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Herd hits the road to take on Georgia Southern. Sports, page 7

Gilley: Best days to come

by ALYSON WALLS
staff writer

Marshall University is heading down the right track, President J. Wade Gilley said Thursday. Destination: the 21st century.

In his sixth State of the University address, Gilley cited numerous goals, improved technology, planned construction and expansion already taking place on campus as the tools that would put Marshall on the road to an exciting year as well as the 21st century.

In making his comments following a general faculty meeting at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, Gilley referred to a speech made by President Clinton during his stop in Huntington Aug. 25 before boarding a train to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

"I think the university is definitely on the right track to the 21st century," Gilley said. "The university's best days are ahead."

He added that students, faculty and visitors would notice a lot of construction on campus this year,

Construction, scholarships, computers for faculty and expanded graduate offerings were among the plans Gilley discussed in his State of the University address.

including renovations to Old Main, Cam Henderson Center, Marshall University Bookstore and Memorial Student Center, as a sign of growth.

"When we enter the 21st century, we'll have the prettiest, most compact, safest, high-tech institution in the Midwest and South," Gilley said. "I'm very excited about the next four years."

Dr. Elaine Baker, Faculty Senate president, voiced her opinion about the need for what she referred to as "State of the Faculty" addresses, to make the president aware of faculty needs and concerns.

"I'm using my authority to declare 1997-2000 as the triennium of the faculty," Baker said.

She said that 1997 should be used as an assessment year to collect data and other information, and in the spring faculty members should present an address to decide which direction they should take.

"If student test scores and diversity increase, then so should the faculty's," Baker said.

Gilley's address included other ideas he had for making Marshall more competitive, both statewide and nationwide.

Those plans include \$500 scholarships for incoming high school freshmen in the top 20 percent of their class, allocating \$700,000 to equip all faculty members with computers and expanding graduate offerings at West Virginia Graduate College in see **GILLEY**, page 6



President J. Wade Gilley

Policy changes become focus for faculty

by SHAWNA B. BAYLOUS
reporter

Effects toward tenure and grievance procedure policy changes were the primary concerns of faculty during a general meeting Thursday at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

Policy Bulletin 36 contains the rules regarding academic freedom and responsibility, promotion, tenure and nonreappointment dismissal

of faculty, and grievance procedures of other matters relating to faculty.

Dr. William N. Denman, chairman of communication studies, raised the hot question, asking if the changes might lead to an end of tenure.

Dr. Bertram W. Gross, professor of communications studies, said that he did not believe it would.

"I have had no discussion with any member of the

[University of West Virginia System] Board of Trustees that would lead me to believe that this is the case, nor have I had any discussion with any of the legislators that would lead me to believe this is the case," Gross said.

"To my knowledge, there is no secret plan or secret move that has brought us to this point."

The new policy's lack of a grievance procedure was

also questioned. Gross said, "There are two procedures in place right now — one is in policy 36 and the other one is in the State Code."

The state code will continue should the grievance procedure from policy 36 end.

Also, new faculty members were introduced. Dr. Elaine Baker, faculty senate president, said attendance was low. "Most of the new faculty must be wondering where the

old faculty is—well, they must be home filling out their phased retirement forms."

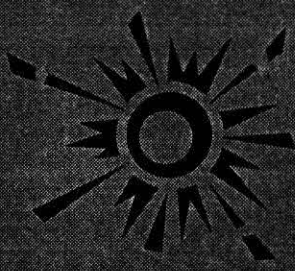
Faculty elected professors and assistant professors to the Institutional Hearing Panel and nominated for a position on the Institutional Board of Advisors.

Baker said faculty will receive ballots for the IHP positions for associate professors and for the Board of Advisors in the next few days.

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Rowe addresses drugs in dorms

by JAMES L. RAY
reporter

Marijuana use on campus is not taken lightly. An on-campus resident was recently arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and university administrators are concerned about the problem.

Marshall University Police Department Captain Jim Terry said, "There is an upsurge of this type of behavior the first couple of weeks of school."

During orientation, future students are warned by police about the the policies that involve the use of nontherapeutic substances.

Those who do not take the

warning seriously could find that the offense of possession is costly to their academic goals.

Linda Rowe, director of judicial programs, said, "Last fall, 13 students were found guilty of possession and 12 during the spring semester."

It is a Type Two offense and is ground for suspension from the university or residence halls, she said.

"Most offenses are minor without violation. These cases are usually put on probation and have to attend a mandatory marijuana program. Second offenses of possession by students are more than likely discharged from the residence halls or the univer-

sity," Rowe said.

