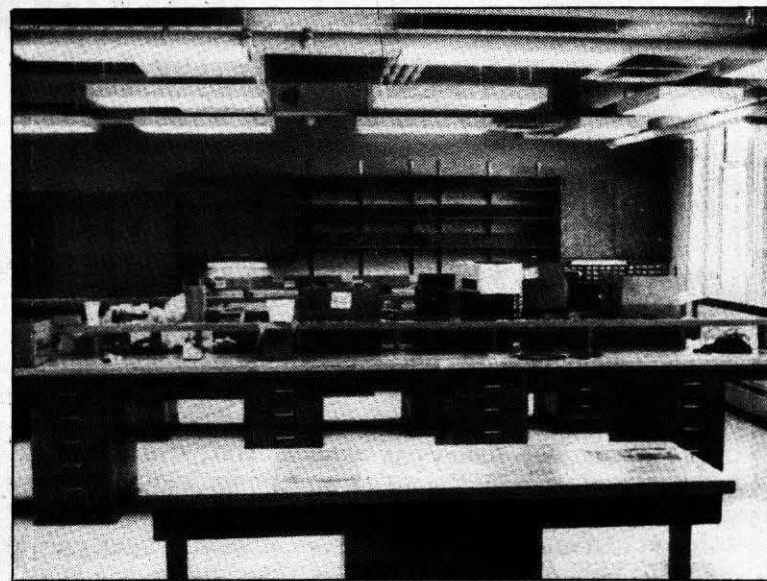


Photo by John Baldwin

Dean E.S. Hanrahan said it likely will be fall of 1992 before all science classes are moved back into the renovated facility.

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Legislature sets special session agenda

Work-release goes to back burner



C H A R - L E S T O N—More pressing issues will push changes in the state's work-release program to the back of the agenda for the Legislature's

Sept. 30 special session, House Speaker Chuck Chambers said.

But there will probably be a bill to finance staff increases at the state's three work-release centers, said Chambers, D-Cabell.

Public Safety Secretary Joseph Skaff recommended changes in the Division of Corrections after work-release inmate Harold D. Gunnoe was accused of killing a woman last month.

Alicia McCormick, 32, a domestic violence counselor from Charleston, was stabbed in her apartment.

"The main items have already been identified, and those are the Division of Energy, solid waste and the Kellogg grant," Chambers said.

The Legislature will look at recommended funding and personnel changes in the DOE to prevent the federal government from taking over mine regulatory duties.

Lawmakers also will consider ways of limiting the flow of out-of-state trash into West Virginia and will try to match a \$6 million health care grant from the Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich. The grant is aimed at improving access to rural health care.

House Judiciary Chairman James

Rowe, D-Greenbrier, said Tuesday there probably isn't an immediate legislative fix to the work-release problem, although the program is still under review.

Skaff said last week that 66 people have escaped while in the work-release program since July 1, 1989.

On Friday, Rowe suggested the Legislature might look at tightening work-release eligibility standards during the special session.

But after hearing Skaff's report Friday, Rowe said there doesn't seem to be any substantial changes that the Legislature can make.

"This is not solely a corrections problem. It relates to the whole criminal justice system," Rowe said.

Questions arise about air terminal

PITTSBURGH—U.S. Justice Department officials have questioned the chairman of Allegheny County Commission about a new terminal under construction at the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport.

Federal officials have declined to discuss the inquiry, but county officials have said the department is investigating possible violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Commission Chairman Tom Foerster said Tuesday he was interviewed last month by officials from the U.S. Justice Department. He said he was also questioned about leasing arrangements with USAir, the airport's dominant carrier.

"I certainly don't think they will ever

"I certainly don't think they will ever find anything at our airport."

■ **Tom Foerster**
Commission Chairman

find anything at our airport," Foerster said.

USAir controls 37 of 55 gates. It will control 50 of 75 gates at the terminal scheduled for completion in October 1992. The old terminal will be closed as part of USAir's lease with the county.

The Justice Department ordered USAir Group, Inc., the airline's parent

company, to produce documents about its operations at Greater Pitt when the probe began 15 months ago.

Foerster said the county never tried to restrain competition at the airport.

The Justice Department apparently was most interested in the agreement to close the existing terminal, Foerster said.

USAir Chairman Edwin Colodny has said the airline pushed for closing the old facility to protect its investment in the new terminal.

However, Foerster said the commission wants to open the site of the old terminal for development to recoup the county's \$42.5 million investment in the construction project.

BRIEFS

CHARLESTON

Blue Cross starts consolidation

Mountain State Blue Cross and Blue Shield is implementing layoffs this month, company spokesman said.

