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Gilley renews commitment to Yeagers

By Bill Gardner
Reporter

President J. Wade Gilley announced Monday that he will renew the university's commitment to the Society of Yeager Scholars.

Gilley said the university will continue to admit 10 students as Yeager Scholars annually over the next four years. An increase in the number may be considered then.

The announcement came after Gilley attended a meeting of the Society of Yeager Scholars Board of Directors on Saturday. In the meeting, the board re-affirmed its commitment to the financial support

of the program.

Gilley said the Yeager board volunteered to raise \$200,000 in private funds for operating costs of the program over the next year.

"I want to emphasize that the Yeager Scholars program is a Marshall University program and that it has been very successful from an academic standpoint," Gilley said. "Although we may have to make some program changes from time to time, Marshall University remains committed to the Society of Yeager Scholars and the Marshall University students served through the program."

Dr. William M. Denman, director of the Society of Yeager Scholars, said the board

had an excellent meeting on Saturday, and Dr. Gilley has been very supportive.

Denman said the program had not been recruiting students for next fall's new class, but, "We hope to get that going this week."

"I am very, very pleased that they are going to rejuvenate the program," Jennifer Harrell, Stuart Fla., junior, and a Yeager Scholar, said Monday.

Harrell and others inside the program, who do not wish to be named, said there have been rumors that the program might be cut. "There were rumors there would not be a class next year," Harrell said.

Gilley said the \$200,000 the board volunteered to raise in private funds will

enable the university to reduce its allocation of university operating funds to the program to \$100,000 for the 1992-93 academic year.

Gilley told the board of directors more than \$750,000 of the university's operating funds have gone toward support of the program since its inception in 1986, not including \$155,000 worth of tuition waivers allocated to the program.

Over the next four years, Gilley said, completion of pledges of private financial support for the Yeager program will increase its endowment to at least \$6 million. Additional private gifts and pledges very likely will increase the endowment beyond that level, he said.

Forgotten memorial



Photo by Jack Bailey

This often overlooked memorial to prisoners of war and MIA's is located in front of the James E. Morrow Library.

Greek council leads student center boycott

By David L. Swint
Managing Editor

A petition which claims Memorial Student Center and Marriott Food Services no longer caters to student organization needs has been endorsed by more than 1,000 students, and a boycott of the facility will begin Monday unless changes are made.

Interfraternity Council President Michael Corsaro, Hurricane junior, said, "We would like to see management and the administration show a little more concern for student organizations."

A cover letter circulated with the petition states: "We think the food service we receive is not of a quality to warrant such outrageous prices. We are student organizations and receive the majority, if not all of our funds from the pockets of students."

"Because we already pay student fees that cover our use of

the student facility, we think some of the supplemental fees are detrimental to the survival of our respective groups and that the monopolistic catering service provided by Marriott is unsatisfactory."

Corsaro said 12 of the 13 Greek organizations recognized by the university support the boycott. The Delta Zeta sorority voted not to support it because "they're not involved with the student center on an ongoing basis," he said.

Other organizations in support of the boycott are the black Greek organizations, the Gamma Beta Phi honor society and MAPS.

According to guidelines established by the Department of Auxiliary Services for catered events: "No food or beverage items can be brought into the Memorial Student Center with-

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Faculty ratio shows 73-student range

By Brad McElhinny
Reporter

The basic humanities department has 1.3 majors for each full-time faculty member, while the criminal justice department has 75 majors for each full-time teacher.

However, university officials say college-wide course requirements distort the figures.

"When you get into this, you find out it's not as simple as you thought," Provost Alan Gould said. "It's not, 'Gee, we have this number of majors and this num-

ber of faculty members and boom!"

Gould said "some departments serve more majors while others [offer more core-requirement classes], so it all comes out equal."

Gould was responding to a Parthenon comparison that showed an immense difference between departments in the ratio of full-time faculty to student majors.

The comparison was based on information from the 1990 "Planning and Analytic Data" book issued by the Office of Institutional Research.

The five lowest ratios were in these departments: basic humanities, with 1.3 majors for each full-time faculty member; medicine, with 1.46 majors for each faculty member; English, with 2.8 majors per faculty member; modern languages, with a 3.9-1 ratio; and geology, 4.25-1.

Those with the fewest faculty in relation to their majors were: criminal justice, with 75 majors for each faculty member; business education, with 69 majors per faculty member; manage-

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Highest majors-faculty ratios

| DEPARTMENT | MAJORS | FACULTY | RATIO |
|---------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| • Criminal Justice | 300 | 4 | 75:1 |
| • Bus. Education | 69 | 1 | 69:1 |
| • Management | 591 | 9 | 65.6:1 |
| • Marketing | 384 | 6 | 64:1 |
| • Teacher education | 1393 | 23 | 60.56:1 |

* Some departments teach courses required for non-majors

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ment, with 65.6 majors per faculty member; marketing, with a ratio of 64—1; and teacher education, 60.56—1.