"Students need to know about the legal problems involved with violating the university's code of ethics," she said. "If a student is in the room where marijuana is being used — even though they are not using it — they can be held responsible for the aiding, abetting and the complicity to the act," Rowe said.

A Type One offense is the distribution or trafficking of a controlled substance and is grounds for the student to be expelled, suspended or banned from the residence halls.

"There were five cases last

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Bees attack elderly men

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — An 85-year-old man stung up to 300 times by a swarm of bees is lucky to be alive, an expert says.

"He's still queasy and a bit disoriented," Mike English, an entomologist with New Mexico State University, said Wednesday. "It's amazing. With that many stings, a man of that many years could be in trouble. Anybody could be in trouble."

The man, who was not identified, was driving a front-end loader Tuesday near this southern New Mexico town when he bumped some old tires the bees were using as a nest.

The man became still, believing the bees would lose interest in him.

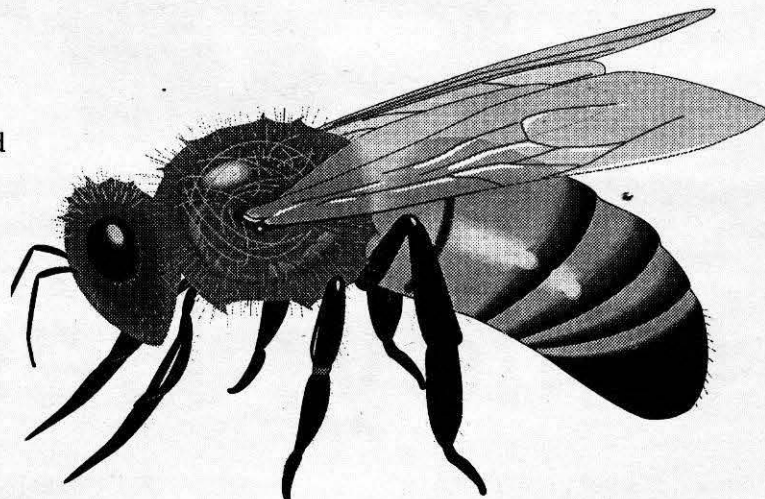
"Many people believe if you just stand quiet they won't bother you," English said. "That's absolutely not true. You should leave, run if you can."

Tests were being done to determine if the bees were of the Africanized variety, though English was almost sure they were.

Africanized bees, the so-called "killer bees," look like European bees and are much more aggressive, attack with less provocation and in greater numbers.

An 88-year-old Tucson, Ariz., man was hurt Wednesday when he was attacked by a large swarm of bees after he sprayed their hive with insecticide.

Charles Kuhn was stung more than a 100 times in the head, neck, face and arms, said Rodger Dougherty, a spokesman for the Rural Metro Corp., a private fire and safety company. Kuhn was hospitalized in stable condition.



Tupac's video foretells death

NEW YORK (AP) — A music video of Tupac Shakur made about a month before he was gunned down in Las Vegas foreshadowed his violent death and shows the gangsta rapper being ushered into heaven.

The video for "I Ain't Mad," which aired on MTV on Wednesday night, also shows Shakur being riddled with bullets and dying in an ambulance.

He is met in heaven by comedian Redd Foxx, who is playing host to a jam session with Miles Davis, Jimi Hendrix, Billie Holiday and Louis Armstrong.

Shakur's label Death Row Records delivered the video to MTV on Monday — three days after the 25-year-old rapper died of gunshot wounds suffered Sept. 7 in a drive-by shooting, the New York Post reported Thursday

Odds and Ends

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Ken who?

In a whale of a marketing move, Barbie, the most popular doll in history, has donned a wetsuit and teamed up with Keiko the killer whale, the star of the "Free Willy" movies.

The latest specialty edition Barbie hit the store shelves a few weeks ago, said Sara Rosales, spokeswoman for Mattel Inc. in El Segundo, Calif.

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) — After tangling with an unruly deer, police Officer Doug Lange said he'll take people any day.

A young deer was trapped in a ground-floor apartment for more than two days before the house's owner, Virginia Huban, went downstairs to wash clothes and found it Wednesday morning. When wildlife officials arrived the deer ran out the door and into the nearby woods.

MARYVILLE, Mo. (AP) — You've heard of snow days? Nodaway County Courthouse employees got to skip work because of bird droppings.

Dust from the droppings, ankle deep in some places, forced courthouse employees to miss work Wednesday while a two-man cleanup crew removed years of accumulation from the building's bell tower.

