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They're in the Army now. Today in Life!

MSC may soon offer longer hours

by **MARCIE HATFIELD**
reporter

Longer hours to lounge and study soon could come to Memorial Student Center.

Student Senate passed a bill Tuesday which will develop a proposal for the MSC governing board to expand student center hours and allow students the opportunity to study longer and meet with friends.

Sen. Adam Dean, College of Liberal Arts, said, "The director of auxiliary

services [Ray Welty] is willing to expand the hours of the MSC on a trial basis."

Student Senate proposed to the MSC governing board that the hours on Monday through Friday be expanded from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. to midnight; from 4 p.m. to midnight to 1 p.m. to midnight Saturday, and from 5 to 9 p.m. to 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

The bill, sponsored by Dean, states that Welty and the chair of the MSC governing board asked Student

Government Association for a proposal about expanding the official hours on a trial basis. The governing board could then consider making the new hours permanent at its next meeting.

Dean said the office of auxiliary services would pay for the extended hours.

Student Body President Nawar Shora, said, "The expansion of the hours of the student center is a great idea. I got this idea because I went to Wittenberg [University in Springfield, Ohio] to visit friends. While I was there I noticed that Wittenberg's stu-

dent center is open 24 hours a day year-round and I thought why not have this for Marshall."

It has also been suggested to Student Senate that the student center be open during final weeks until 3 a.m. Shora said. Dean said the board has suggested having a student-and-professor study session in the student center before finals.

Also Tuesday, Student Senate swore in two new senators: Dennis Jarvis, graduate student, and Hugh Ladd, college of science.

Candidates voice 'themes' at debate

by **ALYSON WALLS**
staff writer

West Virginia's next governor spoke out on the successes of current Gov. Gaston Caperton on Monday night. And so did the people who will lose the Nov. 5 gubernatorial election.

For Democratic gubernatorial candidate Charlotte Pritt, Caperton's top accomplishment was his performance during the past eight years, with his best work coming in advancing education and economic development.

"I would like to pick up there, but add my ideas on health care," she said.

For Republican Cecil Underwood, it was how "Gov. Caperton and the Legislature have worked together courageously. I think I'm the candidate who can take that same energy and momentum and

use it for West Virginia."

The two traded ideas for 90 minutes at Huntington High School in their second gubernatorial debate, being joined for the first time by Libertarian Wallace Johnson.

Emotions ran high at times as about 600 people watched the debaters in the school auditorium and more viewed on television around the state.

Pritt's main themes were her views on affordable health care for West Virginians. Underwood focused on improved technology in businesses and schools. Johnson voiced his views on privatizing government services.

"I have a history of standing up for West Virginia families," said Pritt, a small businesswoman and former state legislator and school teacher.

Underwood, a former governor see **DEBATE**, page 6

Juggling motherhood and work



Dr. Suzanne Strait-Holman, associate professor of biological sciences, holds her son Jordan as she maintains the balance between her dual roles of mom and professor.

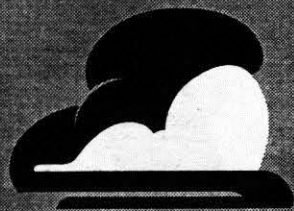
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Workshops to focus on date rape

by **LISA D. OSBURN**
reporter

Date-rape and sexual assault awareness is coming to campus in the form of a nationally known speaker, Leah Tolliver, director of the Women's Center, said.

Katie Koestner, who has received national attention for speaking out about sexual assault and date-rape, will present three workshops on campus today, Tolliver said.

"No Visible Bruises: The Katie Koestner Story," will be shown at noon in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge. Tolliver said that there will be discussion following the HBO movie.

"Nuts and Bolts," a program on sexual assault and sexual harassment policy issues for administrators and faculty will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge, according to a news release from the Office of University Relations.

Sexual assault and sexual harassment among topics in three programs.

"No/Yes," Koestner's major presentation, will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

This presentation focuses on communication between the sexes, responsibility for one's behavior and respect for oneself and others, according to the news release.

