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It's coming down to the wire - "WP/WF" Day is tomorrow.

Gilley: scholarship to help more students

by PATRICK VARAH
reporter

The establishment of a scholarship program that will reward academic achievement of incoming freshmen has been announced by President J. Wade Gilley.

The A. Michael Perry Freshman Scholarship program will be available in the fall of 1997.

Those eligible will have attained a grade point average 3.2, a score of 21 to 25 on the A.C.T. examination and a letter of recommendation from their

high school counselor.

Recipients of the award will receive \$500 for their first year of higher education at Marshall.

"This program will attract a lot of good students and provide incentives to students to achieve their academic goals," Gilley said.

The recipients of the scholarships are eligible for renewal on a competitive basis, Gilley said. "This is very important to help students who may not be eligible for assistance from the federal government," Gilley said.

Perry is a Marshall alumnus who

serves as chairman and CEO of Banc One West Virginia Corp. He is also a member of the University System Board of Trustees and served two years as its chairman.

Gilley said that the broad nature of the Perry scholarship program makes it unique. "This program will serve the most students, because there may be up to 500 students who will receive it," Gilley said.

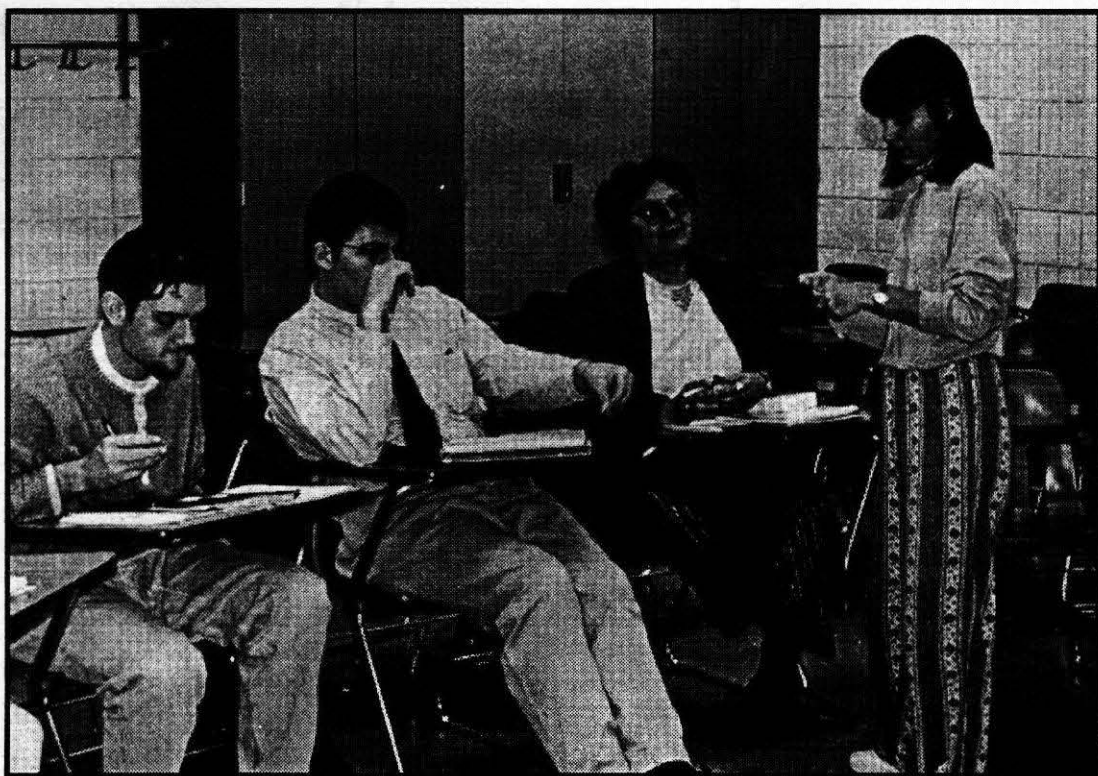
He also said that the program is not based on the financial need of the individual student. "This is strictly an

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"We hope this provides encouragement for high school seniors to look at Marshall."

— Jack L. Toney
financial aid director

Talkin' the talk



Missy Young

Freshman Dan Meadows and faculty members Erik K. Spears and Dr. Lynne Welch are students in the Portuguese language class taught by Marina P. Busatto.

MSC's weekend becomes longer

Only the lobby will be affected

by MICHELLE McKNIGHT
reporter

The Memorial Student Center hours are being expanded to accommodate students who need a place to study.

Starting Saturday, the student center will be open Saturdays from 1 p.m. to midnight and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Karen E. Kirtley, program coordinator of student center operations said.

The longer hours will affect only the main lobby of the student center. The main desk, recreational area and food service hours will remain the same.