Work crews began the weeklong project Monday.

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FAIRMONT, W.Va. (AP) — A 16-year-old girl who began carrying pepper spray after receiving threatening phone calls and notes subdued a man who tried to pull her into a pickup, police said.

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Voters: crime not the issue

NEW YORK (AP) — Only one voter in 10 sees crime and drugs as the most important election issue, a national poll found, as Republican candidate Bob Dole tries to propel those problems to the forefront of the presidential campaign.

And more Americans in another survey say President Clinton would do better than Dole at reducing crime and fighting illegal drugs, even though there are doubts about the Clinton administration's work on the drug problem so far.

Clinton's ability at least to hold his own on such tradi-

tionally Republican issues — and to keep large advantages as being better able to deal with such areas as the economy, education and Medicare — is helping him to a double-digit re-election lead in nearly all recent national polls.

On Monday, after Dole's recent focus on his economic plan seemed to gain him little new support, the Republican challenger switched emphasis and began attacking Clinton as weak on crime and drugs. Clinton promptly countered with an endorsement from the nation's largest police organization and television ads painting Dole as no vigor-

ous drug-fighter himself.

In a CBS News telephone poll Monday and Tuesday, 45 percent of voters said Clinton would do a better job reducing crime, and 34 percent said Dole would.

Clinton had a narrow 42 percent to 38 percent lead as the best person to fight illegal drugs, even though Americans by 47 percent to 39 percent said his administration generally has not done a good job on the drug problem. However, the administration's rating was slightly better than that of President Bush, his Republican predecessor, in June 1992.

More troops head to Gulf

KUWAIT (AP) — A second U.S. aircraft carrier and more U.S. ground troops arrived in the Persian Gulf Thursday, part of the American military buildup meant to discourage Saddam Hussein from threatening his neighbors.

The USS Enterprise sailed into the Gulf carrying about 75 warplanes and 8,000 personnel in its battle group, said Cmdr. T. McCreary, a U.S. Navy spokesman. It joins the carrier USS Carl Vinson, which has been involved in policing a "no-fly" zone in southern Iraq.

In Kuwait, 200 ground troops from Fort Hood, Texas, arrived Thursday, part of a contingent of 3,500 soldiers being flown in. They will join 1,200 others who have been conducting war games near the Iraqi border in recent weeks.

The American troop and weaponry buildup is pushing ahead, even though two weeks of

tension sparked by the overrunning of a Kurdish safe haven in northern Iraq have begun to ease.

Iraq has not fired on U.S. aircraft patrolling the northern and southern no-fly zones since last week and both sides have toned down their rhetoric. The zones were established at the end of the 1991 Gulf War to protect Kurds in the north and Shiite Muslims in the south.

Soon, more than 30,000 U.S. personnel and 200 American planes will be in the region, most of them aboard about 35 ships in the Gulf.

U.S. officials said Wednesday that Iraqi air defense systems have been radar tracking American and allied warplanes flying unchallenged through Iraqi skies. Lt. Col. Andrew Bourland said in an interview from the Saudi capital, Riyadh, that the tracking wasn't considered a significant threat.

briefs

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Ecstatic to be going home after a record six months in orbit, a beaming Shannon Lucid Thursday threw her arms around Atlantis astronauts who docked "her limousine" with the Russian space station Mir.

The first to reach Lucid after the spacecraft's hatches opened was John Blaha, her replacement on the orbiting outpost. They embraced, then floated off into Mir, chatting practically nonstop.

None of the greetings was heard on Earth, however, because of problems with the communications system. Although Russian space officials were able to get through to congratulate the nine space travelers, NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin was left hanging on the phone in Cleveland because of the snags.

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Vacation plans. Aging relatives requiring care. A kid who needs to be driven to elementary school. Loss of overtime benefits. Chronic health problems.

These were the excuses given by people trying to get out of jury service in the O.J. Simpson wrongful-death trial.

And the judge wasn't buying any of them.

The sequel to the Simpson criminal trial officially began with jury selection Wednesday. Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki made it clear he was taking a hard line on hardship requests, turning down about half of them.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — George Black doesn't want to vote for Ross Perot. But he'd like to see him go head-to-head with President Clinton and Bob Dole.

"Anybody should be allowed to speak," said the 83-year-old Black.

Maya Lipman feels it's downright unconstitutional for the Commission on Presidential Debates to deny Perot a face-to-face meeting with his rivals. The snub, she said, shows "there's obvious fear from the other parties."