West Virginia's largest private insurer laid off 15 workers last Friday and will lay off an additional 13 workers later this month, The Charleston Gazette reported Wednesday, citing an unnamed Blue Cross worker.

Spokesman Greg Smith said Blue Cross is laying off more employees as it consolidates. He said the total is not as high as the newspaper reported, but he did not say how many layoffs will be made.

SAGINAW, MICH.

Shoplifter raises stink with store deodorant theft

He probably could have become the best-smelling shoplifter around.

Police were looking for a man who swept all the deodorant off a drugstore shelf and into a shopping bag Monday before dropping the loot and running after he was confronted.

"He was just piling it in the bag," Rite Aid Discount Pharmacy Manager Becky A. Albrecht said.

No arrests had been made as of Wednesday morning, police said.

ROCHESTER, N.H.

Boy wins case; gets new kickball

An 88-year-old woman who was threatened with jail after she confiscated a neighbor's kickball is off the hook.

A woman who read about the dispute and was reminded of her own parents sent \$30.20 to pay a court judgement against Reba Martineau. On Tuesday, a judge accepted the check.

Martineau had refused to return 9-year-old Gary Campbell's kickball after it went into her yard. She said she had been treated disrespectfully.

The boy's parents went to small claims court to get the ball or make her pay for it, winning the \$30.20 judgement.

Most dramatic step in seven years

Turkey will occupy a buffer zone



TURKEY—Turkey has decided to occupy a 3-mile-deep "buffer zone" in northern Iraq to prevent Turkish Kurdish guerrillas from infiltrating Turkey, a government official said Wednesday.

The unexpected move marks the most dramatic step Turkey has taken in seven years of fighting Kurdish separatists. It could put Turkey in conflict with Iraq and raise tensions with the U.S.-led allied force poised on

Turkey's border with Iraq to defend Iraq's Kurds.

"We are declaring a five-kilometer region along the border a buffer zone," Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz was quoted saying in an interview with the Turkish daily Hurriyet. "Everyone who steps into that area (without permission) will be fired upon."

A senior government official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, confirmed the report.

The move follows Turkey's dispatch of troops into northern Iraq on Monday to attack bases of Turkish Kurdish rebels who have been carrying out cross-border attacks.

The U.S.-led allies, who spent months protecting Iraq's Kurds from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, raised no public objection to the Turkish military action.

That may be because the operation fell outside the 3,600-square-mile allied "security zone" created in northern Iraq in April for returning Kurdish refugees.

Turkey sided with the U.S.-led coalition during the Persian Gulf War.

The United States staged air attacks from Turkey, and Turkey also was a base for relief efforts for the Iraqi Kurds who fled after their post-war rebellion collapsed.

OUR VIEW

Appearances must count for more

"Professionalism is knowing how to do it, when to do it and doing it."

Frank Tyger

The Science Building is almost done—but not really.

It has taken 15 years to complete the first, second and part of the third floor. Fifteen years. The fourth floor hasn't been started.

It shouldn't really surprise anyone that it has been just one short year since the first shovel went into the ground at the new stadium site. And if anyone needs reminded, we will play football there this fall.

Dr. E.S. Hanrahan, College of Science dean said the problems started 15 years ago with the now dissolved Board of Regents. He said poor budgeting was the original cause of the delays in the Science Building remodeling.

The university has funds to do with what they feel is appropriate, none of which have gone toward the science building, but there has been money to plant trees, shrubs and flowers on campus. And even Old Main is now being made beautiful. A plaza is being placed in front of the main entrance. Why not put some of that well used money into the science building? Apparently appearances count for more than good facilities.

The chemistry department and medical laboratory sciences will not move into the new building until the rest of the third and fourth floors are complete. The expected date for building's completion is the fall of 1992. Bruce J. Brown, chairman of the clinical lab sciences, said his program is going through re-accreditation this year. The science building not being completed may be a problem because all he can show the accreditation team is the "crummy" crowded facilities they have in Northcott Hall. He said it is an embarrassment to the program. *It is* an embarrassment to the university.

Some science professors have said the College of Science is under valued. We agree. The college has been using make-shift facilities and haphazard equipment for long enough. We should push for the real completion of the Science Building. It shouldn't take long—look at the stadium.



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Americans have inalienable rights

Media convicts before trial day

Editor Jodi Thomas approached me to write a column. "I think it should be a 'What's the world coming to? Rob Dibble, Mike Tyson, Pee Wee Herman, Jeffrey Dahmer, William Kennedy Smith-type piece," she said.