Dr. Deryl Leaming, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said the wide gap between departments can be misleading. He said some departments, such as humanities, teach mainly courses required of non-majors.

"You have areas that have few majors but serve a lot of students," he said. "If students didn't have to take English classes, we wouldn't have to have such a large number of faculty."

Gould said some programs are simply geared to attract more majors.

"They're professional departments," he said. "You will find any program that is professionally oriented is going to attract a greater number of majors."

Dr. Clayton McNearney, chairman of the religious studies department, said the number of majors in a department doesn't necessarily tell the program's value.

"On many campuses, the strength of a discipline is not to be measured by its number of graduates," he said. "On this campus, for example, we've got some excellent physics teachers and few physics majors."

Lowest majors-faculty ratios

| DEPARTMENT | MAJORS | FACULTY | RATIO |
|--------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| • Basic Humanities | 11 | 8 | 1.3:1 |
| • Medical School | 194 | 132 | 1.46:1 |
| • English | 84 | 30 | 2.8:1 |
| • Modern Languages | 39 | 10 | 3.9:1 |
| • Geology | 17 | 4 | 4.25:1 |

* Some departments teach courses required for non-majors

Parthenon graphic

Criminal justice makes due

"This, to us, is relaxed," said Margaret Phipps Brown, chairman of the criminal justice department. "You should have been here two years ago."

That was when only three full-time criminal justice faculty members faced 400 majors, and, to cope, the department began refusing new majors.

Now, with four full-time instructors facing 300 majors, the department stands at the top of a Parthenon comparison full-time faculty to students majoring in those disciplines.

Brown said criminal justice programs have increased in popularity because of government benefits designed to attract

students. But, she said faculty assignments have not kept up.

Brown said her department has had problems offering enough sections and has had to face "larger classes in upper level courses than most departments will see."

However, she said her department has worked hard to guarantee quality in the classroom.

"We have a very active department, but that doesn't mean our academics are lacking either," she said.

"If you looked at this list, you would expect criminal justice would be a bonehead or sweatshop department, but we're not."

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out written approval from Food Service."

If a group wishes to use donated food or beverages, they must provide written proof that the items were donated 72 hours before the function. Any purchased items must be bought through Marriott Food Service.

Corsaro said Marriott's prices are not competitive with prices for the same items found off campus. "We were charged \$53 for a vegetable tray, then I found out we could have gotten a shrimp cocktail tray from Red Lobster for \$20."

Amanda Harless, coordinator of Greek Affairs, said, "The center has been accommodating to my needs, but they don't seem to be as accommodating to students. Perhaps it's because of the different relationship."

Harless said Marriott's prices wouldn't seem out of line "if they backed it up with some service."

Annmarie Merritt, coordinator of Student Activities, said, "We're higher education ... we don't need china and silverware. With our budget, paper plates and cups are okay."

She said a combination of decreased operating hours and campus budget cuts have contributed to a difficult situation for student organizations who

use the student center.

She said the student center is trying to work with student groups, but those organizations are left with the impression that the center doesn't care.

Corsaro said organizations agreed to boycott because administrators have been unresponsive to past complaints about services in the center.

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Humanities department caters to non-majors

By Brad McElhinny
Reporter

While the humanities department works to increase its majors, department chairmen say they're spending their time teaching non-majors taking required courses.

"Probably most of our time is spent with students in general — non-majors. Certainly mine is," said Dr. Clayton McNearney, chairman of religious studies.

"The same teaching is required," added Dr. Charles Lloyd, chairman of classical studies.

Although they say their work loads and class sizes are adequate, McNearney and Lloyd said attracting majors has been a struggle.

A Parthenon comparison showed that the humanities department had the lowest majors to faculty ratio of all university departments.

The department had 11 majors for eight full-time instructors, according to the comparison, which was based on information from the 1990 "Planning and Analytic Data" book issued by the Office of Institutional Research.

"One of the reasons for having such a small number of majors has to do with quality of subject

matter," Lloyd said. "It also has to do with the value society puts on certain kinds of learning."

Lloyd said many students don't possess the verbal skills necessary to succeed in humanities classes.

McNearney said he thinks many students don't consider majoring in humanities because they perceive a lack of job opportunities in that field.

However, he said, that perception might not be an accurate one. He said many businesses value the writing and reasoning skills that come with such a degree.

"I think humanities degrees and liberal arts degrees in general are valued more highly than students think," McNearney said. "It shows a well-roundedness."

McNearney and Lloyd said they have tried to encourage many students to seek a humanities degree as part of a double-major. The result, they said, has been to increase the total number of humanities majors to 21.

Good teaching is the best way to attract students, McNearney said.

"I think for the most part," he said, "our majors have just gotten into our classes and liked what's going on."

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Gorbachev urges republics to unite

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev called Monday for urgent efforts to preserve the Soviet Union, warning that its breakup into numerous republics would be a catastrophe for all of them.

"None of the republics should think that someone is trying to keep them in the union by force. At the same time, people should be aware of the consequences of their choice," he said.