That's just what Perot thinks. He said he's planing to file a lawsuit Thursday or Friday in federal court in Washington in hopes of getting a seat at the presidential debates with Clinton and Republican nominee Dole.

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"I think the university is definitely on the right track to the 21st century. The university's best days are ahead."

—President J. Wade Gilley, during his State of the University Address

OUR VIEW

School's future cannot be found in new buildings

It's doubtful Dr. Elaine Baker meant to upstage her boss as she did Thursday. All eyes were focused on the future following President J. Wade Gilley's State of the University address, with talk of a new library and medical school, and renovations to Old Main, Cam Henderson Center and Memorial Student Center. Baker, Faculty Senate president, then took the podium and, with skill which would make an optometrist blink, made all look squarely at the present. And all saw more clearly for it. "The faculty lies at the heart and brain of this educational institution," she said simply, "not computers, buildings or trees."

What a beautiful sentiment, and what a wonderful reminder that, despite all the construction now on campus and that which is soon to begin, the future of the university is not in new buildings and new trees, but it is here now, in the minds of the faculty, in the dedication of students, and in the hard-working staff. If faculty are the brain of the university, then the students must represent the lifeblood, and these new buildings of which Gilley is so proud, the body. As for the staff, they are the ones who move the muscles, and make the body go forward.

Gilley promises the future, saying the university soon will have the "prettiest, most compact, safest, high-tech institution in the Midwest and South." And, if all goes as planned, the university indeed will have a pretty future. And it sounds like an exciting future, to hear Gilley tell it, with a modern campus and the capability to lure West Virginia's brightest high school seniors. And to hear Baker tell it, with her plan to evaluate and solidify the faculty during her Triennium of the Faculty, they will be ready, too.

The students are coming in to supply the lifeblood. The heart and brain of the faculty is strong in the present, and prepping itself for the future. The buildings will strengthen the body, and the muscular staff keeps things moving.

Now, with all eyes focused in the present, it is much easier to see it happen.



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Voting not an easy task

We are the people that pick up newspapers and realize we have a tough decision to make. We look and study candidates running for public office only to find that we have no reason to vote for one instead of the other. We are the many Americans who cannot lean, we are doomed to sit on the fence.

Clinton or Dole — who do we vote for? I looked at both candidates and instantly knew I was in for choosing the lesser evil. I have questioned Clinton's character and ability since the day he took the oath of office. I wasn't old enough to vote four years ago, therefore I was forced to stand by and watch the events unfold without input. Let's face it, that mock election held in high school didn't count for a thing.

Now it's the real thing, and I find I have been left without a candidate.

I am a registered Republican (a minority in West Virginia), but I find Bob Dole harsh and overbearing. He has the experience and the credentials, but how will



dan LONDEREE
columnist

he represent America in the international community?

Come on, I know you're out there. Stand with me. We are those who look at both sides of the coin and flip it, and then hope it will land on its edge. We want no part in choosing between two candidates we feel may not be qualified. And so, we resound ourselves to silence. We decide not to vote at all.

There is a problem with this decision, however. If we choose not to vote, we have passed on a right our forefathers fought for and died for. We forfeit the right to choose. When we go to complain about the president in office, people will ask, "Who did you vote for?" When we say, "I didn't vote," people will tell us we

have no right to complain. And they will be right.

I realize choices are hard to make. I know how tough it is to weigh the options and still feel like there are no real options at all. Hey, we've all been there. When it comes down to it, however, the choice has to be made.

Clinton on one side. Dole on the other. Line them up against each other, and think about what you see. That's what I did. The more I compared, the easier it was to make a decision.

Neither of these men may be the best choice for the presidency, but they are what America has offered for the 1996 elections.

The decision you come to is very important, but not as important as the fact that you actually make a decision. Take a little time to think about what you give up when you say, "I just don't like either candidate, so I'm not voting."

We have been sitting on the fence long enough. It's time to give ourselves a push in one direction. Shift the weight. Make a choice.

New minor available in spring

LISA OSBURN
reporter

"Slow grinding of bureaucracy" is the reason a minor in women's studies has been postponed until spring semester, said Dr. Linda Ewen, associate professor of sociology and anthropology.

Actually, all future minors that will be interdisciplinary such as studies in Appalachian culture, require changes in the undergraduate catalog for the university. These changes were not ready and approved by the fall semester, Ewen said.

Another reason for the delay, according to Dr. Karen Simpkins, associate professor of sociology and anthropology,

was that women studies "didn't have a home." Because it was one of the first interdisciplinary minors introduced to Marshall, decisions such as who and what college would administrate the minor were not made in time for the fall semester, Simpkins said.