It is in this final presentation that Koestner will discuss her personal experience with date-rape.

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Sticker sales make damages more 'bearable' for landowners

GRANTSVILLE, Md. (AP) — Maryland has begun selling \$5 black bear stamps to help compensate farmers and landowners for bear damage.

The decorative stickers were devised as an alternative to hunting. But the Department of Natural Resources will likely allow bear hunting eventually in response to rising numbers of complaints, the DNR's chief wildlife manager said.

"At some point in time we probably will need to control the population," said Joshua Sandt, director of the DNR's wildlife and heritage division.

The next step may be special permits allowing landowners to kill "a few" bears, Sandt said.

A citizens task force had recommended both stickers and hunting to help manage a western Maryland black bear population that has risen by 50 percent over the last five years to an estimated 300.

The DNR chose, after much debate,

not to allow hunting this year in favor of a public education program.

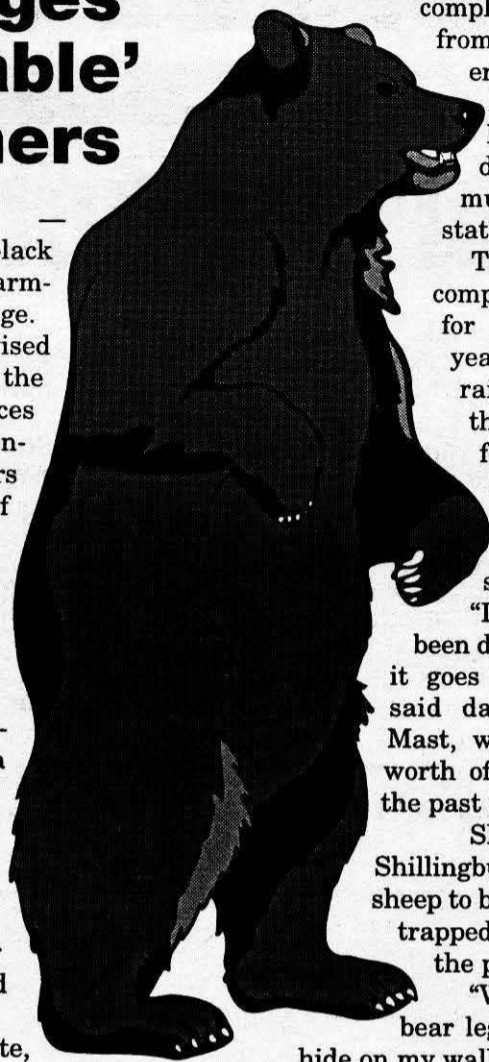
The DNR has received more than 200 bear complaints this year, 30 from agricultural workers. Twenty-two complaints were for at least \$200 worth of damage, the minimum to qualify for state compensation.

The new program compensates landowners for \$200 to \$3,000 per year. The DNR hopes to raise at least \$20,000 through sticker sales for the compensation fund, which was launched with \$10,000 from the state.

"I appreciate what's been done but I don't think it goes quite far enough," said dairy farmer Delvin Mast, who has lost \$1,500 worth of corn to bears over the past two years.

Sheep rancher Lee Shillingburg said he lost 46 sheep to bears before the DNR trapped and killed two of the predators.

"Why can't I kill that bear legally and hang that hide on my wall if I want?" he said.



Celebrity news

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Madonna's a momma.

The 38-year-old pop diva and actress gave birth Monday to a healthy 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon.

Madonna, the baby and father Carlos Leon were resting comfortably, spokeswoman Liz Rosenberg said. It is the first child for Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone. The 30-year-old father is her personal trainer and boyfriend.

The girl was born at 4:01 p.m. at Good Samaritan Hospital, Rosenberg said. No other details were released.

Fans all over the world celebrated the news of the baby. MTV ran a series of Madonna videos along with congratulatory messages from fans on the bottom of the screen.

