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Local charities help others during a season of giving. Life! Page 12

MU awarded tech grants for upgrade

MARGARET F. KAYES
reporter

Marshall University is \$610,501 richer today thanks to grants from the Technology Advantage Grants Program.

Marshall won 11 of the 59 grants given by the program.

Jan Fox, assistant vice president of information technology, said more details about the grants will be put on the World Wide Web Monday afternoon.

Marshall sent 19 proposals to The University System of West Virginia in response to the "Call for Proposals," issued in August. The system received 59 proposals from 11 institutions.

Eleven of Marshall's proposals were chosen and the university will receive part of the \$1.5 million awarded, according to a university system memorandum.

"The faculty was on break when the 'Call for Proposals' was announced," Fox said. "They came in on their own time. These were some of the best proposals because they knew about the technology."

"Marshall had an incredible effort because eleven teams of people came together to write the proposals. Some colleges and universities did not even apply."

The grants were established in accordance with the West Virginia Legislature passing Senate Bill 547. This bill established the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Instructional Technology.

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Brett Hall

Students will have the chance to usher in the holidays with performances of "The Nutcracker" this weekend.

Ballet offers break of a different kind

by ANGELA D. COPEN
reporter

Students will be able to take a break from studying this weekend and take a trip to the Land of Sweets with a guardian angel, a prince and a sugar plum fairy.

The Marshall University Theatre is presenting its 15th annual production of "The Nutcracker" this weekend in the Joan C. Edwards Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Leah Copley, part-time faculty for the department of theatre at Marshall, said more than 100 area dancers will bring "The Nutcracker" adventure to life.

Copley, who is also the artistic director and choreographer for "The Nutcracker," said the performers include Marshall theatre students, students who take dance preparatory classes, and members of Tammy Jo's Studio in Greenup, Ky.

"The ages range from seven to university students, and the performers range from experienced dancers who have received exceptional honors in dance to students who have had little ballet experience prior to their involvement in this production," she said.

Copley said the diversity of ages produces unique entertainment and education.

"It gives the younger kids the opportunity to be part of

a production rather than just a recital," Copley said. "It is such a great learning experience for them, because it gives them an idea about what ballet really is."

"It is not just going out, doing a dance then going off stage, but it is being part of a story and a character."

Copley said the variety of performers also adds to the production.

"Some students have had little ballet experience and you do not want to stick New York City ballet choreography with children," Copley said. "But, that is what is great about 'The Nutcracker,' you can encompass all levels of ability in it."

Copley said she hopes to dispell the myths about ballet that many people hold as truth.

"Ballet especially gets that stereotype that it is boring," Copley said. "If you have never seen a ballet, then this is the one to see because it is one of the most diverse and entertaining."

Copley said audiences will not see the same production they have seen in previous years.

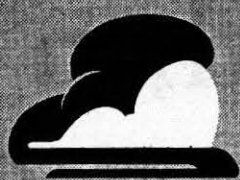
"Each year we try to do something different," Copley said. "As far as how it has changed, it may just be a matter of the dances or new scenery. We have even worked on the story line at times."

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Outside

It's playoff time again this Saturday, and the Herd is gunning for the Paladins.
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Midterm reports may reappear

by CHRISTINA REDEKOPP
reporter

Freshmen at Marshall may not have left the legacy of midterm grade reports back in high school.

The Budget and Academic Policy Committee has submitted a recommendation to the Faculty Senate that faculty issue midterm grade reports to freshmen who have below a C in a class.

The recommendation also included sending a letter explaining the seriousness of the situation and suggestions for sources of assistance.

Dr. Frances Hensley, assistant vice president for academic affairs, said, "This is seen as a retention effort, and that is a way we hope of preventing the attrition rate between the freshman and sophomore year."

Hensley said the midterm reports would provide the university with a way to assist

students in trouble.

"We find students having academic difficulties early and intervene," she said. "We can intervene by referring students who appear to be at risk academically to appropriate campus resources."