After all the paper work has been done, interdisciplinary studies are still not in the clear. According to Dr. Amy Hudock, assistant professor of English and chairperson of the women studies committee, women studies still has to pass through the Faculty Senate.

The senate will vote Sept. 26, Hudock said. She also said she thinks the vote will be in favor of women studies.

University to purchase church

by **RICH STEELE**
reporter

Marshall University is taking steps to purchase the 20th Street Baptist Church.

Dr. K. Edward Grose, Marshall's senior vice president for operations said, the university has ordered an appraisal of the church property. After the appraisal is complete, Marshall plans to make the church an offer on the real estate.

Grose said, "The church has not said they are willing to sell the property; however, they have decided to seriously consider any offer made by the university to see if it is in its best interest to proceed with the transaction."

If an agreement can be reached, Grose said the university plans to expand the Community and Technical College, which has experienced tremendous growth this semester, into the facility. Dr. Bob Hayes, interim dean

of Marshall's community and technical college, said that enrollment has increased from last year by almost 400 students.

Hayes said, "The biggest limitation we have now is space. For example, right now we can only accept 25 students a year in our physical therapy assistant program. With more space, we could easily increase that number to 100."

If the church property is acquired, Grose said the facility would help the Community and Technical College "establish an identity of its own."

Hayes said that the Community and Technical College will most likely move continuing education and other self-contained programs, such as health information and legal assistance, into the facility.

He said the acquisition would not free up any space currently used by the college, it

would simply allow needed expansion.

Besides the sheer physical space needed to accommodate the school, the increased interest in community and technical college education is also being driven, in part, by a 1995 state law.

According to an article in the September 2 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education, West Virginia colleges and universities had until June 1996 to develop strategic, five-year plans that would accomplish an ambitious list of state goals.

One of the primary objectives of the 1995 reform law was to increase enrollment in community and technical colleges.

"Expansion of the community college would further our progress toward that objective," said Marshall President, J. Wade Gilley, "The church may provide the impetus to turn our goal into reality."



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Lounging was the life for some residents

by PAUL DARST
staff writer

Living in a study lounge might not sound like a good idea to most students, but that is what many freshmen had to do during the first two weeks of classes.

A lack of available rooms in residence halls forced some freshmen to live in study lounges in many of the dormitories, said Winston Baker, director of Resident Services.

"This has happened three of the four years I've been here," Baker said. "The overflow of students was about the same as it was in previous years. As of Sept. 6, all students were out of the study lounges and placed in their permanent housing."

Many study areas in the residence halls were used to house students, which caused some inconvenience for residents, said Jeff Hendricks, Whitesville junior and resident adviser on the fifth floor of Holderby Hall.

"The study lounges on floors two

through six were converted into temporary rooms," Hendricks said. "There were four people in each lounge."

"It really wasn't all that bad. Some of them complained about having to stay in a room with three others, but they had a bigger room and they were the only ones with air-conditioning."

Students wanting to study during the first two weeks of classes had to use the ninth floor study lounge, he said.

Students in other residence halls did not live in study lounges.

"We had a few in our computer lab," said Pete Walkup, Fayetteville senior and second floor RA in Laidley Hall. "We took the computers out and moved them in there. It's not a bad place to live. It's the only room in the building with carpeting."

Although there was some confusion and frustration because of the overflow, few students became impatient, Walkup said.

"Some of the parents got frustrated," he said. "I can't blame them, but

they were pretty easy to work with."

Although Laidley Hall is primarily a dormitory for upperclassmen, some freshmen are still living there because of the housing problem.

"We do end up with a few because of this. I have about 30 or 35 men on my floor," Walkup said. "There are less than five freshmen here now."

Before the new students could be placed in permanent rooms, the housing status of other students had to be confirmed, Baker said.

"We have between 50 and 100 students every year who, for some unknown reason, don't show up," Baker said.

"Some decide not to go to college — some are upperclassmen who know they won't do anything the first week of classes and take the first week off."

Baker said those rooms can't be reassigned until his department has talked with the students. "There are also some students who drop out," he said.

Those who had to live in the study

lounges knew about their housing situation before they arrived on campus, Baker said.

"We contacted them over the summer and told them of the situation," he said. "This shouldn't have come as a surprise to any of them."

One of the problems that has caused the overflow problem during the past few years is that there are more students, Baker said.

"There are more students applying for housing," he said. "It looks like enrollment is going up."