Gorbachev, speaking at the first session of the reconstituted Supreme Soviet legislature, said a draft of a treaty to create a new union of sovereign states was being readied for the remaining 12 republics.

The tough road ahead for the treaty was clear today when just seven republics sent full delegations to the legislature.

BEIRUT, Lebanon

American hostage freed after years of captivity

A senior U.N. diplomat has reported that American hostage Jesse Turner has been released in Beirut, a spokeswoman said Monday.

Secretary-general Javier Perez de Cuellar was informed that Turner was released "and we understand that he is on his way to Damascus," spokeswoman Nadia Younes said.

Conflicting information over Turner's whereabouts was reported Monday when an Iranian news agency said he had been released. A senior Syrian official later cast doubt on whether the release had occurred.

U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the U.S. had been told Turner was free, but didn't know where he was. One official said fine points of the release were being handled by the U.N. and were out of U.S. hands.

Mine investigation expands to coal dust sample cheating

CHARLESTON (AP) — Dozens of coal companies and individuals have agreed to plead guilty to charges of conspiracy to defraud the federal coal dust sampling program, U.S. Attorney Michael Carey said Monday.



Carey said the allegations includes companies in West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky who have conspired to submit false dust samples to the federal Mine, Safety and Health Administration.

The charges include 43 individuals and 33 companies, Carey said.

The charges allege that two employees of a coal mining consulting firm, Triangle Research Inc. of Grundy, Va., engaged in a pattern of assisting the coal companies in submitting false dust samples.

The two employees, Harry White and

Ronald Ellis, are charged under the Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations act, which poses penalties for a pattern of criminal activity.

The maximum penalty under the RICO statute is 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine upon conviction. The other defendants are accused of violating conspiracy laws that carry a maximum penalty of five years and \$250,000 fine for individuals and a fine of \$500,000 for each corporation.

Under the scheme, representatives of Triangle would call a mine to verify that no MSHA inspector had been present that day, Carey said.

Triangle allegedly then would send on behalf of the coal company a dust sample that had been taken at some place other than the mine site, often "above-ground or in a bucket full of coal dust," Carey said.

The investigation focused on a different method of tampering with the dust

sampling system than that outlined by MSHA in April, in which 4,700 citations were issued charging companies with altering samples.

Monday's announcement was the latest in a lengthy investigation into fraud in the federal dust sampling program.

Until Monday, much of the investigation was thought to focus on the phenomenon of "abnormal white centers" on the sampling cassettes, which prosecutors say are the result of vacuuming dust from the filter or otherwise deliberately tampering with the samples after they were taken.

The nation's largest coal producer, Peabody Coal Co. of St. Louis, pleaded guilty in January to three criminal counts of tampering with dust samples and agreed to pay a fine of \$500,000. Federal prosecutors in Charleston, who announced the guilty plea, said at the time that their investigations were continuing.

PLO to work with Palestinians during Middle East peace talks, Arafat says

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — PLO leader Yasser Arafat said Monday his group will coordinate closely with Palestinian delegates at next week's Middle East peace conference, even though PLO officials are barred from the talks.



Officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization also said the foreign ministers of the PLO and Israel's Arab neighbors would meet Wednesday to discuss coordinating policies for the conference.

Arafat's comments came a day after Israel's Cabinet approved participation in the peace conference in a 16-3 vote, while repeating the government's stand that Israeli delegates would not negotiate

with known PLO members. Israel considers the PLO a terrorist organization.

In Amman, Jordan, Monday, Soviet Foreign Minister Boris Pankin welcomed the Israeli decision to attend the talks, scheduled for Oct. 30 in Madrid, Spain.

Pankin, whose country is a co-sponsor of the conference with the United States, said the decision "indicates that Israel will take a serious position during the peace talks."

The Cabinet's decision came the same day three Israeli soldiers were killed in Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon by Arab extremists opposed to talks with the Jewish state, raising fears of heightened violence as the conference nears.

A radical Iranian newspaper Monday condemned Spain for agreeing to be host for the conference, which is opposed by some Iranian and Arab factions that fear

the talks will strengthen Israel. The Farsi-language Jomhuri Islami warned of dire consequences for any nation that helped the negotiations.

The bombing attack by the pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim group Hezbollah prompted Israeli shelling of two nearby villages Sunday and an air raid on a Hezbollah command post in southern Lebanon Monday.

Arafat, the PLO chairman, said Monday that his group would be actively involved in the peace talks even if not at the conference physically. He said the Palestinian delegates attending as part of the Jordanian delegation would coordinate with PLO officials in Madrid and represent the PLO's interests.

"Each and every person among the Palestinian people represents the PLO," he said.

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OUR VIEW

Country could learn from trash magician

"The most important fact about Spaceship Earth: an instruction book didn't come with it."

R. Buckminster Fuller

Steve Trash has devoted his life to something he believes in — waste.

Trash, a self-proclaimed environmental magician who performed at Marco's Wednesday, uses slight-of-hand to deliver the recycling message. He has his work cut out for him.