Gossip columnists had said she would name her baby "Lola." Instead, she settled on Lourdes (pronounced LOR-dis). It also is the name of a French city — (but pronounced LUURD) — where millions seek healing each year at a shrine to the Virgin Mary. Maria is Leon's mother's name.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Merv Griffin must undergo radiation treatment for prostate cancer but doctors expect him to make a full recovery.

The entertainment mogul and former talk show host will start four weeks of treatment later this week as an outpatient at a Los Angeles-area hospital, his spokesman Warren Cowan said Monday.

Griffin, who was host of talk shows on NBC and CBS and in syndication from 1962 to 1986, is the creator and executive producer of game shows including "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy."

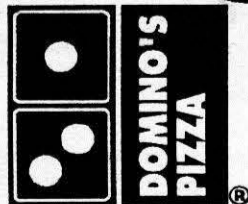
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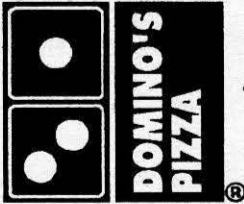
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CHURCHVILLE (AP) — The sound of gunfire at a remote farm echoed through the countryside as the West Virginia Mountaineer Militia shot targets and trained to survive in the wilderness. John Woolter, who owns the 400-acre farm near this town, said he was shocked to hear Militia members may have been planning to bomb three federal building in the state.

CSX merger could impact state's coal, chemical, power companies

from Associated Press and Charleston Daily Mail dispatches

Will one of the largest railroad mergers in history have a positive or negative effect on West Virginia?

That was the big question Tuesday after CSX Corp. announced it has agreed to pay \$8.4 billion in cash and stock for railroad operator Conrail Inc. in a deal that will create one of the world's biggest freight companies.

The largest impact in the state is likely to be for coal, chemical and power companies. CSX is the state's dominant rail carrier, especially in coal and chemical shipments.

"In terms of competition . . . we think this is going to be tremendous for shippers," Bob Sullivan, a Conrail spokesman, said. "It can mean a reduction in the length of haul in many cases."

Neither Conrail nor CSX officials could immediately comment on how West Virginia workers might be affected. Throughout the company, savings of approximately \$550 million are expected by eliminating some jobs and duplicated

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CSX Transportation, based in Jacksonville, Fla., employs about 3,300 people in the state and operates about 3,000 miles of track here. Conrail, based in Philadelphia, operates more than 300 miles of track in the state and employs about 200 people.

The deal would create a railroad powerhouse serving the eastern half of the United States from Chicago and New Orleans to Boston, New York and Miami.

The company would have annual revenues of more than \$14 billion, serving shippers in 22 states with a 29,600-mile system.

The deal, subject to shareholder and regulatory approval, would give Conrail shareholders \$92.50 per Conrail share based on the recent trading price for CSX common stock.

The transaction is expected to be completed in late 1997.

The companies said they expected to realize \$550 million in benefits from the merger including cost savings from operating efficiencies and facility consolidations as well as new traffic volumes.

They said they expect there will be an unspecified number of job losses as a result of consolidation and eliminating duplicated functions. They said they hope to offset the job losses over time by adding jobs as the business grows.

John W. Snow, chairman, president and chief executive of CSX, said the combined company would have the financial strength to make "substantial infrastructure investments and service improvements."

Questioners for Presidential debate to be sequestered

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Little is known about them. Even their names are top secret, although the Secret Service has been informed.

Before they make their nationally televised debut, "They'll be more sequestered than the Simpson jury," one of

their keepers says.

They are 120 men and women from San Diego County who have been invited to watch Wednesday night's final presidential debate up-close and throw out a few questions — if they're lucky enough to be chosen to

do so.

PBS newscaster and moderator Jim Lehrer will randomly select questioners from the audience seated on five tiers surrounding President Clinton and Republican Bob Dole.

Lehrer is allowed to ask for a question on a certain topic

and he can hone or sharpen a question once it is asked.

Until then, those select San Diegans— screened by The Gallup Poll organization to keep out hard-core Dole and Clinton backers — will be kept from prying eyes and whisked off to a secure area.

briefs

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. (AP) — If Kirk Mombert wanted to cut up his prize-winning pumpkin, he could make a jack-o'-lantern to spook a giant.