Well, I see things differently. I'm not going to hop on the media bandwagon of trying these people before they appear in court. The media these days have the casual "Let's give 'em a fair trial and then hang 'em." attitude.

Of course this attitude manifests itself in a three-paragraph story with a cute little full-color pie graph complete with stick people in a jury returning a verdict of guilty as charged.

Come on folks. We live in America. As Americans we have the inalienable (this word means "it's always yours" — I think this word comes from "Aliens" starring Sigorney Weaver and directed by Ridley Scott) right to make mistakes.

Look at Rob Dibble. Okay, so he's thrown a baseball at a few people. It's always been every little boy's dream to get beamed by a major league pitcher. I look at it this way.

COMMENTARY BY

■ D. Andrew McMorro
Staff Writer

Instead of spending a life working our way through the bush league, endless training, etc., all we have to do as grown boys is plunk down \$10 for some bleacher seats and WHAMMO!!! You get the same sensation as a major league player who gets hit by a pitcher. See!!? Dibble provides a service. You just don't get to run out to the mound and pummel him.

And Tyson? He's just misunderstood. "He just wants to be loved. Is that so wrong?"

Pee Wee just got caught fingering his raisinets — if you know what I mean. He made a mistake. Hell, we all do it... But to get back to the mistake thing, in this country Pee Wee is innocent until proven guilty. However, stories like this one are more popular with the media (to borrow a phrase from Dr. Hunter S. Thompson) than sex, Jesus Christ or pure cocaine.

And then this Dahmer thing. As I understand it, this guy kills

these guys, cuts them up (after drugging them and having sex with them) and disposes of the body parts in various ways. Right now he's innocent as far as any law-abiding citizen is concerned.

Okay, so police found a barrel of acid, several severed heads and buckets of body parts in his apartment — we won't know what happened until the trial. Maybe a friend brought the buckets o' hands 'n' genitals over and walked out without remembering them. It happened to a friend of mine.

So he admitted doing the terrible deeds in a written confession.

Okay, so it destroys my earlier theory, but according to the Constitution or Bill of Rights or some other dusty government document that people claim to read but never actually do, he's innocent, damn it (at least until he has his day in court).

William Kennedy Smith is different. He's a Kennedy, which means he's rich and connected and probably guilty. Who cares? We'll all see him at the gallows. (Haunting maniacal laughter.)

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U.S. top doc to make house call

Surgeon General will kick off campaign

The U.S. Surgeon General will visit the School of Medicine's pediatrics department Friday as part of a local group's effort to immunize children.

Dr. Antonia Novello will be in Huntington to kick off events leading up to National Immunization Week, Sept. 21-29. The week focuses attention on the importance of immunizing preschoolers against such diseases as measles, pertussis and rubella.

The local group involved in these efforts, The Huntington Immunization Coalition, was selected as one of only nine cities participating in the National Immunization Campaign. The national campaign is co-sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children's Action Network, a Hollywood group of entertainment industry leaders that includes Kate Capshaw, Steven Spielberg and Henry Winkler.

The campaign's objective is to increase family awareness of the need to immunize their children. Further, local agencies will provide free shots to preschool youngsters in Cabell, Lincoln and Wayne counties.

Valley Health Systems, Inc., is the lead agency for the Huntington coalition, which also includes the School of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics, the Southwestern Community Action Council, Inc., Junior League of Huntington and the Cabell Huntington Health Department.