Between 1920 and 1970, the amount of refuse produced daily by the average American grew from three pounds to six pounds. Some experts say the amount may grow to nine pounds by the turn of the century.

One report estimates only 10 percent of the nation's solid waste is being recycled. The Environmental Protection Agency hopes to reach 25 percent by 1992. Japan recycles 50 percent.

The state Legislature passed a bill that theoretically could help us reach that goal.

The bill, which awaits the governor's approval, would require communities of more than 10,000 people to initiate recycling programs within two years.

This is a start, but historic environmental apathy tells us that unless separating recyclables from trash is made mandatory, few citizens will participate.

One solution would be to incorporate the use of massive refuse separation plants, as Ashland, Ky., does.

The plants separate non-recyclables from recyclables which are then sold to recycling centers. The system, though costly to initiate, eventually would produce revenue. The process greatly reduces the amount of trash sent to landfills.

Until our leaders realize that most don't care about what they do to the planet, we'll have to do with what's available.

Push for recycling programs and use them. If you don't join the Trash fight, trash is all we'll have.



GILLEY HAD THE BUDGET BY THE TAIL, OR MAYBE IT WAS THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

YOUR TURN

Budget cuts hit new faculty doors

To the Editor:

File this under "things that make you go 'hmm.'"

Despite the fact that several hundreds of thousands of dollars continue to be spent on landscaping, the university is cutting back in other areas. My department has just been informed that "due to budget reductions" the university's Plant Operations will no longer be able to provide signs with the names of new faculty members for their office doors.

Susan Jackson
Assistant professor of art

People have right to listen to metal

To the Editor:

I am replying to a letter to the editor published in The Parthenon Thursday from Matthew Moses. I believe he missed the whole point of Rick Kincaid's letter.

It was clear that Kincaid was referring to censorship, not rape, drugs, crime or abortion. The point I think he was trying to make is why should one group of people stop everyone from listening to a certain type of music or reading a certain type of

book just because they don't like it? Do you think it's right for someone else to tell you what to wear, how to walk and talk, or what kind of music you should listen to?

I think anyone who likes to be told what to do has serious problems. And my point is, people who think like that are the real ones bringing this country down. Censorship is wrong. Americans have a right to express themselves as they wish. The only difference is that different people have different tastes, but it does not give them the right to censor it just because it does not suit them.

I do agree with you that people should back what they believe in, and the only way we will succeed as leaders in the future is if we can fix all the damage the leaders of today have already done.

Maureen Nelson
Huntington freshman

Thomas supporter displayed paranoia

To the Editor:

Contrary to the misguided demagoguery of Edwin R. Haney's letter Wednesday, I know of no one who is revelling in the "scandal of the minute" except for the extreme fringe of the political right, who has taken every possible chance to throw mud at liberals, women, civil rights groups

and anyone else they could get in their sights. However, Thomas has made it into the court and the time has come to don our black arm bands and start listening to dirges because all of our rights, Mr. Haney's, mine and everybody else's are going to be chiseled into nothing.

No unbiased senator would need an excuse to deny Thomas a position on the Supreme Court based on his record, of which some major points were documented in the MAPS letter of Sept. 27. The record which makes him the "best man" for the job is one of perpetual back-stabbing of every cause he has claimed to stand behind. Part of his record which makes him the "best man" and a "role model" to blacks is his association with Jay Parker and William Keyes, also black, who have served as agents and lobbyists for South Africa's apartheid government.

The constant attacks on Anita Hill as a "politically correct feminist activist" and a tool of special interest groups are ridiculous. Hill is a conservative herself and in fact supported the nomination Robert Bork and worked under Thomas in the Reagan administration.

Throughout his letter, Haney's rhetoric is persistent misogynistic paranoia. These horrible, evil, self-serving women who are out to get him are, no doubt, under his bed and in his closet.

Gideon Paulovic
Huntington junior

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Filipino medicine is subject of med student exchange

By Jeff Parsons
Reporter

For some people, medical school in West Virginia isn't enough of an adventure.

Fourth-year Williamstown medical student Gary Petty will spend the next two months in the Philippines.

Petty left Sunday as part of an international medical rotation program with Georgetown University.

"It's a once in a lifetime experience to get to spend two months observing practices in another part of the world," Petty said.

"This trip has the potential to be great," he said. "The potential is not only from a medical standpoint, but also from a general growth and learning standpoint."

Participation in the Georgetown-funded program allows Petty to observe the medical practices of various sections of the Philippines.

The first item on Petty's agenda will be to spend time at refugee processing centers.

He will spend time at local hospitals, outreach centers, and also will study the traditional health methods of the Philippines.

"Hopefully, I will see how

people with limited resources deal with their problems," Petty said.

"There are a great many needs in third world countries and among those needs are health needs," he said. "While I'm there, I want to get a feel of the medical needs of the people and talk to some of the natives to see how they go about solving some of their problems."