"Many of these things we've been doing is to address holding our students here."

Student Body President Nawar Shora said the freshman to sophomore retention rate is 69 percent. He said the midterm grade reports and an accompanying letter should improve attendance.

"I think it's a very good idea," Shora said. "It will give them a sign they might be in trouble. It can only help."

He said statistically the freshman year is the worst year for students leaving.

Dr. Warren G. Lutz, dean of enrollment management, said, "I'm in full support of

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Mock car crash staged to deter drunk driving

by LLUNALY D. FRITZ
reporter

Three Marshall Alpha Sigma Phi members participated in a drinking and driving mock crash Wednesday afternoon at the Harris Riverfront Park.

Scott E. Shoemaker, Huntington sophomore, played the drunk driver, Douglas W. Blevins, Huntington freshman, played the injured victim, and Joedy A. Cunningham, Wheeling sophomore, played the victim who was killed.

The mock crash, sponsored by the City of Huntington's Traffic Control Division and participants from the Huntington area, was the kickoff to Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

The program began with speakers that were all affected by drinking and driving, either directly or indirectly.

The speakers included Gregory A. Carico, a paraplegic due to being a passenger in a drinking and driving crash; Jeff Carico, EMSA-RN, co-director of WV EN C.A.R.E., and brother of Gregory; Dr. David A. Denning, trauma director of St. Mary's Hospital; Jeffrey A. Webb, RN, BS, co-director of WV EN C.A.R.E., and Barbara A. Foley, RN, assistant executive director and co-founder of EN C.A.R.E.

The Emergency Nurses Cancel Alcohol Related Emergencies (EN C.A.R.E.), is a national non-profit organization whose primary goal is to educate both students and parents about underage alcohol use and the consequences of drinking and driving.

The mock crash involved the Pontiac 6000LE, Shoemaker was in, and the victims in a Chevette.

Cabell County Emergency Medical Services, Huntington Police Department, Huntington Police Reserve Unit,

"Only in a matter of seconds could things change and only through responsibility can we make a difference in drinking and driving."

— Gregory Carico

Huntington Fire Department, and Beard's Mortuary took part as if it were an actual drinking and driving crash.

We call them motor vehicle crashes, not accidents, because prevention is the key, Webb said.

Once they are in the hospital it's too late to do the prevention, Webb said.

"I've seen things that would put ER on the back burner. Only in a matter of seconds could things change and only through responsibility can we make a difference in drinking and driving," G. Carico said.

"I definitely don't ever want to be in that situation."

I don't want to see a bunch of people hurt," Shoemaker said.

Cunningham said the mock crash did not change his views about drinking and driving because he has never driven drunk, but if other people had seen it, it would have changed their ideas.

Other participants in the program were St. Mary's Hospital, Cabell Huntington Hospital, and Mother's Against Drunk Driving.

Student media leaders selected

The new editors for the spring semester of the Parthenon were chosen at the Dec. 4 meeting of the Committee on Student Media. COSM selected Carrie Hoffman, St. Albans senior, as the new editor, and Chris Johnson, Volga senior, as the managing editor.

"I would like to increase student organization coverage and make sure the news gets in in a more-timely fashion," Hoffman said.

COSM also approved the Student Board of Directors for WMUL-FM's spring semester. They include: Continuity Director Angela Henderson, South Point, Ohio, graduate student; Music Director Michael Picklesimer, Cheseapeake, Ohio, junior; News Director

Amy Baker, Richwood graduate student; Operations Manager Eric Himes, Princeton senior; Production Director Sean Hamilton, Ceredo junior; Program Coordinator Paul G. Watson, Dunkirk, Md., senior; Promotions Director Kristi Erwin, Culloden junior; and Sports Director Brian Guthrie; and Training Coordinator Angela Wamsley, Hurricane senior.

COSM also discussed developing an e-mail address for students to ask questions and express concerns about student media, and adding Otherwise, the campus magazine, and Escalade, a publication from the Philosophy department, to the list of student media covered by COSM.