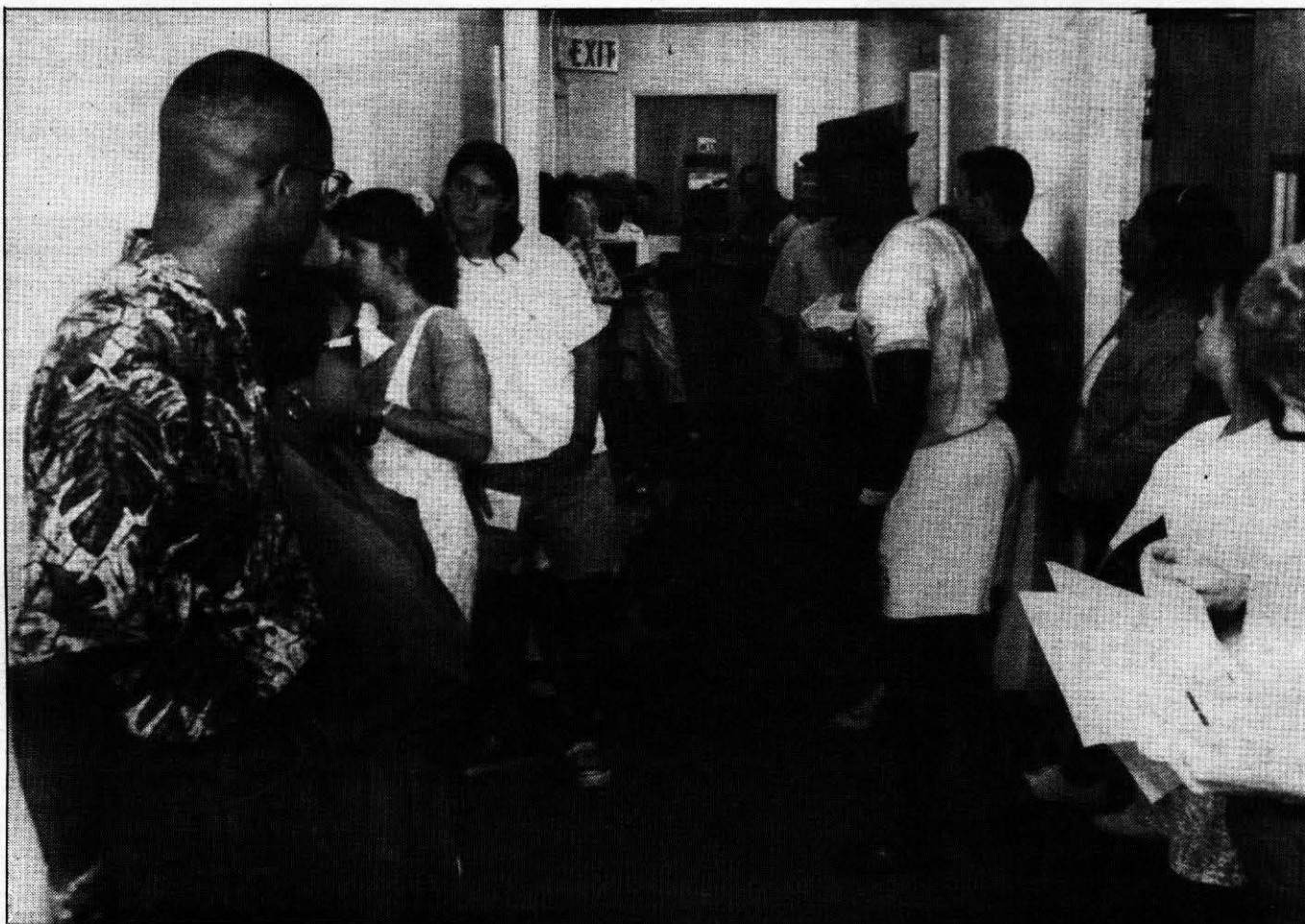


Photo by John Baldwin

Long lines greeted students at the Office of Financial Aid in Old Main this week. The lines have been long because tuition is due

at the Bursar's Office by Friday. If students don't pay their fees by then, their classes will be canceled, according to the bursar.

Financial aid, bursar lines long

By Julie Welkle
Staff writer

After three days of unsuccessful attempts to reach the Office of Financial Aid by phone and receiving recorded messages from their Audix system, Diana M. Nolan, Huntington senior, decided to go to Old Main 122 in person.

"Tuition is due on Friday, and I still have not received my grant

money," she said. "I'd like to get this cleared up."

Persistence paid off. Two visits and 75 minutes later, she received her grant papers. The original document had somehow gotten "lost" in the system, Nolan said.

Around 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nolan was one of approximately 20 people in line for grants, loans, and other forms of financial assistance.

Barbara Wade, mother of Liverpool,

W.Va., senior Alisha Wade, was holding her daughter's place in line, while Alisha was tending to matters in the Bursar's Office.

"I have no idea why I'm here—she (Alisha) has the papers. I hope she gets back soon," Wade said.

Huntington freshman Kellyn B. Skeens said that she has become a "regular" at the office. "I've been back and forth all summer," she said.

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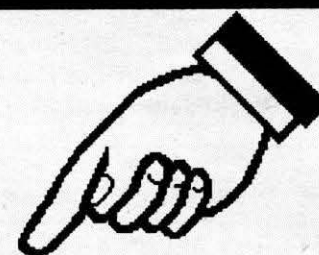
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Course teaches students about addictions

By Julie Welkle
Staff writer

Faced with registering for the fall semester at the last minute, some students are pulling out their hair trying to find a class that is not closed. Before they pluck themselves totally bald, they should consider taking CR 262.

Buried between clinical lab sciences and cytotechnology classes in the schedule of courses, CR 262 is a class on peer counseling and alcohol prevention by students.