Petty said he will be accompanied by a Georgetown medical student and a native of the Philippines.

Dr. Daniel Peterson, associate professor of medicine, said an international medical rotation is "almost always a life changing experience."

"The students often have a different perspective not only on the medical practices, but also on the people of the particular region," Peterson said.

While Petty is the only medical student on an international rotation this fall, Peterson said two or three students a year make international trips to study medical practices.

"Most of the students are self-selected," Peterson said. "Some have connections of their own and make the arrangements themselves or some, like Mr. Petty, get involved in a rotation program of some type."

Faculty seeks schedule input

By Brad McElhinny
Reporter

A Faculty Senate committee amended class scheduling policy last Thursday, making its first step toward strengthening the faculty's power to set class periods.

The Senate's Academic Standards and Curricula Review Committee acted in response to what senators saw as inflexibility by Office of the Registrar in scheduling afternoon classes at times other than 4 and 6:30 p.m.

"It really boils down to what office decides when classes should start," said Dr. Robert Sawrey, Faculty Senate president. "We are adamant that the faculty, working with the chairs and deans, should make those decisions."

The committee voted to expand a 1989-90 resolution that read "That departments, in consultation with the registrar, be given necessary flexibility to address their students' needs when scheduling class starting times."

The committee voted to add a sentence to the policy stating that the ultimate decision for course scheduling times will rest with departments in consultation with

“We are adamant that the faculty, working with the chairs and deans, should make these decisions.”

■ Dr. Robert Sawrey
Faculty senate president

those departments' respective deans.

Sawrey said the new document will probably be discussed in November by the full Faculty Senate and President J. Wade Gilley. Both must approve the statement before it becomes university policy.

Registrar Robert Eddins told the committee that his office has been flexible in granting unusual hours and the addition to the statement was unnecessary.

Eddins told the committee "When times do not fit the mold, we have contacted the dean or chairman. And in instances when the dean or chairman has indicated there is a need to have [a different time], we have always gone along with this."

"If you check the schedule this semester, you will find a number

of unusual starting times. When the dean or chair said there was a unique situation involving students we went along with it."

However, Sawrey said the Office of the Registrar was reluctant in granting unusual time slots for history classes. He said the history department was allowed to choose its time slots after it presented the original senate resolution to Eddins.

Sawrey also told the committee that Eddins had denied a time change to a classical studies professor. Sawrey said the instructor, who lived in Charleston, wanted to teach his night class at an earlier hour so he could avoid driving late at night.

Eddins responded "Charleston, Ashland — it makes no difference. Beverly Hills ..." He added that his office had turned down cases where it considered the change in class time to be for the benefit of a faculty member rather than students.

Eddins also argued that classroom availability has to be considered when setting class times.

Sawrey said, "Our contention is that if there's a problem, it is still an academic matter. It shouldn't be the decision of the registrar."

Sawrey: Scheduling flexibility benefits students, professors

Like a lot of people, after history professor Robert Sawrey has finished a long, hard day of work, one of the last places he wants to go is night class.

"Personally I find 6:30 a really tough time. I'm worn out," Sawrey said. "If the class goes past 9 o'clock, it's pretty hard to be fresh, to be involved. I have a problem with my energy level past 9 o'clock."

So Sawrey and some other members of his history department believe they've found one way to ease the pain. They advo-

cate teaching some evening classes starting at 5 p.m. — an unusual starting time, but one that they say has been effective.

They say the hour allows for students who work during the day to make it to class, while it allows others to have their evenings free.

The professors also say the earlier classes allow for more energetic participation.

"One instructor told me that he has offered his at 5 o'clock, even though 6:30 would have been more convenient for him, because

his students like it," Donna Spindel, history chairwoman said.

Others argue that unusual starting times might cause students to miss out on classes offered at the standard times of 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

However, Spindel said many students have reacted favorably to the 5 p.m. history classes.

"We just do not have any sense at all that these are causing any problem for students," she said. "I went back and checked enrollment and enrollments looked fine."

The filing deadline for Student Government fall student senate elections is 9 p.m. Wednesday at the SGA office, room 2W29B, Memorial Student Center