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A VCR and wireless telephone valued at \$339 were reported stolen from a third floor room in Hodges Hall on Dec 2.

A female resident of Holderby Hall reported Dec. 2. that 58 telephone calls illegally made on her calling card. The police used her bill to trace the calls to a former Holderby resident. The phone calls cost \$188.

On Dec. 2, a Marshall student reported that several people were stalking her on campus. The victim believes her father has paid people to follow her.

Tuition waivers concern classified staff council

by YUMIKO ITO
reporter

Changing tuition waivers for Marshall employees was the main issue discussed in a Classified Staff Council meeting, Thursday, Nov. 21, attended by President J. Wade Gilley.

Kelli R. Mayes, chairperson of the Staff Development Committee and administrative secretary senior for classical studies, explained the reality that many employees when they try to get a higher education.

She said 15 tuition waivers and eight financial assistantships which pay only half of tuition for three credit hours, were granted for next semester. However, these recipients also have to pay an activity fee which costs \$46.56.

She explained that people who get some kind of financial aid from other sources are not eligible for this waiver system. Another hurdle in this system is that once an employee gets a graduate assistantship, they must wait two years to be qualified to get another assistantship.

"As a result, many people cannot afford to take classes," said Mayes. "A better funding system is needed, because they're going to retire before they get degrees."

Sharon M. Altizer, chairperson of Personnel Committee and administrative secretary senior for communication studies, prepared several questions with her committee members for the meeting.

"The university pays for high school education for employees," said Altizer. "Then why don't we encourage staff to take college degrees?"

She said many people need to get a higher education, but they don't apply for tuition waivers because they know they are going to be turned down.

Altizer also referred to the system used by Duke University which pays for the tuition for employee's spouses and children.

She said the situation is not easy for many employees who try to advance their careers by taking degrees while they work at Marshall fulltime.

Patricia G. Gallagher, council member and recruiting coordinator at Career Service Center, is one of those people who is working on a degree.

"It is very restricted because they don't have a lot of money to award," Gallagher said. "The present system won't pay for either textbooks or activity fees. We're allowed to take one class during the working hours with our supervisor's permission."

Nina L. Barrett, council president and accounting assistant, said they are planing to conduct a survey in January to support justification for their request to expand the tuition waiver system. This will tell them whether or not there is sufficient need.

"We have to give him [Gilley] the information to support the justification, to ask for it," Barrett said.

Gilley outlined recent developments at Marshall and discussed future projects including the acquisition of property across from Corbly Hall for parking and scheduled renovations around campus.

He then answered questions from members about working conditions.



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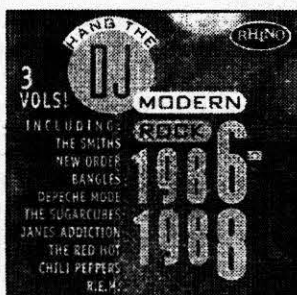
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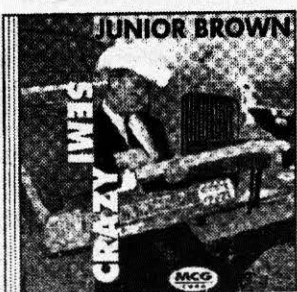
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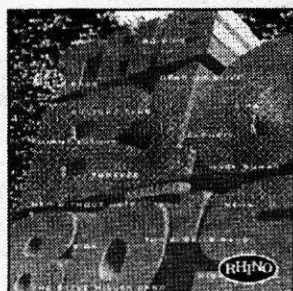
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Freshmen would be helped with midterm letter

Freshmen next fall may get a warning on classes in which they are doing poorly.