Tipping the scales at 808 pounds, Mombert's sizable squash — 52 inches tall and 143 inches around — weighed in as the winner of the Half Moon Bay Great Pumpkin Weigh-Off on Monday.

The firefighter said he spent as much as 30 hours a week on his days off tending to a 1,600-square-foot pumpkin patch.

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) — Hold on to those jean jackets — they may be worth big money some day.

Barbara Franklin paid \$9.95 for her Levi jacket in 1949. She sold it for \$500 last week to James LaCont, who runs the Trader Jim's store.

"This jacket is one of a kind," he said of the old "Big E" jacket. "I've never found one in this condition with not a blemish on it, and I've been buying and selling Levis for years now."

HAYWARD, Calif. (AP) — The Annabelle Candy Co. has recalled its Rocky Road candy bars from stores in 25 states after moths were found in several packages.

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— Wallace Johnson,
Libertarian candidate for governor

our VIEW

Pritt, Underwood skip opinions on higher education

Following Monday night’s gubernatorial debate at Huntington High School, everyone on campus should be concerned — greatly concerned.

Democrat Charlotte Pritt and Republican Cecil Underwood, the main hopefuls vying for the governor’s office, had opportunities in two debates to tell West Virginians how they would make the state better. Pritt talked about reforming health care; Underwood emphasized technology and business. Neither, however, in either debate, despite all the opportunities with all the questions, mentioned one word about higher education.

A lack of interest from either candidate about the future of West Virginia’s universities is frightening. President J. Wade Gilley is pushing a progressive program of expanding the university, including a new library, medical center and a new home for the Community and Technical College. Without support from the folks in Charleston, however, Gilley’s plans will be nothing more than sheets of paper sitting on a shelf. What the candidates think of a bigger Marshall is of monumental importance to faculty, students and administrators. But neither Pritt nor Underwood said a word about the state’s many colleges and universities during the two debates in which they were supposed to present such ideas and allow voters to decide whose are better.

Perhaps the two have ideas about higher education. Maybe a few people on campus know what they are. Most, however, do not, and all should be worried when neither candidate considers it an issue worth discussing.

On campus now, people are left sitting. They have three weeks to decide for whom to vote, and don’t know how the candidates stand on the issue closest to them. Pritt and Underwood both did fine jobs of giving their plans for the state, but neither hit on such an obvious major issue as higher education. It’s hard to believe this is the message either candidate wants to send to voters.



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Democrats need to support Pritt

Dear editor,

I was driving through Mingo and Cabell counties last week, and I stopped to talk to a few of my friends. Quite frankly, I was disgusted when I found out about a couple of legislators in these two countries — Democrats at that — who are supporting Cecil Underwood for governor.

What I would like to know is what the heck are these “Republicrats” thinking? Democrats put these people into office to work for us. Republicans didn’t elect these folk, but here they are, coming out for a Republican who fired all the Democrats in the statehouse when he was governor nearly 50 years ago. Does this sound like a man who is going to help any of us Democrats? I don’t think so.

The true colors of these faux Democrats are shining through loud and clear now. These people are elephants in donkey’s clothing. Well, let me tell you something: us true “donkeys” are finding out, and we are mad.

your VIEW

The Parthenon welcomes letters to the editor concerning issues of interest to the Marshall community. Letters must be limited to 250 words, typed, signed and include a phone number, hometown, class rank or other title verification. The Parthenon reserves the right to edit letters for potential libel or space. Longer guest columns also will be considered.

There is no excuse for any Democrat to be coming out against Charlotte Pritt. She is a true Democrat, which is what they are supposed to be. She will help the people of West Virginia, and if there are any legislators too uneducated to know that, then by golly, all they need to do is contact me or any other real Democrat.

As for those other Democrats also too ignorant to know a good candidate for governor when they

see one, they all need to change their registration to “Just Plain Dumb.”