The student center is currently open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 4 p.m. to midnight;

and Sunday 5 to 9 p.m.

The main desk is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday 4 to 11 p.m.; and Sunday 5 to 9 p.m., Nancy Dingess, MSC head cashier, said.

The recreational area is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to midnight; Saturday 4 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday 5 to 9 p.m., Bernie Elliott, supervisor of computer sales and recreational facilities, said.

The MSC cafeteria is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and is closed weekends.

Sweet Sensations is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is also closed Saturdays and Sundays.

Grant designed to assist communities

by CHRISTINA REDEKOPP
reporter

The Marshall University Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) is helping people to help themselves.

The COPC developed because of a two-year grant of \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant projects began Aug. 1, 1995.

"This is getting the university involved in the community," Dr. Larry D. Kyle, principal investigator for the COPC, said.

Marshall is the only university in West Virginia that received the grant, Kyle said.

The COPC targets six neighborhoods: Adams, Central Business District, Fairfield, Peyton, Guyandotte and the university.

The grant assists communities suffering from substandard housing, population loss and a decline in jobs.

According to a pamphlet provided by the COPC, the number of manufacturing establishments in Cabell County has declined by more than 20 percent since 1980, resulting in a loss of nearly 5,200 manufacturing jobs.

Also, Huntington's population decreased by 34 percent between 1960 and 1990. In the six target neighborhoods, poverty levels range from 28 to 75 percent and unemployment

rates range from 13 to 20 percent.

The city was appointed as one of 14 enterprise communities in the nation to receive a grant.

Kyle said he thought the reason Marshall received the grant was "because of town meetings and we talked to the people in the community. The community was involved and they really wanted to better themselves."

Kyle said the faculty, staff and some students can help provide the community with resources which include knowledge and research capabilities.

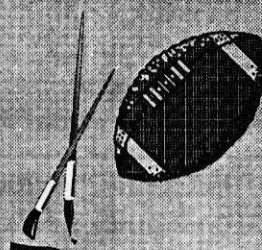
He said the university can

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Page edited by Kerri M. Barnhart

Physicians baffled by kids with no pain

ROME (AP) — A group of Italian children who can't feel pain or cry has attracted the attention of New York-based experts seeking new insights into the human nervous system.

In addition to their rare genetic disorder, the young sufferers also battle problems that are part of much more common diseases, like diabetes. As a result, doctors say knowledge gained from their difficulties could benefit millions with other ailments.

The study, which began this week at Rome's Bambino Gesù children's hospital, was inspired by a 9-year-old Italian girl whose parents, frustrated by a lack of a diagnosis by Italian doctors, put out a plea on the Internet.

The child, Alice Lazzaroni, feels no pain. She sometimes bends her joints out of shape while pretending to be a ballerina. Once she broke a leg bone and ran around for months before her parents realized she was injured.

Alice also can't sweat, making even the slightest rise in body temperature dangerous. Her parents, a union leader and a social worker, must rent a house in the mountains each summer because it is cooler, and she is less

likely to become too warm.

A man in Wisconsin referred Alice's family to Dr. Felicia Axelrod, a New York University Medical Center expert in functions of the nervous system that are involuntary, like sweating, flinching from pain and swallowing.

When Alice's case was written up in Italian newspapers and her parents went on Italian TV, "seven or eight Italian parents called me" to inquire about the U.S. doctors' approach, Alice's father, Sandro Lazzaroni said.

Axelrod diagnosed Alice as suffering from a rare genetic disorder known as type 4 of hereditary sensory and autonomic neuropathies, or HSAN.

Some HSAN sufferers have developmental retardation, and 16-year old Francesca can only say a few words, mainly grunting. One of her eyeballs is glassy, dried up by lack of tears, and she has difficulty in swallowing.

"We think she feels some pain," said her mother, Maria Perri, "because she sometimes whimpers" when bumped or touched.

Doctors say only about 20 cases of type 4 have been diagnosed in the United States, whose population is five times that of Italy.



Other stuff...

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash. (AP) — Two high school cheerleaders who felt another squad member didn't measure up to their standards are accused of spiking the girl's drink to make her too sick to cheer.

The Bainbridge High School girls slipped vomit-inducing ipecac syrup into the cheerleader's drink at a poster-painting party, said Ann Noble, mother of the head cheerleader. The two cheerleaders accused of the act were suspended from the squad.

GEORGETOWN, Mass. (AP) — Public meetings have become a bit like long car trips for the residents of this Massachusetts town.

The town hall's bathrooms have been ordered locked shut in Georgetown. The reason? The bathrooms are not accessible to people with physical disabilities.

"In this case, equal access means no access," said Town Finance Director Jim Davis. "It's the law. The law is stupid, and we're complying."



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Election day culminates long democratic process

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — John and Diana Gandy, happy parents of three small children, agree on lots of things — but not their choice for president.