It is a one-hour, one credit course taught Thursdays from 3 to 4:40 p.m.

in Harris Hall 138, the first eight weeks of the fall term. The instructor is Sharla Hoffman Meade, substance abuse coordinator at Marshall.

Enrollment in the class has dropped during the past few semesters from 25 to about 10 to 15 people, Meade said.

Budget cuts have drastically reduced the amount of advertising the department can afford to generate, she said. Therefore, "a lot of people just don't know we offer such a class."

Meade said the class would be beneficial to students in almost any major, as well as adults and members of the community.

The three main objectives of the

course are to teach students how to identify an alcohol or drug problem, how to access available resources for alcohol and drug problems and how to present an educational program on alcohol abuse, Meade said.

Participants will be made aware of resources at Marshall as well as in the surrounding community.

"Even though this is an eight-week class, we only meet seven times due to how the calendar falls," Meade said. "Therefore we have to pack in a lot of information in the time that we have."

Within the course, the topics of behavioral addictions (gambling, sex, shopping, etc.), intervention, and

adult children of alcoholics will be discussed. Guest speakers will also be brought in for lectures.

"This is not intended to be a hard class—I want it to be fun for everyone," Meade said. "In fact the only two requirements for the course are a single presentation, which is done in teams of two to make it easier, and a test at the end."

Students may want to give serious consideration to this class, if they are strapped for cash, as there are no books to purchase.

"All materials are provided free by our department," Meade said.

ROCKEFELLER

From Page 1

der with millions of Americans who are moved to begin tearing down these walls that Reagan and Bush have built and that divide us."

His announcement ends an on-again, off-again, on-again flirtation with a 1992 presidential run, and removes from the race another prominent Democrat who had been attacking President Bush for ignoring domestic issues.

His decision comes two weeks after House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri announced he, too would not run in 1992. Democrats already face an enormous task in challenging an incumbent president with record popularity, and the reluctance of big names to enter the race is cause for alarm among many party leaders.

Rockefeller in March had said he would not run but in May began aggressively exploring a candidacy. "Three months, frankly, has just not

been enough time for me to be fully ready for a Rockefeller presidency that fully meets my high standards," he said.

"What has become clear to me ... is that from the moment I announced my candidacy I would be obligated to devote every single waking hour and every single ounce of strength to the process and mechanics of a mammoth national campaign," Rockefeller said.

Rockefeller is a great-grandson of oil baron John D. Rockefeller and a nephew of the late vice president and New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

He was raised in New York but came to West Virginia in 1964 as a VISTA volunteer. Within two years Rockefeller had abandoned his family's Republican politics and won election to the state House of Delegates as a Democrat. He was governor from 1977 to 1984 and was first elected to the Senate in 1984.

'Vault' doors slam shut; Producer to move on

By Jodi Thomas
Editor

The vault is about to be shut for the last time.

"Gold Vault," a WMUL-FM oldies radio show which plays songs from the 1950s, 60s, 70s, and 80s, will go off the air Aug. 17, one month shy of its 10th anniversary.

The show, which was originally "Rock, Roll and Review" with George Snider, will end with the departure of its producer Brad Wind.

"Brad is one of our most professional staff members," Chuck Bailey, WMUL faculty manager, said. "He knew the system and produced an excellent program. You never had to worry about Saturdays—you knew they were taken care of because Brad was there."

Wind, a Marshall mathematics professor, said he is moving on. "I'm going to greener pastures, and because the records are mine, I'll be taking them with me."

"I think Chuck Bailey would agree that as long as I was at Marshall, 'Gold Vault' was here, but when I leave there will be no 'Gold Vault.'"

The show started as a two hour rock review show in 1981 and when Wind joined as a co-host of the show in 1982 the length was expanded to four hours, Wind said.

Wind said he did the show as a hobby. He said he doesn't know if he will ever do anything like "Gold Vault" again.

"I'll never say never; I am definitely not going to sell my records," he said. "I went into this as a hobby and you don't ditch hobbies overnight."

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Construction on Marshall's new stadium draws closer to completion. Officials say the stadium will be ready for The Herd's first game Sept. 7 against New Hampshire.

Vincent hopes to stay in hoops

By Anthony Hanshaw
Reporter

Brett Vincent can't get basketball out of his system. After 15 years of competitive play, the Shinnston native is pursuing a career in coaching the sport he loves.

"Basketball has been my whole life since I was seven," Vincent said. "It (the transition) has been a little different because there's nothing to look forward to, as far as competition goes."