Les Perry
St. Albans

Campus police not helpful

Dear editor,

I’m writing concerning the Marshall University Police. This past Wednesday, I was unfortunate enough to have a flat tire. I went to the Public Safety Building where I asked two policemen to help me change the tire. All I really needed was for them to loosen to lugnuts. They commented that they had just gotten dinner at Burger King and they couldn’t get their uniforms dirty.

Luckily, two students, Phillip and Kyle, were kind enough to help me, I thank you. To the MUPD, take 696-HELP off your vehicles, you obviously don’t know what it means.

Margaret Smith
Huntington sophomore



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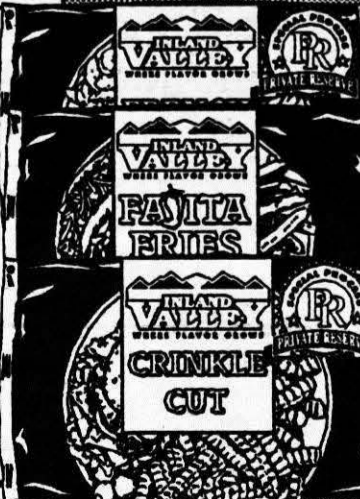


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Language called barrier in racial understanding

by MICHELE L. MCKNIGHT reporter

Breaking communication barriers was the focus of Gail L. Knowlton's workshop titled "Different Drums: Cross-Cultural Combinations Skills for the Multiverse Workplace" Monday at Marshall's 1996 Multicultural and International Conference.

Knowlton, director of international student affairs at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida, presented workshop participants with reasons and solutions for miscommunication between people of different cultures in the work place and on college campuses.

According to an article by LaRay Barna published in "Intercultural Communication: A Reader," there are stumbling blocks that create problems in cross-cultural communication. First, presumption of similarity leads people to believe others share their same ways of thinking, feeling, and believing.

Differences in language such as vocabulary, syntax and slang cause misunderstanding in conversation.

Nonverbal cues get misinterpreted because of differences in the way people read body language.

Preconceptions and stereotypes prevent people from seeing others' viewpoints

Take advantage of differences in cultures and races, speaker says.

objectively. The tendency to approve or disapprove of someone's words and actions impede one from comprehending another's perspective.

Finally, tension results when people are uncomfortable in intercultural situations.

To break the barriers, Knowlton said people need to be aware of these stumbling blocks in cross-cultural communication. She said people should strive for understanding by having an open mind and asking questions when they do not understand something about another's culture.

Knowlton said students who attend a culturally diverse university should take advantage of the opportunity to learn about different cultures. "Too often we stay in our narrow worlds and don't realize that as the economic pie shrinks these are the people we are going to have to be dealing with."

DEBATE

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nor and Huntington businessman, said his campaign centered on technological improvements in government and the private sector within a system of "managing change."

"I took the state onto the interstate highway system during my first term in office," he said, "and I will use my second to take it onto the information superhighway."

While all three candidates supported a citizen's right to bear arms, Pritt and Underwood disagreed with cities making their own gun laws.

"I'm a member of the NRA [National Rifle Association], and while I don't support everything they do, I believe in uniformity of laws," Pritt said.

To counter rising juvenile crime and teen-age complaints about a lack of community activities, Pritt said she would support keeping schools open longer to provide students activities such as art and drug prevention programs. Underwood said he would make sure police forces were adequate and equipped with the right technology to ensure safety.

Candidates also voiced support for home rule.

Despite questions focusing on primary education, they did not discuss higher education issues.

Johnson, a Beckley physician, said he used to work in a "Philadelphia ghetto hospital." He said the Libertarian

philosophy is to be more conservative than Republicans on economic issues, and more liberal than Democrats on social issues.

"When you're up to your elbows in blood and vomit at 2 a.m. every night," he said, "it's hard to remember you're the candidate who lacks compassion."

In their closing statements, each candidate gave specifics on how to achieve their goals for improving West Virginia.