They canceled each other out Tuesday when they cast their ballots in the hallway of Austin Middle School. He voted for Bob Dole — she punched in Bill Clinton.

"Now we're going to fight," she said playfully.

Across the country, from a neighborhood barber shop in Philadelphia to the Oasis of Love Church in Albuquerque, N.M., voters celebrated their differences as they exercised their right to vote.

They grumbled about mudslinging, Bob Dole's negativity and Bill Clinton's character. But they voted nonetheless, taking pride in the democratic ritual.

"This is my license to complain," said Kenny Sorensen, 64, voting at the Saylor Township fire station in Des Moines, Iowa. "If you don't vote, you don't have anything to say if you don't like what's going on."

Apathy was a common response for voters. Anesti Vangel, a 68-year-old Boston man, shrugged when asked who he voted for.

"Sometimes I've gone into the booth and not voted for anyone," he said. "But I go because I don't want to lose the privilege."

After voting in a basketball gym in Land O' Lakes, Fla., Bill Little said the taint of scandal was the reason he voted for Dole.

"I had no choice," Little said. "I don't do dope. I don't fool around. I've been married 33 years and lived by rules and regulations."

In Charleston, W.Va., Bill Gerwig, a 36-year-old workers compensation lawyer, had planned to vote for Dole — until he watched Ross Perot's

"This is my license to complain. If you don't vote, you don't have anything to say if you don't like what's going on."

— Kenny Sorensen, Iowa voter

nationally televised infomercial.

"I recognize he is not going to win the election, but I'd like to see him win 25 percent of the votes and establish a third party so we have additional choices in the future," Gerwig said.

In Arlington, Texas, 85-year-old Mary Page made her way to the polls for only the second time in her life.

"For a long time I didn't

know they was allowing women to vote yet," said Ms. Page. "But now I'll vote in every election."

For the Gandys in Beaumont, the debate raged on.

"I think Clinton's the biggest disgrace ever to be in the White House," said Gandy, 38, who owns a business.

"None of them are perfect," his wife responded. "Look at Kennedy, he was a womanizer, but a good president."

Soldier loses bid for office

WINFIELD, W.Va. (AP) — A Putnam County soldier who went on military leave from Bosnia to campaign back home plans to return to normalcy after an unsuccessful bid for county sheriff. Lt. Col. Alvin Rose lost by about 530 votes Tuesday to former deputy Stan Farley. Rose, 49, of Buffalo, ran as a Republican.

briefs

MOSCOW (AP) — Safely through a complex heart operation, Boris Yeltsin reclaimed his presidential powers Wednesday, including control over Russia's immense nuclear arsenal. Doctors said he was recovering quickly from the seven-hour multiple bypass operation.

Dr. Michael DeBakey, the American consultant on the case, said Yeltsin was alert and in a good mood after being taken off a respirator.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two studies on the drug tamoxifen, which should be used for no more than five years, provide important new insight into how to treat breast cancer at its earliest stages, experts say.

The studies, being published Wednesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, show that women who took the drug for five years after early breast cancer surgery had up to an 18 percent better chance of surviving without relapse than patients who did not take the drug.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Consider it the Great Mars Comeback.

Early Wednesday afternoon, NASA launched a spacecraft on a 435 million-mile, 10-month journey to the Red Planet as a replacement for the probe that mysteriously disappeared three years ago.

The Global Surveyor will be the first of 10 spacecraft to be sent by NASA to Mars over the next 10 years to pry loose the secrets of Earth's next-door neighbor.

Rail merger talks intensify

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The takeover brawl for Conrail Inc. intensified Wednesday with CSX Corp. sweetening the cash portion of its offer and rival Norfolk Southern Corp. promising "every necessary step" to press its richer bid.

Conrail reaffirmed its Oct. 15 agreement to merge with CSX, rejecting the \$9 billion Norfolk Southern all-cash offer for CSX's cash-and-stock deal valued at less than \$8.4 billion.

Conrail's chairman, David M. LeVan, called the combination with CSX a superior strategic deal.

At stake is a once-moribund railroad that would give either suitor control over freight lines in the heavily populated East.

Either merger would create the nation's third-biggest freight railroad, ranking behind only Union Pacific and Burlington Northern in track mileage.

CSX raised the cash portion of its offer to \$110 a share for 40 percent of

Conrail stock, up about 19 percent or \$628 million, from the \$92.50 it bid in its initial takeover agreement.

But CSX didn't change the terms of its offer to acquire the rest of Conrail's shares for CSX stock, and CSX stock has fallen more than 11 percent since the deal was first announced.

In trading after the latest round of announcements, Conrail was up \$1.75 by Wednesday afternoon to \$94 a share on the New York Stock Exchange. CSX was down \$1.12 1/2 at \$42.87 1/2 and Norfolk Southern was down 75 cents at \$88.25 a share.