Vincent hopes to keep his competitive nature alive through coaching on the collegiate level. He would also like to return the many fortunes Vincent believes basketball has brought him.

"I'd just like to give something back to the game," Vincent said. "With basketball I got to travel over the country, I met a lot of people, and got to go to school."

Memories are another thing basketball has given Vincent. He said his proudest moment as a college athlete was when he sank three free throws in the closing seconds against Robert Morris to send the game into overtime (the Herd eventually won).

He also ranked last year's memorable 107-103 overtime victory over

nationally ranked East Tennessee State as one of the most satisfying moments of his career.

Last year, Vincent transferred to Marshall from Robert Morris and had a solid season as the Thundering Herd's point guard.

He led the team in assists and ranked second in three point shooting and free throw accuracy. He twice led the Herd in scoring last season and was ranked in the top 10 in the Southern Conference in four categories.

Vincent said last year was his most satisfying at college. He attributed that to the confidence the coaching staff had in his abilities. In his first two seasons with West Virginia University and Robert Morris, Vincent was twice pulled from the starting lineup mid-way through the season.

"It's hard when you think you're playing well enough and get pulled out," Vincent said. "Here I was able to relax because I didn't have to worry about getting pulled because I missed a shot."

Vincent said he also enjoyed the enthusiasm the Huntington area showed in basketball.

"I couldn't believe how involved everyone in the community was in basketball," Vincent said. "The fan support here was great." He added that

TOP 10 REJECTED NAMES FOR MARSHALL UNIVERSITY'S NEW STADIUM

10. Marshall University's New Stadium
9. Chigger Field
8. Multicultural Park
7. Glavasic's Thunderbowl
6. The we-really-couldn't-have-spent-the-money-used-to-build-this-stadium-on-the-science-building; really-we-swear stadium
5. Security-provided-by-the-Huntington-Mall Stadium
4. A-futile-attempt-by-an-ex-governor-who's-in-prison-to-buy-votes-in-Southern-West-Virginia Stadium
3. Challenger Downs (Oh, I'm sorry. This must be from top 10 rejected names for a NASA-sponsored horse racing track.)
2. Save Our Stores Stadium
1. Huntington Mayor Bobby Nelson Stadium

he, "would love to come back," if he had the opportunity as a coach.

Playing in Huntington also allowed Vincent to play alongside John Taft, who he considers to be the best player he played with.

"John and I complemented each other well. He made it a lot easier on me," Vincent said.

Vincent had some interesting perspectives on the Thundering Herd's future.

He sees the Herd's difficult schedule outside the conference as a main reason that the basketball program should continue to improve.

He also is impressed with the re-

cruits head coach Dwight Freeman has signed to lessen the loss of himself, Taft and Andre Cunningham.

"They have the talent to contend for the championship next year," he said.

When reflecting on the past four years, Vincent said he will miss his teammates and the excitement of the game the most.

"I'll miss the friendship (and) just being around the guys," Vincent said.

Vincent also said that the reality of his playing career being over hasn't fully sunk in.

"It really hasn't hit me yet," he said. "When practice starts Oct. 15... and I start reading about it, it'll get me."

The tragedy of Skip Henderson

When Skip Henderson played basketball for Marshall (1984-88) I was in high school. I never really followed Marshall sports until I began watching Skip work his magic on the court. Marshall had a good basketball program, but Skip was the heart of a team that left behind some impressive records.

Although I lived in Charleston, I could see what Skip meant to the Marshall community. He seemed like a terrific young man who was idolized by every little kid who played basketball.

The Southern Conference's all-time leading scorer had everything going for him, except maybe being a star at a prestigious basketball power. However, Skip still had a chance at the National Basketball Association when he left school. That chance never materialized.

While trying out for the Continental Basketball Association's Charleston Gunners, Skip was banned from the league after testing positive for cocaine use.

In 1989 he was arrested in Cartersville, Ga., and placed on probation for driving without a license, giving false information to a police officer and possession of less than a gram of cocaine.

In June 1990, he was accused of stealing a \$19,500 car from a Huntington dealership where he worked washing cars. The incident never came to trial because of his trouble in Georgia at the same time.

Still on probation, Skip was jailed earlier this year after being found guilty of helping break into a construction shop in Cartersville and acting as the getaway driver.

The latest twist to the Skip saga occurred last month when he was arrested and charged with armed robbery of a convenience store in Cartersville. According to the prosecutor, Skip admitted to the crime and blamed it on his continuing drug problem, the same problem he had once so adamantly denied. With this police record, Skip now faces the possibility of a very long prison sentence. This is so tragic in a life that seemed so promising.