Pritt presented her triangle of success topped by health care with jobs and education at the base. She also plans to phase out the 6 percent food tax when she finds extra revenue to support the cut.

Underwood said he wanted a war on illiteracy and appealed to Democrats and Independents to vote a split-ticket on Election Day.

Johnson closed the debate by saying his party emphasized personal freedom and responsibility. "Democrats feel your pain. Republicans are your pain. I'm Dr. Wallace Johnson, and I heal your pain."

FOCUS

from page one

She will include the campus hearing, post-rape encounters with college administrators, police, health care officials, parents, friends and the media.

Koestner is a certified peer-educator and sexual assault counselor.

She has founded organizations for sexual assault victims, assisted many victims' groups with lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C.

Koestner has appeared on many national television programs.

She was featured on the cover of Time magazine in 1991 and has co-written a guidebook on model campus sexual assault policy.

"These presentations are a good way to address the student body about important issues," Tolliver said.

Koestner's presentations will be free and open to the public, according to the news release.

Clarification

In the Parthenon Oct. 15 in an article about the Multicultural and international conference, Dr. William A. Edwards, executive director of International Programs, should have been identified as co-chairman of the conference.

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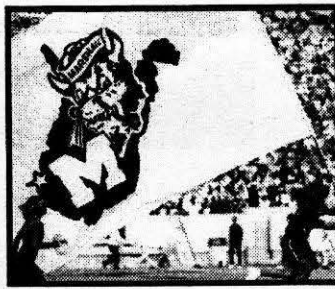
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Soccer team hits the road to face top-ranked Virginia

by **ROBERT MCCUNE**
reporter

Russell Baker, journalist for the New York Times, once said, "In America, nothing dies easier than tradition."

In a match against Virginia Military Institute early Saturday, some might say that Marshall's soccer team broke a tradition.

Marshall added to its winning streak, defeating VMI 4-0 on its home field for the first time since 1983.

The Herd is scheduled to finish a three-game road trip 7 p.m. today against the University of Virginia, which is ranked first in the nation.

Marshall Coach Bob Gray said the University of Virginia hasn't lost in 35 straight games at home.

"We're not going to be able to sneak up on them after the Duke win," he said. "It's going

to be a tough match for us, but it's also very exciting. That's what it's all about for us. College soccer is all about the excitement of going in and playing."

Marshall's win against VMI is the Herd's third straight following a tie game against Georgia Southern.

Marshall has remained unbeaten in its last six games.

"Coming off the win against Duke, I was concerned about a let down," Gray said. "I was glad to see that we could ground ourselves enough to win against VMI."

Sophomore Ian Leggat got things going for Marshall early in the game, scoring 2:18 into the match on Marshall's first shot.

The goal by Leggat was assisted by freshman Chris Carroll and was the only goal in the first half.

For the rest of the first half,

both teams played evenly, each coming up with five shots and no goals.

In the second half, VMI came out strong, but could not come up with a score, despite a number of chances.

Marshall Sophomore David Husbands booted two goals in the second half, putting the Herd up 3-0.

Husbands scored his first goal at 58:57 in the match, taking a crossing pass from senior Jon True and putting it into the back of the net.

His second goal came a minute and a half later from 25 yards out, and was assisted by Leggat.

The final goal came from Marshall sophomore Tom Green-



Husbands

Shooting for the big 50

If Marshall wins against Western Carolina this weekend, the Herd will reach a landmark. A win this Saturday would make the 50th time the final seconds have ticked off the clock in Marshall Stadium for a Herd victory.

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await at 75:00 in the match.

The goal was assisted by freshman Neil Scott.

"We really controlled most of the game," Gray said. "The match also allowed a lot of people to get some play time. It was a good result for us, being a conference win."

The VMI win upped Marshall's record to 5-3-2 overall and 2-1-1 in the Southern Conference.

Following Marshall's wins against Duke and VMI, the team moved up in rank to eighth in the NSCAA South Atlantic Region rankings.

Marshall is now tied for third in the Southern Conference.

Gray said the win against VMI means Marshall may still have a shot at finishing second in the Southern Conference.