CSX's new cash-and-stock offer is valued at about \$93.12 1/2 a share, or \$8.36 billion, based on Tuesday's closing price. The initial offer was valued at \$8.4 billion before the stock price fell.

Norfolk Southern is offering \$100 a share in cash.

CSX said the increased cash part of its bid is based in part on a belief that

the merger will give it even greater savings than it projected earlier. It said it identified at least \$730 million in gains from operating efficiencies of a merged company, or \$180 million more than expected.

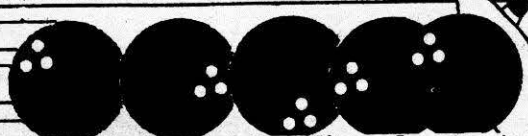
Norfolk Southern and CSX had been talking to CSX about splitting up Conrail, but those discussions broke off Tuesday.

Conrail, once part of the old Penn Central, operates 11,000 miles of track in state states in the Northeast and Midwest, plus Quebec, Canada.

CSX operates more than 18,000 miles of track in 20 states in the East, Midwest, South and Ontario, Canada. Its Sea-Land Service division of 105 container ships produced 38 percent of the company's revenues last year.

Norfolk Southern operates a 14,400-mile rail system in 20 southeastern and Midwestern states, plus a trucking company and a natural resources development company.

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OUR VIEW

Senate's inability to form quorum is discouraging

Student Senate fell one person shy in its big count Tuesday.

Senators could not conduct business at their regular meeting because they did not have a quorum — that is, a minimum number of senators present. They needed 10. Only nine showed.

For Student Senate, a quorum is one-half of total members plus one. That's a fairly low number as far as quorums go. Some groups require two-thirds of their members to be present before doing anything. Student Senate, however, could not even meet its low number.

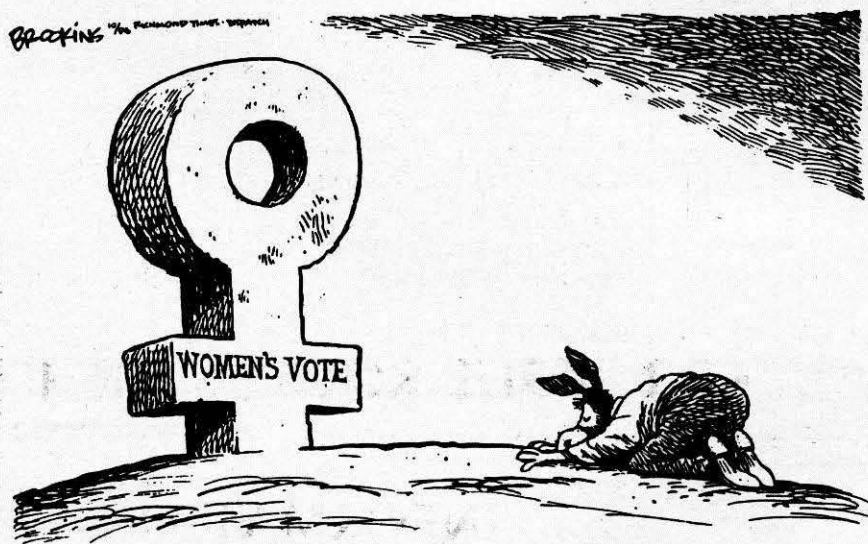
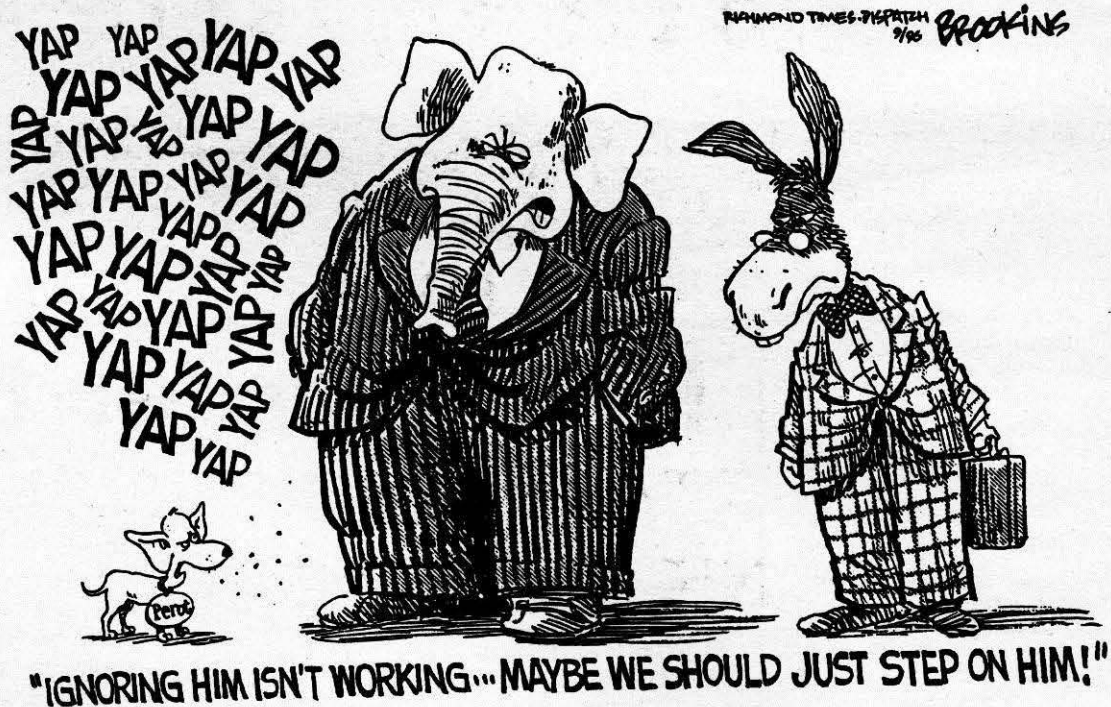
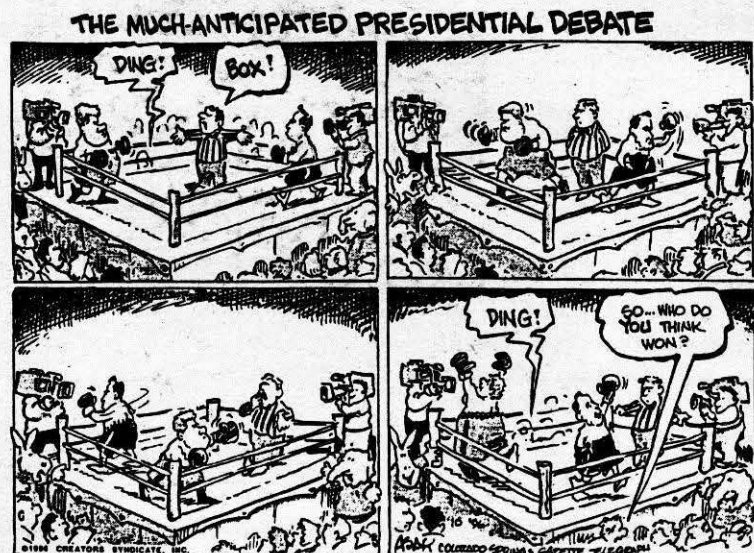
The nine senators who did attend are to be commended. Regular meeting attendance is a simple, yet highly important, quality for a senator to possess. Further, it is not to say that the senators who missed the meeting have poor attendance — perhaps some have good reasons for being absent — but if so many know they cannot make it, other arrangements must be made. While it may be impossible to always guarantee a quorum, someone needs to be responsible for making certain one is present as often as possible.