What makes the Skip situation harder to swallow is the two separate times he was featured on the local news by two different TV stations. Both times he admitted making a few mistakes, but vowed he was a better person who was going to redeem himself. Sadly, both times he disappointed his fans by getting deeper into trouble. It's the old "cry wolf" story. If Skip again were to say he's going to turn his life around, not many would listen.

What happened to the Skip who dazzled Herd fans for four years and was praised for his relationship with children?

There was foreshadowing. In February 1986, Skip was suspended one game for missing practice. Skip told two reporters he had quit the team, but former coach Rick Huckabay and the Athletic Department denied the report. The incident was surrounded in a cloud of controversy as were the last few years Huckabay was coach.

Who is to blame? Certainly Skip is responsible for his actions. He did make the choice to use drugs and break the law, but could his downfall have been prevented? Did Skip only begin to use drugs after



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leaving Marshall? Did Skip use drugs while playing basketball, somehow avoiding detection from drug testing? Is it likely that certain athletic constituents were aware of Skip's drug habit?

The NCAA found the basketball program and Rick Huckabay guilty of knowingly committing violations of NCAA rules. Clothes, jewelry, money and housing were given to players.

It's also interesting to note that Skip was among 33 of 37 players who didn't graduate under Huckabay.

Skip was a basketball commodity too valuable to lose. It was likely that heads turned the other way where Skip was concerned. While he was here he was a god. Now, he is in and out of prison.

Marshall athletics have had their share of success stories. In the case of Skip Henderson, one of the greatest basketball players to wear Marshall green, his story doesn't have a happy ending. It's a story that makes you leery of putting athletes or anyone else on a pedestal. And as I now follow the career of another Marshall great John Taft, I would hope, regardless whether he makes the NBA, that his life turns out better.

Cross country teams look to improve on last year

By Alan P. Pittman
Managing Editor

Cross Country Coach Dennis J. Brachna said he is looking forward to a much improved season for both the men and women's cross country team this fall.

"Last year the women's team had one junior and five freshmen," Brachna said. "With the freshmen maturing and a few good recruits, we should be especially improved."

Brachna mentioned Christa Gibson, the only senior, and sophomore Michelle Strager as two runners he expects to have good seasons.

As for the men, Brachna said last season's team had a great year, but finished a disappointing third in the Southern Conference Championship.

"Based on experience, I look for the men to improve over last year's team," he said. "We lost our best runner Duane Miller but we return six strong runners, including sophomore Mark

Gladwell and junior Anthony Patrick."

Brachna said cross country is different from track in that instead of having several events, there is just one race each for the women and men. The men run a five mile race while the women run three miles.

He said most cross country meets occur on a golf course. "The courses vary from challenging hills like the course at Furman, to an extremely flat course at Ohio University."

Brachna's interest in running dates back to his track days at Slippery Rock State University of Pennsylvania.

After participating in track and cross country in college, Brachna became an assistant coach at his hometown high school in Pennsylvania. He came to Marshall in 1976 as a graduate assistant in physical education. Brachna volunteered his services to the track team for the next five years until becoming head coach of The Citadel in 1982. In 1986 Brachna became head coach for MU's women and men cross country and track teams. In his first year the men's track team finished third while the cross country team won the conference title. For this accomplishment Brachna was named coach of the year.

Brachna said it is not uncommon for one person to coach both women and men.

Ticket sales expected to increase

By Jodi Thomas
Editor

Ticket sales for the new stadium are going to get "one big push" in August, according to Tom Freidel, ticket manager.

"We are running a series of television ads, which are going on right now," Freidel said. "The first is just a 10-second teaser and then they increase to 20 seconds and 30 seconds."

Freidel said the commercials will get people in the mood for fall and the start of the football season and encourage them to buy tickets.

"Another commercial that is being cut is one geared toward a family plan seating," he said.

Freidel said the ticket office has been extremely busy since the Southern Conference poll came out in which Marshall was predicted to win the conference.

"The phones have been ringing constantly and last Thursday and Friday we actually had people lined up at the ticket windows for the first time," he said. "I think the reason for that is now people are starting to think about football."

The Athletic Department's goal is to have 10,000 season tickets sold by Sept. 7, the day of the first home game.

"We have 7,300 sold right now and

I think we've got a realistic shot at 10,000," Freidel said. "Considering last year there were only 4,900 sold, not many Division I-A, or Division III schools can sell 10,000 season tickets."

The faculty and staff season ticket sales are up also, according to Freidel.