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By GARY LARSON

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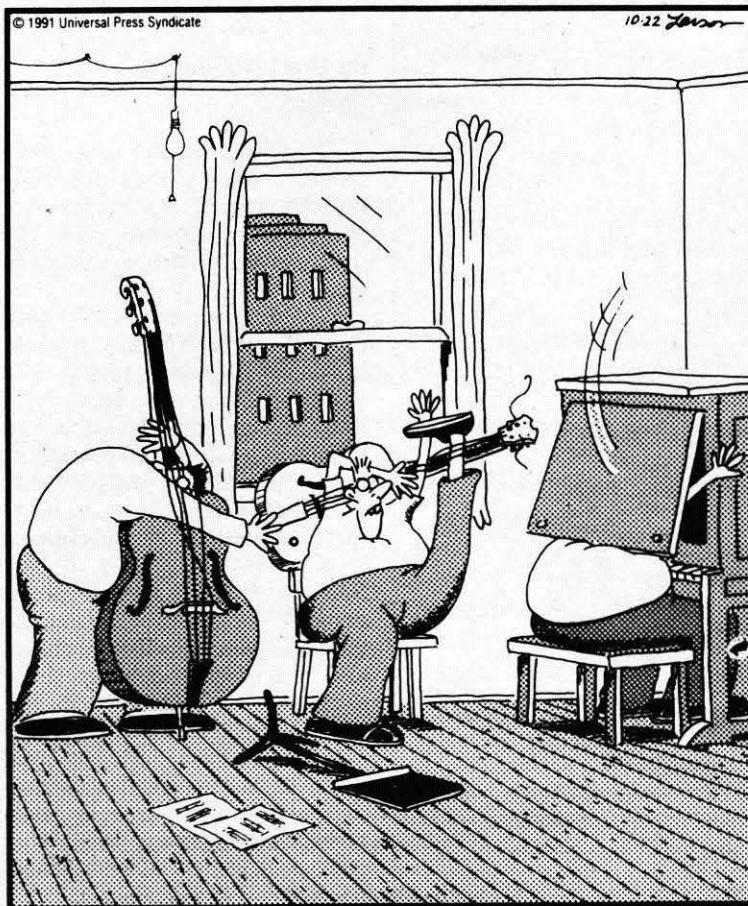
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A. SCENE FROM A CHILD SAFETY FILM.
 B. EVERY PARENT'S WORST FEAR.
 C. GHER LOOKING FOR A NEW BOYFRIEND.

WHAT IS THIS?

ANSWERS:

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Downey returns, faces new challenges

Fifth-year senior weathers injuries

By Chris Stadelman
Athletic Correspondent

Matt Downey came out of Henderson Center on his way to practice last week a little later than many players, but it's understandable.

"It takes a while to get ready," he said with a wry smile. The fifth-year senior finally has recovered from back and wrist injuries, but he still takes precautionary measures in the form of knee braces and tape. Lots of tape.

Downey missed all of last season with a back injury and was red-shirted so he could return for another season. On a warm afternoon, the bulky linebacker undoubtedly was glad that he had.

In five years with the football program, Downey has seen and done a lot of things. But the past two weeks have proved he still has many new challenges to face.

With Marshall's 38-35 victory over Furman two weeks ago, Downey won for the first time in South Carolina, breaking an 0 for 4 streak. Last Saturday, he went against a Division I-A opponent for the first time in 11th ranked North Carolina State. Although it was a heartbreaking 15-14 loss for the Herd, it still was a new experience.

Add that Downey is completely healthy for the first time since his freshman year,

and this has been quite a year for the St. Albans native.

He's also the last remaining player from the Herd's 1987 national championship runner-up team.

At the mid-point of the Herd's 1991 season, he compared this year's 4-2 team to the playoff squad.

"It can be better," he said, adjusting the white leather gloves protecting his hands. "I don't know if we're there yet. Sometimes it looks like we are. This team has more athletic ability."

Downey, who started three games as a freshman five years ago, said this year's team has a luxury that team didn't have. He is able to play only on running downs, with a platoon of players coming in for passing plays.

"I'm a run linebacker," he said, noting the injuries have caused him to lose some speed. "That's one of the things that we've never had in the past. If someone goes down, we have more depth in those positions."

Even going to Raleigh, N.C., as a major underdog to an admittedly superior team had its good points, Downey said.

"It will make you better," he said. "It may even help your confidence."

"Later in the season you can line up and say, 'I've played against someone who is better than this guy.'"

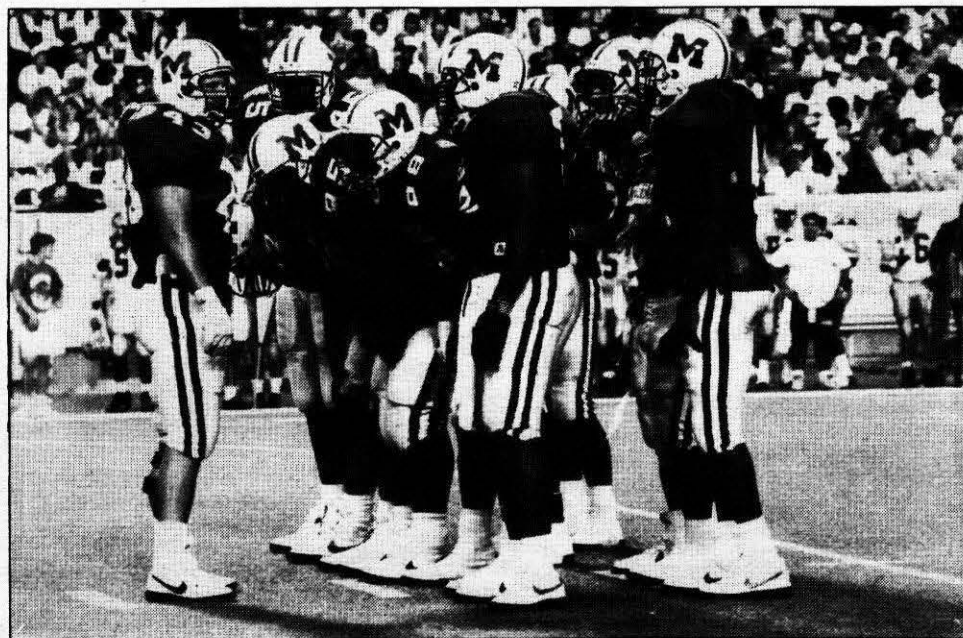


Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Fifth-year senior Matt Downey (left) lends leadership and experience to the defensive squad.