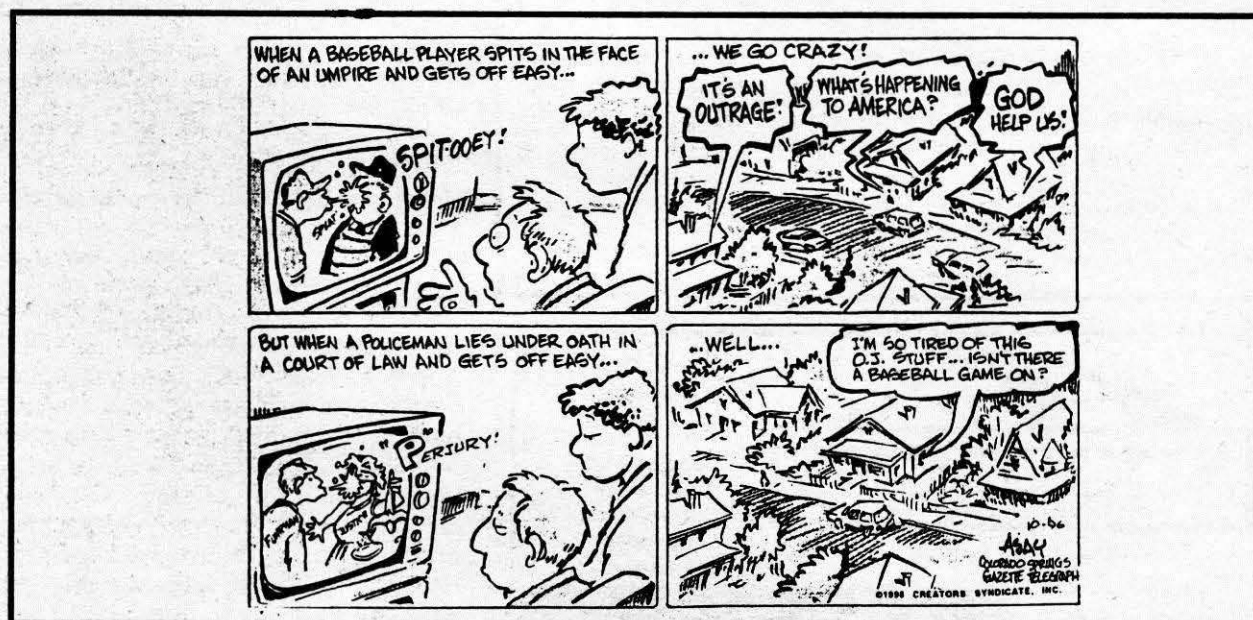
Faculty Senate's Budget and Academic Policy Committee is recommending that letters be sent to freshmen who are getting Ds and Fs following midterms. The letters would warn students that they need to do better, and include suggestions on how to get help.

For freshmen, adjusting to college is tough enough, and that includes the different disciplines required to succeed in college classes compared to high school ones. It can be difficult to get off to a good start. Such a letter could unnerve new students, but is a good way to both warn and encourage them.

Of all freshmen, about 69 percent return for their sophomore year, student body president Nawar W. Shora says. A good number likely don't come back because they did poorly as freshmen. That percentage can be improved, and alerting students in this fashion would help. Starting college is stressful, and knowing that a professor or instructor is there to help tells students that this is a university which cares about the success of its students.

Faculty would be required to issue the letters, and it is to be hoped that they would not mind the new chore. This is a way for them to get closer to new students and help them on an individual basis if necessary. Sometimes, that's all the help a student needs.

Midterm grades used to be standard on campus, but were stopped mainly because of the expense and lack of faculty participation. By mailing them to just students with poorer grades, maybe that will cut the cost. When the policy was in effect before, some faculty did not take part, but all should see the benefits of trying to help out freshmen and encourage them to stay in college. The extra effort will help new students to see that their professors do care about how they do.



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Rude treatment not acceptable

Dear editor,

Recently, a co-worker and I went into the Graduate School office to pick up our graduate assistantship tuition waiver forms. We were informed that the office had not received the necessary paperwork in order to process our waivers. In an attempt to clarify which items were missing and to find out what steps needed to be taken in order to correct the situation, we were treated rudely by a certain female employee of that office. My co-worker and I were belittled and treated like juveniles in front of another employee and another student. Her behavior was completely uncalled for.