"Only being at Marshall four months, I'm not up on the ins and outs of the politics between athletics and academics, but I think people are starting to put them aside," he said. "After all it is a new beginning, not only for athletics but for Marshall. We have a new president, and new stadium, a new fine arts facility; it is time to start fresh."

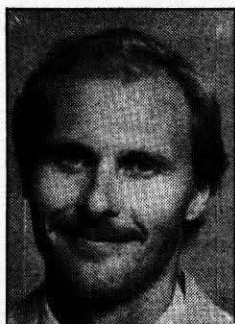
Freidel said all seating at the stadium will be in place by the end of next week, barring bad weather.

Students will be able to pick up tickets in the Cam Henderson Center ticket office on Thursday one week before the game, and Friday before the game at Memorial Student Center.

Student tickets also will be available the day of the game at the stadium.

Student guest tickets are \$8. In order to get tickets students need to present a valid Marshall I.D. and an activity card.

Students must also show their Marshall I.D. at the gate.



Brachna

Whitewater rafting is not just for tourists

By Ed Loomis
Staff Writer

Okay, it's HOT, the grass outside your home dorm, or apartment is turning a nasty shade of brown, and your car does its best to simulate a blast furnace every time you go out to start it up.

If you're looking for relief from high temperatures and, once finals are over, you will have some time on your hands, think about trying whitewater rafting.

You might say, "I'm from West Virginia and whitewater rafting is just for the tourists." Most people from the Mountain State I've talked to say they have never given it a try.

You might be right. However, after an exciting ride down the New River last week in a group of people mostly from other states with the water flowing two feet over average I would argue with you.

What made it exciting? Well, I have body surfed six to seven foot waves in the Caribbean and not felt the panic I felt on the New River where waves the same size sit there and wait for you to challenge them.

A good guide can make things exciting. The way our group's guide built up the level-four-and-above rapids did a pretty thorough job of getting our adrenaline level and sense of urgency where they needed to be.

You can go down the river on one of two types of boats. Either you can work your way down the river with each person, including the guide, paddling with conventional paddles.

The other option is to run the river in a boat equipped with a set of large oars. Although customers in the boats can paddle, the guide does most of the maneuvering.

You can go through with a group of friends, but riding with strangers is no big problem. There is a certain amount of bonding that happens in the rapids as you depend on each other to paddle as a team.

Problems? You can call me stuffy for this one, but there obviously are a lot of people out there who haven't been in a water fight in a long time and get it out of their system in between rapids.

It wasn't the water flying at me that bothered me, but when the bailing buckets and helmets used to throw said same water come loose from the fingers that are supposed to be holding them, the effect is similar to a six-pound Napoleon cannon fired through the ranks of the 54th Massachusetts in "Glory."

Probably the greatest drawback was that rafting isn't cheap...Whitewater Information, the company with whom I rafted, charged \$58 per person. Having gone down with the river, the cost is explained by their investment in equipment, employee wages and probably some healthy insurance premiums.

Don't let my descriptions of the rapids and mention of insurance dissuade you from giving rafting a try. Our group guide said that, of 250,000 people who have gone down the New River, there have been only two fatalities. That sounds like a better safety record than the drive from Huntington to the Beckley area.

Plan ahead what you wear and take with you. If you take something with you on the boat, the object, unless sealed and tied down, will at least get wet and at worst get washed away on the river.

If you wear glasses or sunglasses, wear them on a strap or string. Sunny weather will give you a nice, red burn on the water if you don't use a sun block, screen or lotion.

Dress in layers and take off the layers you don't need before you go, because if it's on the boat it's going to get wet. Carry a dry set of clothing for the trip home, unless your car is still blast furnace hot.



Nothing quite like an exciting joy ride down the New River in West Virginia.

SCIENCE

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have seriously cheated a whole generation of students by not having proper facilities. The students have been the losers in this situation."

The first three floors are nearly complete, according to Hanrahan. The Department of Geology will be housed on the first floor (previously the basement), with the Department of Physics on first and second. The Department of Biology, the largest department in the COS, will be spread over the first three floors. Other COS departments will have to wait.

"There's plenty of cheering going on about the science building, but as far as I'm concerned, the renovations are not complete," said Dr. Dan P. Babb, chair of the Department of Chemistry. His faculty are still in Northcott, and will

teach in two other buildings. "I hope we get in soon," he said.

"By next fall, all COS personnel should be in," said Hanrahan. He said he hopes to open the second phase for bids within the next few weeks.

Hanrahan expects some confusion this fall due to the changes, but said things will work out over time. "Getting the science building renovated has been my major goal for 15 years," he said. "Now my goal is to see that the new facilities are properly equipped and to get everyone settled in."

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