"All the indicators we have indicate that the freshman class is up. But we're still dealing with the off-campus [students] — there are a lot of figures we don't have yet."

Although the problem has persisted during the past four years, Baker said no steps are being taken to solve the problem.

"There's no reason to stop it," he said. "After a week of classes, everything is back to normal. This is not a problem we have all semester long."

GILLEY

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South Charleston, which is now affiliated with Marshall.

"All of these programs will provide a higher quality educational program at Marshall," Gilley said.

As for summer accomplishments, Gilley cited development of new degree and training programs like technology management and Internet certification, naming the College of Business after Elizabeth McDowell Lewis, and receiving a \$250,000

Rockefeller Foundation Grant for study of ethnicity and gender in Appalachia.

He also said there had been a 6 percent overall increase in enrollment, the largest in West Virginia, and that Marshall had been ranked 13th in the nation by U.S. News and World Report in academic reputation.

Commenting on additions, such as the new library, Gilley said there was still work to be done.

"Contrary to popular rumors, I have not burned my tie," he said. Last September,

Gilley donned the tie, saying he would wear it every day until \$22 million for construction was raised. That figure has since been upped to \$29 million with nearly \$28 million raised thus far.

Speaking about construction of the new medical center located next to Cabell Huntington Hospital, Gilley said the \$31 million project is expected to be completed in two years.

"This facility will be the finest type of its kind in the country," he said. "It will be a one-stop shop for medicine."

DRUGS

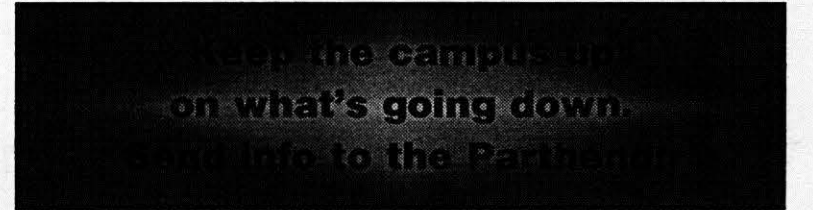
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year, three in the fall, one in the spring and one in the summer," Rowe said.

She said if a student renting a room is holding the contraband for a friend and it is discovered, it is considered to

be the renter's. The actual owner probably would not be charged unless he was smoking it.

"In 1995-1996, marijuana violation were the most common. Students need to be more responsible for their community and report what is going on," Rowe said.



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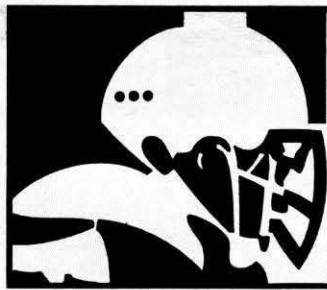
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OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — The Baltimore Ravens, looking to bolster a struggling ground game, have opened negotiations with free agent running back Bam Morris. He hasn't played in the NFL since the Pittsburgh Steelers cut him before training camp this summer. Morris pleaded guilty to a marijuana possession charge June 26.

Eagles running game to test Herd defense

by **DAN LONDEREE**
staff writer

Thundering Herd football hasn't left the friendly confines of Marshall Stadium since last December. Today, MU flies to Statesboro, Ga., to take on Georgia Southern Saturday.

"Anytime you have to go on the road it's tough," senior running back Erik Thomas said. "It's going to be hot, probably 90-some degrees, and up here the temperature

has dropped about 10 degrees in the last week.

"We just have to adjust, since it's going to be a 3:30 game," he said.

B.J. Cohen, junior defensive end, mentioned the crowd factor.

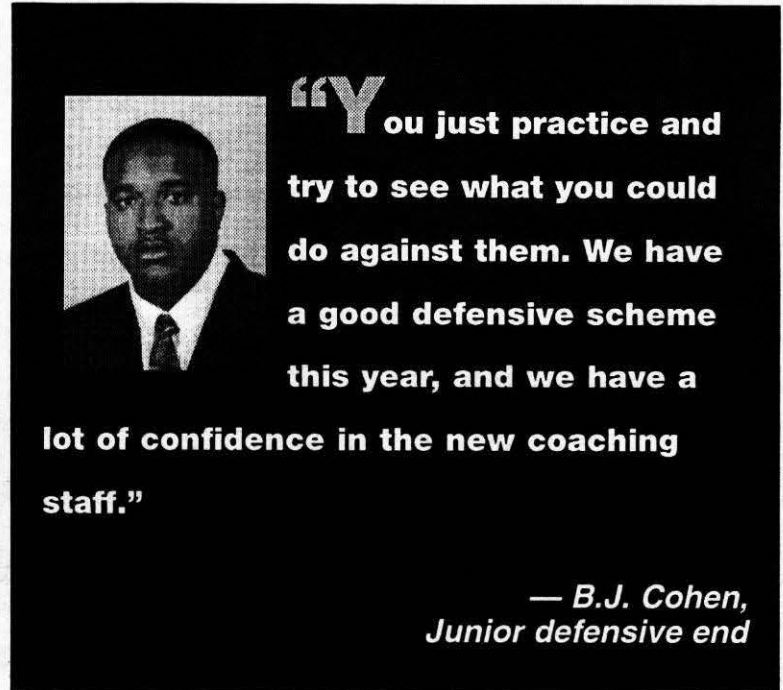
"It's good for us to go and see fans cheering for someone else," he said. "When you play at home a lot you can become complacent."