Voters impressed with loss; Herd jumps to sixth in poll

By Alan P. Pittman
Sports Editor

The Herd's last-second 15-14 loss to 12th ranked North Carolina State Saturday impressed officials enough to vote Marshall sixth in this week's NCAA Division I-AA poll.

While The Herd moved up two notches, the Division I Wolfpack dropped one spot to 12th.

Coach Jim Donnan said Monday that he and the team are preparing a normal week of practice for its upcoming game at UT-Chattanooga.

"The game [NC State] is over," he said. "It was a magnificent effort by our team but they made the plays that were necessary to win."

Before the game Donnan had said Marshall shouldn't be playing the highly ranked Division I Wolfpack. However, Donnan seemed to change his tune after The Herd almost pulled the biggest upset of the year in college football.

"I've always said we could play with a lot of Division I teams — the lower echelon," he said. "I don't think NC State is as good as their ranking. I don't mean to take away from us or them but their schedule has permitted them to go undefeated. I think we are in the top 60-65 in the nation."

Donnan admitted being upset with the officiating after the game but said it was in the heat of the moment.

"I was mad at the end of the game with the way we lost it," he said. "I'm not going to criticize the officials. Sometimes you get calls sometimes you don't."

Coming in the game not many people were giving The Herd a chance.

However, after the game many fans who had listened to it in Huntington were stunned by the speed and method by which NC State won.

I-AA top 20

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| 1 | Nevada | 7-0 |
| 2 | E. Kentucky | 5-1 |
| 3 | Holy Cross | 6-0 |
| 4 | No. Iowa | 5-1 |
| 5 | Sam Houston | 5-0-1 |
| 6 | MARSHALL | 4-2 |
| 7 | Alabama St. | 5-0-1 |
| 8 | Middle Tenn. St. | 4-2 |
| 9 | New Hampshire | 5-1 |
| 10 | Boise State | 5-1 |
| 11 | Delaware | 6-1 |
| 12 | Appalachian St. | 6-2 |
| | Villanova | 5-1 |
| 14 | Western Illinois | 5-1-1 |
| 15 | Furman | 5-2 |
| 16 | NW Louisiana | 4-2 |
| 17 | James Madison | 5-2 |
| 18 | SW Missouri St. | 4-2-1 |
| 19 | Lehigh | 6-0 |
| 20 | NE Louisiana | 4-2-1 |

"We were crushed emotionally," Donnan said. "But the kids realize they still got the whole year ahead of us. We got to prove we can take care of business in our league."

Derek Grier, who was on the sidelines when NC State scored on a 34-yard pass with 24 seconds left to clinch the victory, has a separated shoulder and is out indefinitely, Donnan said.

Marshall's hopes for a Southern Conference championship took a blow Saturday when Appalachian State defeated Furman in triple overtime 26-23.

"It was a great win for them," Donnan said. "It puts them in the drivers seat."

Appy moved to 12th in the poll while Furman dropped to 15.

Only the top 16 teams are eligible for the playoffs.

Beat The Parthenon editors' football picks

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- Please mail or bring entries to Smith Hall 311 by 5 p.m. Thursday.
- The editors' picks will appear in Friday's edition.
- Names of winners will be published in The Parthenon on Tuesday.
- Those who choose the most correct will be placed in a hat. One name will be drawn as the winner of the sweatshirt, and one will be drawn for the six-foot party sub.
- One entry per person, please.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

This week's winners Herd roundup

This week the editors went 8-4. That was good enough to beat 97 of the 106 entries.

Nine correct: Teresa Sanders, Leon Marcam II, Chet Landis, Chris Gerard, Kevin Booher, Chase Bryant, Jason Mocyunas, Scott Lauer, and Sue Trent.

Teresa Sanders won first place. She can choose between a sweatshirt from the Marshall University Bookstore and a six-foot sub from Subway.

Leon Maucam II won second place. He receives the prize Teresa doesn't want.

•Led by Jane Mitchell's 58 attacks and freshman Bridget Repsher's 18 digs, the volleyball team rallied from a two game deficit to defeat Robert Morris in five games. The Herd now is 8-14.

•The women's cross country team finished sixth this weekend at the Eastern Kentucky Invitational.

Marshall was lead by Christa Gibson who finished 24th in 18:52.