What makes this episode so frustrating was that some senators were absent because they sought to attend Election Night rallies. Sen. Julia Hudson, College of Liberal Arts, said, "Most of the senators were absent due to the election."

Those senators' enthusiasm in the political process is encouraging. By entering student government, they are starting to learn the political world, and perhaps may seek other office someday. The ones who skipped the meeting to go to rallies, however, need to remember who their constituents are. The student body was looking for the senators to attend their regular meeting, and more than half did not. For whatever reason so many senators missed, priority should have been placed on the business of the day.

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Group to revise CTC curriculum

by **CHRISTINA REDEKOPP**
reporter

The Community and Technical College is adjusting its curriculum to meet the needs of the future, the college's assistant dean of the CTC, Linda S. Wilkinson, said.

She said the curriculum may have to be adjusted so that the CTC is ready for a better prepared student.

She said the courses would have to be changed to avoid duplicating what the student has already learned in high school.

The university is working with Cabell, Wayne and Mason counties to avoid duplication.

Wilkinson recently attended the first joint state conference between the West Virginia's Community College Association, Council of Vocational and Adult Administration, and the Department of Education's Division of Technical and Adult Education.

"We are working toward meeting more of the community's needs than we ever had before."

— **Robert B. Hayes**
provost dean,
Community and Technical
College

Wilkinson said the three groups share a common interest in technology and recent legislation.

The conference focused on learning how technology is transforming educa-

tion from kindergarten to adulthood.

Wilkinson said predictions were made at the conference about how changes in public schools will have a positive impact on community colleges.

She said students will be given more initiative in high school so that more students will come to two-year colleges.

"They're going to come better prepared. That's the main goal," she said, adding that standards will be raised and different delivery systems for education will be examined.

For example, technology is being used as a different delivery system, Wilkinson said.

Robert B. Hayes, provost dean, said each CTC department is looking at programs to meet the needs of the community. New programs include interior design and food service.