Georgia Southern showcases an offense that can run the ball almost an entire game.

The Eagles rushed more than 60 times against Florida and posted more rushing yardage than any other team ever has against the Gators.

"They're going to run, and they're going to get down into it," Cohen said. "We've been preparing for the things they do all this week, and we'll be ready."

Cohen said the veteran Marshall defense has played against the Eagles enough times to know what to expect. He said the core of the defense



"You just practice and try to see what you could do against them. We have a good defensive scheme this year, and we have a

lot of confidence in the new coaching staff."

**— B.J. Cohen,
Junior defensive end**

has played together for many years, and will react to whatever GSU can hurl at them.

"You just practice and try to see what you could do against them," he said. "We have a good defensive scheme this year, and we have a lot of confidence in the new coaching staff."

Thomas said the Marshall defense has been strong since the first time he stepped into an MU game, and he also mentioned the alterations made under first-year head coach Bobby Pruett.

"When the new coaches came in, they changed the defense to straight man-to-man defense, instead of zone coverage," Thomas said.

With the departure of running back Chris Parker and the addition of quarterback Eric Kresser and wide receiver Randy Moss, Marshall's running game had been somewhat out of the limelight in the preseason. But Thomas showed the Herd can still run with his 174-yard night against Howard Sept. 7.

"I knew what I could do coming into this season," Thomas said. "I might have had to prove myself to the fans, but I didn't really feel

the added pressure."

Thomas said he is the feature running back, although the Herd has many tailbacks that move the ball.

"They mostly come in the game so I can stay fresh," Thomas said. "That's one reason we have the other backs, so I can stay fresh for the fourth quarter."

The Herd offense is concentrating on the task at hand, and doesn't worry much about GSU's defense, Thomas said.


"We just need to go out and execute our offense," Thomas said. "As long as we do what we're supposed to do, I don't think anybody can really stop us."

Cohen said Saturday's contest is one of the toughest on the Herd's schedule this year.

"GSU and Appy State are probably the two hardest games, mainly because they are both on the road," Cohen said.


"I mean, they're not just going to lay down in their backyard for us. We're ranked number one, and everyone will want to play good against us."

The game will be broadcast live on WSAZ-3 at 3:30 p.m.



Herd vs. Eagles

HEAD TO HEAD



OFFENSE

So far the Herd has had no trouble putting points on the board. Surprising to some, the running game has been a major part of the offense. Expect the passing game to come on strong as quarterback Eric Kresser returns.

Coach Frank Ellwood would like to see his offense be more balanced. The flexbone has proven to be effective but QB Kenny Robinson will have to throw the ball more if the Eagles are to keep pace with the Herd.

DEFENSE

The defense, especially the front four, will have its work cut out for it as the Eagles have proved to be a strong running team (311 yards against mighty Florida). But stopping the run is the Herd's forte.

Georgia Southern's defense was on the field a little more than 10 minutes against Florida and gave up 62 points. It seems as if the Eagles have the tendency to give up the big play. Two words: Randy Moss.

OVERALL

Marshall is the only Southern Conference team to beat the Eagles at Paulson Stadium since Georgia Southern joined the league. The trend should continue because the Herd is solid on both sides of the ball.

The Eagles are ranked 13th in the country and have had an extra week to prepare for Marshall. But Georgia Southern knows it has to play mistake-free football and force the Herd to make mistakes, to have a chance in this one.