"If we can finish second, that will assure us a good seat in the conference tournament," he said.

After the match against the University of Virginia, the Herd will return home to play Appalachian State this Saturday on the soccer field at 1 p.m.

MU Kung Fu is preparing for tourney

The Marshall Kung Fu club will participate in a full-contact championship tournament Nov. 2 in Nitro.

"If we have good support we could bring the championship to Marshall," said Ali R. Afshari, judo teacher.

The club placed in several events in an international championship match held in Charleston at the beginning of October.

Daniel Honaker lost to the international champion from Britain in the super heavy weight division.

Steve Robinson placed second in Tai Chi, Cata and bare-hand fighting.

In an international Ju Jitsu Tournament held a month ago, Honacker placed first in Tai Chi and second in weapons. Other team members placed in weapons, fighting, and Tai Chi.

Honaker said the club's preparation for the November tournament includes bike riding, swimming, and practicing martial arts techniques.

"We put a lot of extra time and effort into preparing for tournaments," Honaker said. "There is a lot of outside preparation."

Honaker said he believes much of the success the team experiences is due to Afshari.

"I was going to five martial arts classes before I started working with Ali about 3 years ago," he said. "His techniques are more effective."

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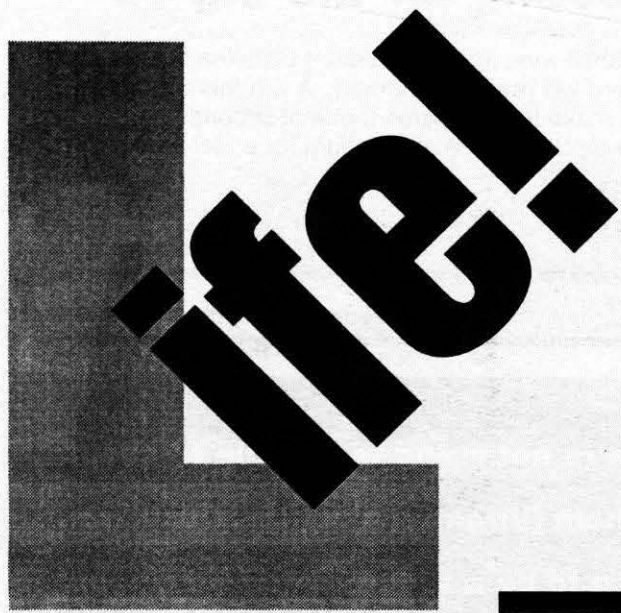
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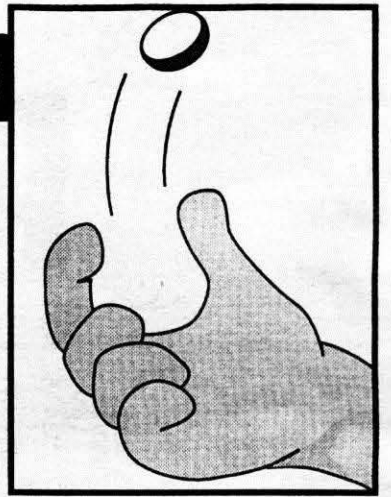


The credit line

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Many college students apply for numerous credit cards when they first arrive on campus, but soon find their monthly bills exceed their means. Luckily, there are places to go to for help when their cards get maxed out.

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THE ABCS OF THE ROTC



The men and women of the Reserve Officers Training Corps learn more than just shooting a rifle. Members say the program offers the chance to build responsibility, character and leadership, and secure scholarships.

There is more to the Reserve Officers' Training Corp (ROTC) than being all that you can be.

"I think everyone should have a little bit of experience with the military," Cadet Captain Chris P. Petty, a senior majoring in criminal justice, said. "It builds character, it builds responsibility, and anyone who's wondering what it's like should take one of our classes."

Captain Edward J. Burke, assistant professor in military science, said, "The whole reason we're here is we offer commissions in the United States Army."

Burke said there are 190 cadets enrolled in ROTC.