He said all programs are at different stages of development.

"We are working toward meeting more of the community needs than we

Drinko director to receive humanitarian recognition

by **RICH STEELE**
reporter

The 1996 Charles H. Daugherty Award in the Humanities has been awarded to Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy. The award is given annually to a West Virginian for his or her contribution to the humanities in the state.

Gould is a former president of the West Virginia Humanities Council and has been instrumental in developing the Council's history initiatives.

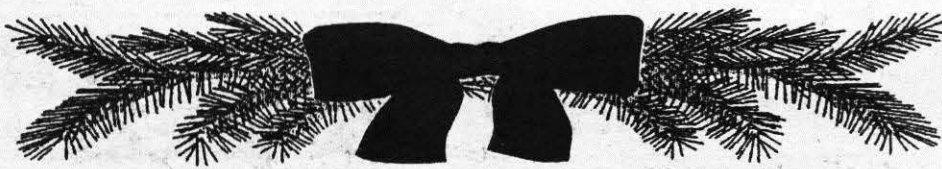
Gould was also one of the co-founders of and has been actively involved with the Alliance for the Collection, Preservation and Dissemination of West Virginia Black History and its annual conference which takes place on campus, said Dr. Carl P. Burrowes, executive director of the Alliance.

Gould, professor of history and native West Virginian, said he became interested in West Virginia Black history through his study of the state's history, especially the Civil War period. He said West Virginia played a key role in the Underground Railroad because of its location between the slave state of Virginia and the free state of Ohio.

Gould attributes the success of the West Virginia Humanities Council to the quality of people involved in the organization. He said there has been such state-support for the council that event programming has remained at a high level of excellence despite reduction in federal funding.

The award will be presented at a reception in Gould's honor at 6 p.m. Friday in Memorial Student Center John Marshall Room.

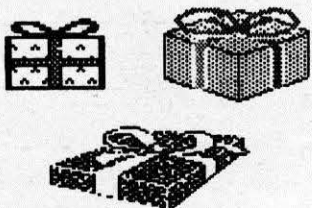
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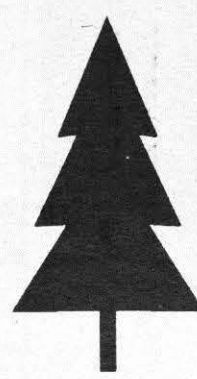
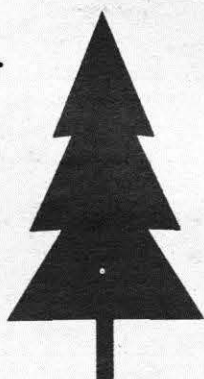
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share knowledge to provide better solutions. However, the people of the community are saying to stop studying them and come out and work with them, Kyle said. "Each have their own goals. It's really driven by neighborhoods," he said.

COPC projects involve developing recruiting strategies, implementing community policing programs, and providing training sessions to assist communities in forming neighborhood associations which address community problems.

Kyle said the leadership training sessions went beyond what they expected because the two neighborhood groups they were training expanded to eight groups.

Some of the training involves how communities can

get grants and work with the city, as well as run effective meetings.

Some of the projects completed include a needs-assessment survey of the six communities, the renovation of vacant upper stories of buildings in Huntington's Central Business District, and strategies to help small businesses survive and expand.

Kyle said the COPC wants to help the existing businesses succeed so that new businesses will be attracted to the neighborhoods. Kyle said some of the improvements the COPC can help the university with is to make it a safer place.

Kyle said the COPC has been successful. "After the money's gone, the relationships we've developed by working together is really the purpose of the grant," Kyle said. "In that regard, it's been successful."

GILLEY

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award based on performance and academic achievement," Gilley said. "It provides an incentive for students with above average, if not superb, academic records."

Jack L. Toney, director of financial aid, said the Perry Freshman Scholarships serve a purpose for Marshall. "The

group of students eligible for these scholarships is a group we targeted as an institution," said Toney.

"We hope this provides encouragement for high school seniors to look at Marshall."

He said that the scholarship is intended to help all who are eligible. "It will be available to in-state, out-of-state and metro area applicants," Toney said.

Underground Railroad to be focus of history conference

by MICHELE L. McKNIGHT reporter

This weekend's 1996 West Virginia Black History Conference will focus on the famous passage from slavery to freedom — the Underground Railroad.

Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy, said this topic was chosen because "geographically, it played a significant role in our history."

Before the Civil War, the area that is now West Virginia was bound between slave and free states, he said. Gould said the area right next to Ohio was "just a river away from freedom."

"It's one of the few positive things we could speak of that occurred during the period of slavery," he said. "You had people of many races working together in an effort to free a human being."