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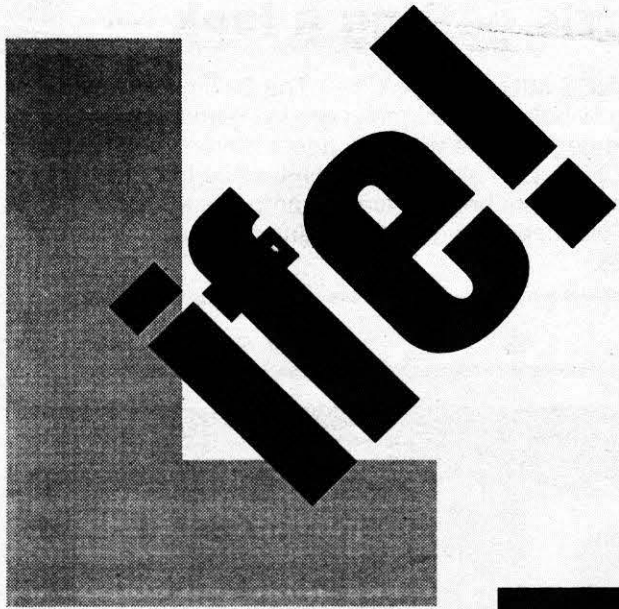
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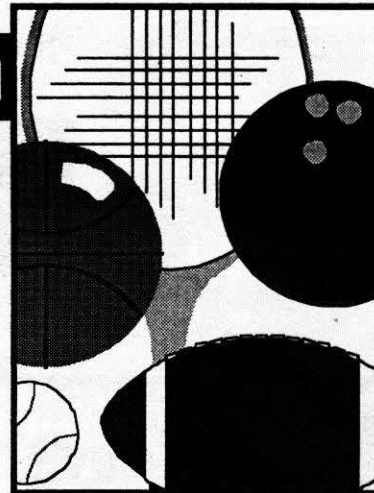


New athletic connection

MU homepage offered

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Marchin' to their own beat

MU marching band strives to create unique style and make fans say "WOW!"

story by

Rebecca Cantley

The players take their positions on the field. After weeks of preparation, it is time to perform. The results of this game won't

Patrick Brown ignore the pressures of performing for a crowd of thousands.

"When I directed 'Joyful, Joyful' at dress rehearsal before the first game, I was so nervous," he says. "Once I got out there and saw the faces in our band I could tell that they wanted to do a good job. I knew I just had to get up there and turn the song inside out.

"We have a big exhibition with a lot of costumes and props," he says.

A show of this magnitude requires extra work, according to the director.

"There are 57 different marching arrangements and it demands a lot of energy," he says. "In fact, if one were to miss a beat, he or she could get hurt or hurt someone else. We're moving that quickly."

Brown says, "We try to get a variety of songs, because everyone likes something different.

"We're not ashamed or afraid to imitate, because every show and every band is different."

This distinction between bands was evident at the first football game with Howard University. Howard has a hip-hop, modern style that some people haven't seen in bands before.

"Howard has a style that is representative of black bands across the country," Whitehead says.

Diversity among bands is important, Brown says.

"Howard performed well, but we did too," he says. "Everyone has got to have their own style."

The band has grown to approximately 200 players and they perform exhibitions to recruit new members. However, size is not as important as quality, Whitehead says.

This weekend the band will perform for 5,000 people at a high school competition in Kentucky.

The band received national exposure in August, when President Clinton stopped in Huntington en route to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

"Representatives for the president came before he arrived to see if we were good enough to play for him," Whitehead says. "We passed with blazing colors. It was a historical moment and the president even mentioned us in his 'thank-yous.'"

The band wants to continue a tradition of honor, Whitehead says.

"We're trying to start a good tradition and establish work ethics," he says. "These kids are ambassadors for the university and they are good representatives."



Jim Sands

MU band continues tradition of honor and dedication to execute fine-tune performances.

be seen on a score board, but rather on the faces of those who listen to the university band.

There are no competitions among college bands, but the desire to please a crowd at halftime motivates band members, says director Baruch Whitehead.

"With the football players, everyone sees the final results of their practices on Saturday," he says.

"But our results are based on, 'Well did we like it, and did it make the crowd feel good?' The kids are self-motivated to perform a good show and they hope that the people appreciate it."

This energy helps sophomore drum major

"The football players can know that we try to keep the crowd up for them."

The band practices three days a week, and executing a fine-tune performance requires dedication.

Whitehead says each member of the band is important in the program.

Many people don't realize the diligence of the players, Brown says.

"Some people see us standing on the practice field and don't understand how hard we work," he says. "We have intense practices, but our rewards come at the end of a good show."

The field show has a Spanish theme and is entertaining, Whitehead says.