To my understanding, all university employees are required to attend a quality service training program for campus staff called "Connections." I assume the purpose of Connections is to help university staff members "learn to excel in delivering quality service with a caring attitude to the students, faculty and other staff members of the educational community." (This is a direct quote from the Connections program manual).

It is apparent that this individual either didn't bother to attend the Connections sessions or she did and simply slept through them. If she did attend and was awake, she obviously did not learn anything. She did not learn how to be a more caring individual, how to have more positive interactions with students, or how to simply be nice. I can understand why this person might have acted the way she did if my co-

worker and I went into her office creating a scene and verbally attacking her. But we did not. We simply went in and asked a basic question for some assistance.

Normally, in past instances such as this, I'd have let it go. I cannot sit idly by and not bring this to the attention of others and to the individual to which I am referring. Please remember this the next time you come into contact with a student. Schools are not different from businesses. We students are your customers. When you go to the doctor or to a restaurant, you expect courtesy, consideration, help and respect. Students expect the same from you. Remember that.

Ericka Blankenship
Pineville graduate student

Requirements miss on math

Dear editor,

I feel that there is a serious problem with the general requirements in the College of Education and Human Services. People in this college are striving to become the educators of our children, but some of the most important areas of study are not even emphasized.

The requirements in the four major academic areas are 12 hours of English (six in composition, six in literature), 12 hours of social studies (three in multiculturalism, three in third-world history, and six in world history), eight hours to be taken from vari-

ous science courses (like biology, chemistry, physical science, etc.), and three hours in mathematics. Now I love social studies, and while I do not particularly like it, I believe that science is important in today's society, as are English skills, but why are education majors only required to take one mathematics course?

I wonder if other universities are like this? If so, it is no wonder that the United States is scoring so far below other countries in math. Even elementary education majors are only required to take two actual math courses and one on teaching Math. Not to put down social studies, it is one of my specializations, but why are these elementary education majors required to take 27 hours of it in the various fields as opposed to their nine hours of math? In general, an education major takes four hours of fine arts and only three hours of mathematics! I see a major problem here.

Math is important in everyday life no matter what your major, your college, or your career. From what I have seen this seems to be an almost university-wide policy of one math course for most majors, education or not. I cannot understand how a subject as important as mathematics, in a country whose math scores are falling way below other countries, can be given so little attention at the university level, especially for future educators, while other subjects, some equally important and some less important, are given so much attention. I fully believe that this needs to be looked into by the faculty soon.