The conference in the Memorial Student Center includes a keynote address by PBS talk show host Tony Brown and a dramatic children's reading by WSAZ-TV news anchor Sherri Jackson. It will also highlight one of Marshall's very own.

R. Michael "Mike" Eldridge, Chesapeake senior, will present his award-winning essay "Northward Bound to Freedom: Escape Routes from Cabell County, [West] Virginia

into Ohio" at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Gould said Eldridge's interest in the history of this area was probably sparked by his mother, Carrie Eldridge, a research specialist from Chesapeake, who has done a collection of work on cemeteries in Cabell County.

He said it is a wonderful source of information for anyone interested in family origins in Cabell County. Gould said a pamphlet about her collection is available at the Drinko Academy.

Carrie Eldridge will present "Searching for Sampson Sanders' Manumitted Slaves" Friday at 10 a.m.

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Martin top returner

Thundering Herd senior wide receiver Tim Martin has become the Southern Conference's all-time leading punt returner. He has returned 122 punts for 1,287 yards in his career. Tennessee-Chattanooga's David McCrary (1982-1985) used to be the record holder with 118 returns for 1,253 yards.

Volleyball player honored

Thundering Herd volleyball player Alisha Bable has been named the Southern Conference player of the week. Bable, a sophomore from Waterford, Ohio, is the first Herd player to win the award this season.

She led the Herd to two wins against SC foes East Tennessee State and Appalachian State, during the weekend. Against ETSU Bable hit an errorless .531 with 17 kills. Against Appy St., she hit .321 with 22 kills.

The win against Appalachian State marked the first time in Marshall history that the Thundering Herd has defeated the Mountaineers in both Huntington and Boone, N.C., in the same season.

Coach Bob Evans said, "Alisha Bable had a tremendous weekend, only having four hitting errors. She has become a smart hitter, not only having power, but also shots with it. She is a definite leader on this team."

The volleyball team is now 10-1 in the conference and has been in first place for three weeks. The Herd's next SC opponent is Davidson. Marshall will travel to Davidson, N.C., Nov. 10 to face the Wildcats.



Bable

the Parthenon, if we won a million dollars we would give a few bucks to WVU so they could hire a special teams coach

UCLA fires Harrick

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jim Harrick was fired as UCLA's basketball coach yesterday and Steve Lavin, a 32-year-old assistant, will be the interim coach this season.

UCLA chancellor Charles Young announced the dismissal in a news release. He said Harrick had been "terminated" for "misstatements" following a UCLA investigation. The school, in response to an NCAA inquiry, had been looking into possible recruiting violations.

The school, which boasts one of the most storied traditions in college basketball history, scheduled a news conference for 4 p.m. EST at the J.D. Morgan Center.

The firing comes 19 months after Harrick guided UCLA to its first NCAA championship in 20 years and two weeks before the start of the 1996-97 season.

Harrick was informed of the firing by Young and athletic director Peter Dalis following practice Tuesday night.

"UCLA appreciates the hard work that Jim has invested in the men's basketball program during his eight years as head coach, and his program has been very successful," Young said. "However, his termination is linked to the seriousness of this situation."

The school said it will search for a permanent coach during the upcoming season. Lavin will have current assistants Michael Holton and Jim Saia when the Bruins open Nov. 20 against Tulsa in the Preseason NIT.

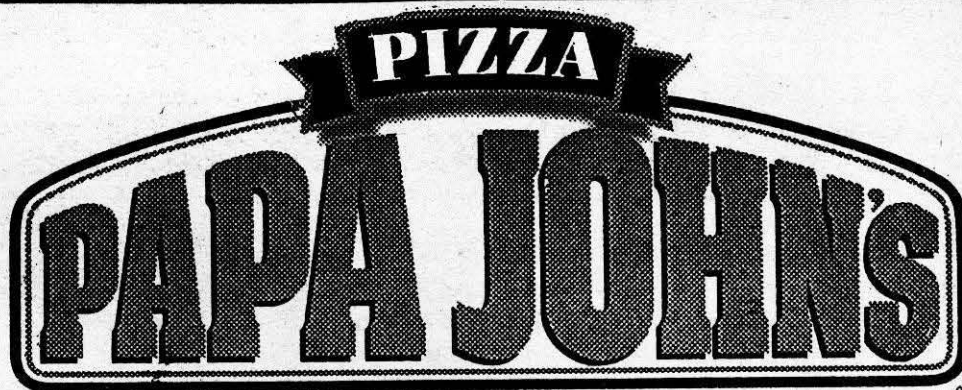
Harrick, 58, signed a five-year contract, reportedly for an annual salary of \$400,000, in the summer of 1995. He was cleared two weeks ago by the school and Pacific-10 Conference of violations in the sale of a car he owned to the older sister of prized recruit Baron Davis.