Burke said the ROTC offers two programs.

The Basic Course covers military history, national defense and the customs and traditions of the Army.

The Advanced Course includes instruction and practice in management, law of war, weapons and tactics.

Students attend an advanced camp during the summer for six weeks between their junior and senior years. Sophomores can take six weeks of summer training, instead of the Basic Course, to qualify for advanced ROTC.

"It's all about leadership," Petty said.

Between Petty's sophomore and junior year he attended Camp Challenge in Fort Knox, Ky. As a junior, Petty attended camp in Fort Bragg, N.C. He said for cadets who attend the advanced camp, "Their leadership potential is evaluated to see how well they'll do in stressful situations."

He said some people find the camp stressful because they are put in different leadership situations and it's very physically demanding.

Petty said he wakes up at 5:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for physical training which includes stretching and running. Smith said ROTC is a great way to get in shape.

Burke said they offer hands-on experience by hav-

ing students apply the principles they learned in classroom instruction during leadership labs.

Once each semester they have field training exercises.

Ranger Challenge is in mid-October at Fort Knox, Ky. The Ranger Team, a group of the 10 best cadets, compete against other schools with ROTC. Other schools offering ROTC are in Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The battalions are tested in weapons assembly, marksmanship, physical fitness, rope bridge construction and land navigation.

Petty said uniforms are issued for the advanced course and worn Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for drill and ceremony. Burke said wearing uniforms is "part of being a leader, part of being an officer and part of being in the military."

The ROTC offers two, three and four-year scholarships. Burke said students are paid \$150 a month during the school year.

Cadet Battalion Commander Will D. Smith, a senior majoring in criminal justice, said. "Money is an incentive, but if you're in it for the money you're not going to last."

Petty said, "I don't think there's anyone at Marshall right now in it for the money. They're in it for the prestige, privilege and responsibility of being an officer."

Petty said everything the cadets do is placed in an assessments packet.

The points the cadets earn at camp

and at college are placed in the packet.

The level of performance recorded in the packet determines whether the cadet will be placed on active duty, the U.S. Army Reserve or the Army National Guard after completing the course and graduating.

After they graduate, they earn an officer commission and become lieutenants.

"Not too many people can say they have a career

out of college," Petty said.

Smith said the evaluation in college makes up one-third of the assessment, GPA makes up another one-third and the advanced camp comprises the final one-third for a total of 3000 points.

After cadets complete ROTC they might find themselves in control of about 40 people Burke said.

"You learn really quick that when you're in charge of a group of people in the army you have to set an example," Smith said. "The greatest compliment is leadership of your peers," he said. "You have to learn to take care of the people you're under before yourself." Petty said ROTC allows a cadet commissioned to active duty three to four years to decide if they want to stay in the military or pursue their major.

Petty said cadets complete college as a second lieutenant, which is a lot of work, but when they are promoted to first lieutenant there is a little less work, but more responsibility.

Smith said the ROTC gives "experiences you wouldn't get anywhere else."

He said if he weren't in the ROTC he never would have had the opportunity to travel to North Carolina, Texas, Oklahoma and Kentucky.

Another benefit of being in the ROTC is gaining friendship, Smith said.

"People you work with are the people you depend on. Whether you want to or not they become your best friends," he said.

Also, after being commissioned, a lieutenant's salary, health care, travel and housing are paid for. Petty said within the army, former ROTC members can work with the FBI or at language schools.

"There are so many opportunities to develop yourself professionally," Petty said.

Smith said that unlike Army recruiters, the ROTC "makes sure you know what you're doing before you sign up." He said, "The ROTC wants quality. We don't want to spend all that money to train them for a year and have them quit."

"We ensure cadets keep up their grades and graduate on time," Smith said. "We do everything we can to keep people from falling behind."

Smith said the ROTC takes up a great deal of time, but students learn to organize and manage their time.

"It's an opportunity to challenge yourself with experiences most people don't have," Burke said.

Smith said, "It's by far the best leadership training I've ever seen or heard of."

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