•The tennis team won the doubles championship at the Toledo Tournament this weekend.



Photo by Emilie D. Burch

Vale of Tears played at Marco's on Oct. 9. The quintet, a pumping progressive band from Lexington, Ky., currently is on tour.

Band no stranger to touring

Vale of Tears isn't like some of the other bands that have played at Marco's this year.

The pumping progressive band from Lexington, Ky., isn't comprised of young college students, and it certainly isn't relatively new.

In fact, the band's members are 30 to 40 years old, and have been together for nine years and four records.

Vale of Tears played at Marco's Oct. 9.

The band is also saxist Becky Sturdivant, vocalist Tony Briggs, bassist Willie Shuman, guitarist Jeff Wilburn and drummer Johnny Shewmaker.

Despite being the only woman in the group, Sturdivant said it's "like being one of the boys."

"It's definitely a male world. Being female, that's what I am," she said. "It's not a plus or a minus; that's just the way it is. I don't like people saying, 'Oh, well, she's pretty good for a girl.' It shouldn't matter what sex someone is."

Sturdivant certainly can hold her own on stage. As the crowd began to mosh, Vale of Tears performed harder cuts, and this gave way to a huge pit.

But the band is no stranger to the slam scene. "We played with Fugazi in Lexington," Sturdivant said.

Before there was Vale of Tears, Sturdivant and Shuman were in a band called Thrusters.

"We were kinda like a cross between the New York Dolls and the B-52s," Shuman said. Briggs formerly was in a band called

No Excuse.

Shuman said, "Of all the bands from 1978, we're the leftovers... [the ones] that didn't run off and get married."

The quintet currently awaits word from officials at Coda records. Vale of Tears auditioned for a spot on a compagination album that will feature 15 Kentucky bands. Both Black Cat Bone and Ten Foot Pole are on the Coda label.

Although Sturdivant and Shuman are eager about the Coda deal, they enjoyed the show at Marco's.

In fact, Sturdivant said, "The good shows are definitely the ones that are under 21. Those are the ones that we like to play. The young people appreciate it, the older ones take it for granted."

Vale of Tears will have the opportunity to do more shows for all ages. The band has left for a northern tour during which it will play in several "big cities" then move on to Canada.

However, according to Sturdivant, the best part of touring is when it's finished.

"Getting home so you can take all of your clothes off by yourself [as in alone]," she said. "So you don't have to be with other people and sleep in your clothes. So you don't have to wake up in a different town every night..."

But Shuman said he thinks touring is "incredible," adding that touring "gives me an excuse to get out of the house. It's an excuse to go somewhere else. I mean, as a tourist... I don't mind traveling — you end up in unexpected places."

One sordid tale of two kingdoms

Once upon a time in an enchanted forest there dwelt a certain King Delco and his young Knights of the Table Round.

This certain King Delco would entertain the lords and ladies of his court for hours by spinning tales of his many quests — and of aerospace technology.



Kevin MELROSE

Whatever these lords and ladies desired, they received — for this certain King Delco had many powerful allies.

While the Knights of the Table Round sat in their luxurious tower high above these woods, the peoples of nearby kingdoms were in want and desired but a portion of what their neighbors had.

The inhabitants of Finus Artus had made many pleas to their own despot, begging for new homes to be built.

For many years they had lived in overcrowded huts without room for work or play, and they asked only that these conditions be improved.

But, alas, their pleas were ignored. "No gold resides in the treasury for such luxuries as these," proclaimed Prince Mickey. "This kingdom barely can stand on its own in these dark, dark times."

So the people of Finus Artus continued to live in their modest homes, creating magnificent works for which they were known far and wide.

And minstrels sang their praises. Then the Dark Ages came, and the Knights of the Table Round were very much afraid. Famine was upon them, and the death rattle whispered softly.

Their vaults had been emptied and the troops had been scattered. Ragnarok was nigh and the earth trembled.

A certain King Delco had no choice but to turn to Prince Mickey.

"My kingdom is crumbling. It is the fall of Camelot," said the lord of the Table Round. "I beseech you, Prince Mickey. What ever shall I do?"

Prince Mickey consulted his Minister of Finance. "It would seem to me that the only route is to postpone the Lords of the Table Round for many moons until your fields and purses again are bountiful."

"Impossible," a certain King Delco exclaimed. "My lords and ladies must exist as they always have, for it would be a great embarrassment to me and my allies for the Lords of the Table Round to fail."

Prince Mickey suggested he rethink his priorities. "Please allow me to remind you, m'lord, that my kingdom has contributed many dubloons to your treasury even though ours now sits nearly empty," Prince Mickey proclaimed. "My people can give no more. What homes they have are unfit for rodents, and they are ready to revolt."

And a certain King Delco said, "I think we need to straighten something out. You know how good it looks for our tower to look down upon your lands..."

A day passed, and a crier announced, "Hear ye, Hear ye. Prince Mickey proclaims he has renewed his commitment to the Knights of the Table Round..."

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By Emilie D. Burch