Young said UCLA's investigation has been reported to the Pac-10 and the NCAA, and the sale of the car was "completely unrelated" to the dismissal. A Pac-10 inquiry turned up no evidence of wrongdoing in that matter.

"UCLA has always tried to compete within the rules and when violations are discovered, we act quickly to investigate the situation and take decisive steps to solve the problem," Young said.

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Parthenon



The Artist & The Athlete

For game day Eric Kresser uses his hands to throw a leather ball down field. Little do many people know, those same hands can mold a clump of clay into a work of art and turn a plain piece of canvas into a masterpiece.

"Like father like son," is more than just a cliché when describing the Kresser family, it is a way of life. Gary Kresser, Eric's father, was an art major at Miami University of Ohio and Jason Kresser, Eric's older brother, was an art major at the University of Miami in Florida.

"My father and older brother were both art majors, so I guess you could say art runs in the family for me," Kresser said. "Growing-up there were always paper and pencils laying around so I was always picking them up and drawing."

Football was introduced to Kresser by dad and big brother, too. Kresser's father was a tight-end for the Miami-Ohio Redskins and Kresser's older brother was a safety for the Miami-Florida Hurricanes.

"My father played football in college and so did my older brother," Kresser said. "Growing up I played football, basketball and baseball, but as I got older football began to play a bigger role in my life than the other sports, especially when I received a scholarship to play football in college."

Playing football since childhood, Kresser's athletic ability had always been apparent to his family. The artist within the player was not truly discovered until the junior high years.

"When Eric was in seventh grade, my wife and I went to an open-house at his school," Gary said. "Eric's classmates were gathering around a wall that had about 20 drawings on it. The drawings depicted a variety of objects. I mean there were drawings of jet skies, cars and jets. They were such good drawings, too, and Eric had drawn them all. My wife and I were shocked because we did not realize he could draw like that."

Kresser's father said he never thought that art and football would become a generational thing.

"I had no idea they would do that," he said. "Sometimes I would show them how to draw something, but me and my wife never made them do something they did not want to do. They have always done what they wanted to do."

Kresser's first big break with football happened while he was an underclassman at Palm Beach Gardens High School. During his freshman year he observed the skills of senior quarterback, Darren Studstill, one

of West Virginia University's quarterbacks when the Mountaineers competed in the 1994 Sugar Bowl. Then, less than one year later, the spotlight shifted to Kresser as he earned the starting quarterback position his sophomore year.

"When I got the starting position, I realized football was what I wanted to do," Kresser said. "Then, I got the scholarship to the University of Florida, and began to realize how much of an impact football was making on my life."

Marshall coach Bob Pruett said there is more to Kresser than what meets the eye.

"Eric is an outstanding athlete and hard worker," Pruett said. "He is not only an outstanding athlete, but he is an all around good solid individual, academically and athletically."

Before Kresser went to college he had never really considered art as a career, it was more of a hobby.

"I have always enjoyed drawing, but prior to college I never really thought about actually pursuing it as a career," Kresser said. "Probably less than two years ago, my sophomore year at the University of Florida, I began to realize my artistic possibilities and decided to major in art."

The big break has not happened yet with Kresser's art work, but he is optimistic about his artistic career.

"There is a lot I could do with my art," Kresser said. "I could go the same route my brother took and teach art on the high school level, or I could go back and get my master's degree and teach art on the college level. Then, there is the other route, which is a bit more difficult, and I could try to get my own work exhibited."

Some people may think Kresser's talents are hereditary. Yes, he can pass for 300 yards in a quarter-and-a-half of play and he can draw a sun setting on the ocean's horizon, but neither of the talents he possesses came easy.

Debbie Kresser, Eric's mother, said one way to describe her son is "intense."

"Many people misinterpret Eric for being shy, but he is really very outgoing," she said. "He is the strong silent type and very driven. If he sees something he wants he goes after it intensely."

Kresser experienced a set back in his football career when he first went to college at the University of Florida. He did not play much his first two years and he admits that it was a bit discouraging.

"I was really crushed during my first two years at college and before going into my third year of school

I looked into transferring schools," Kresser said. "However, I stuck around and I did get to play more. Then, I found out about Marshall and I knew that was where I wanted to go."

Kresser's only setback with his art is simply the lack of time.

"There is nothing more satisfying or rewarding than when I finish art work and I can stand back, look at it, and say I put a lot of hard work into this," he said. "I am pleased with the results because I know how much time and effort I spent applying my artistic ability to it."

So, what is a typical day like for an artist and athlete?

"Wow, long day," Kresser replied. "My day starts at 6 a.m. I go to football meetings in the morning, then I go to class usually until 2:30 p.m. After that, I am off to practice and more meetings. I usually make it home around 8 p.m. Then, it is time to do homework and try to squeeze in a few hours of sleep."

Kresser, however, is not complaining.

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