Rachel C. Luther
Barboursville junior

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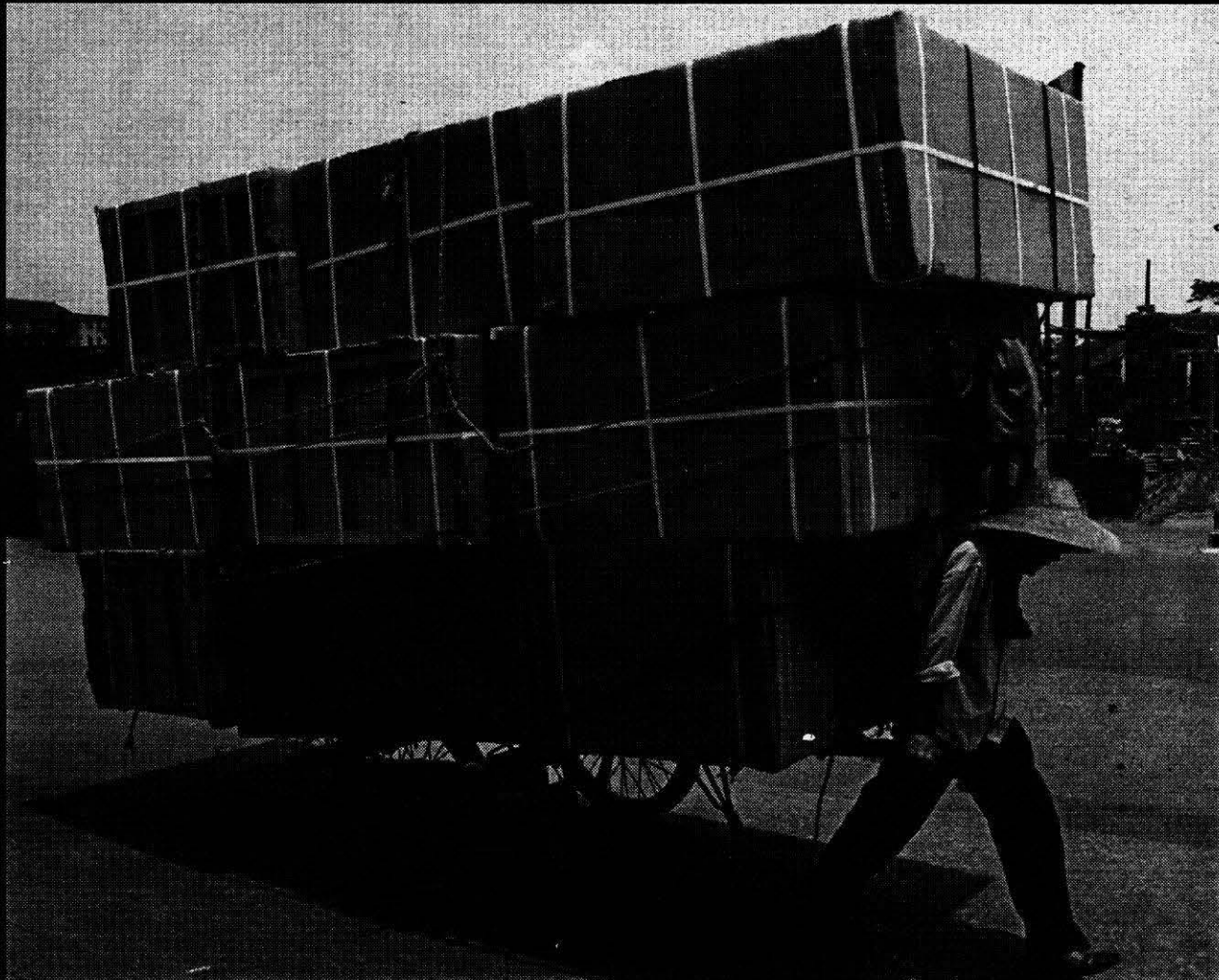
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Students and employees

Making grades and money in a necessary coexistence

Stories and page design by Carey Hardin

Why do Marshall students work?

"They expect to," says Sue Wright, director of Career Services. "Marshall students have always worked."

When students come to college now, they have burdens students in the past did not have, she says.

"A lot of students who reach college already have financial obligations such as car payments and credit card payments," Wright says.

But the benefits of working may not be strictly monetary, she says.

"I think students like the freedom of having extra income. Having a part-time job gives them some financial independence," Wright says.

The actual percentage of Marshall students who work has not been researched but it is above the national average, she says.

She cites an article in The Charleston Gazette from 1989, which said 53.3 percent of traditional age full-time students worked between 15 and 29 hours a week in 1988.

"But the average is higher at Marshall," Wright says and estimates 65 percent of Marshall students work.

Wright also says nationwide studies show students who work actually maintain a grade point average higher than those who do not.

"You have to be able to allot your time very carefully when you have studies, a part-time job, and family obligations," Wright says.

Jobs at different stages

For Amy Reynolds, Point Pleasant senior the ritual of juggling work and school is old hat. She's been doing it for 14 semesters to attain degrees in history and criminal justice.

Fourteen semesters of heavy class loads, sometimes carrying as many as 22 hours. Nearly all of these semesters combined classes with a 30 hour work week and were compounded by the hectic responsibility of raising twin boys.

But for Amy, who will graduate in December and hopes to begin law school next fall, the hardship has been necessary in order to realize her life-long dream of becoming an attorney.

"I think I'm more ambitious than the average person," she says. "I want to make things happen. I'm going to make things happen."

To this end, she has spent considerable time working numerous part-time jobs while studying and losing out on a significant amount of sleep.

"School is a luxury, and I've paid for it with a lot of long nights of studying and taking care of my boys," she says.

Part-time jobs have given her experience in a couple of different fields, she says.

After several semesters in the Work/Study Program on campus, she began as a public relations coordinator for Pleasant Valley Hospital in 1993. She then took on a job as a server at an area Pizza Hut for several years.

Over this past summer she contin-

ued to work as a server while assisting Cabell County Juvenile Referee Mike Woelfel.

This experience led to a temporary job as a legal secretary at Woelfel & Young, Woelfel's private practice, and several other temporary positions in the courthouse.

Amy hopes the jobs she worked this summer and her present job in the Cabell County Family Law Master's office will help her get into law school.

Amy's part-time employment career seems to typify that of the average Marshall student.

Wright explains that most younger students start out in service jobs such as fast food and retail as Amy did, but as their studies advance, move on to jobs that are in their field of study.

"As students progress through their academic program here and they gain more skills, they seek and are accepted

in more responsible

jobs."

As an example, Wright suggests accounting majors do not generally jump right into accounting courses their first two years at Marshall.

However, once they have a few accounting classes under their belt, they are in demand for area accounting firms during tax season.

"Suddenly, these students are a desirable commodity," she says.

This is partly so because of the new blood Marshall students bring to area businesses, Wright says.

"The students bring enthusiasm and freshness, and new ideas and techniques to these work places."

Amy Reynolds



Photo by Timothy Nelson

"School is a luxury and I've paid for it with a lot of long nights of studying and taking care of my boys."

Adjusting the schedule

Jennifer Howard, Culloden senior, says as a business management major, she'll probably be working in retail once she graduates.

She thinks she's already gotten a foot in the door selling cosmetics for Clinique at Lazarus in the Huntington Mall.

She enjoys working. "I like my job," she says. "It doesn't bother me to come in to work. It's fun."

Jennifer is required to travel to Pittsburgh, where Clinique is based, twice a year for job training.

"When I began taking upper-level classes it became a little more difficult to schedule around work," she says.

Overall, however, her instructors

are happy to accommodate her schedule, she says.

Likewise, her manager sometimes has to make allowances for Jennifer's classes when writing the schedule.

But school schedules don't pose a problem for some mall employers.

Pamela Hildgendorf, personnel manager for J.C. Penny Co. in the Huntington Mall, says students are the kinds of employees they see, employees who work primarily during evenings and on weekends.

"We can usually schedule around tests," she says. If a student should

unexpectedly need

time off to study, the schedule is usually made enough in advance that the student will be able to switch shifts with another employee, she says.

Fitting in work and school

Constantino Lore, Huntington graduate student, has a unique perspective on the working/studying situation in which most Marshall students find themselves.

Tino, as he is known to his acquaintances, is a student, but he is also an instructor. He teaches two sections of beginning German.

His job as an instructor helps develop leadership qualities, Tino says. He must be prepared for class and arrive punctually, and he is responsible for looking over his students' work.

It also fosters time management skills, something he thinks most students are lacking.

"I would say that 70 to 80 percent of students have a problem with time management," he says.

Like many instructors, Tino sometimes finds his students using work as an excuse for missing class or homework assignments.

"It's quite a common excuse for students to say, 'I couldn't do my homework because I was at work,'" he

says.

He is able to view the issue from both sides, though.

"I understand that, like myself, most students do need a job to be able to pay for at least some of their schooling," he

says.

But is it wise to give up grades for employment?

Dr. Amy Huddock, assistant professor of English, does not believe it is.

"Somehow there is this idea that you can just fit an education into the rest of your life," she says. As a result, she has had students who work 40 hours a week while carrying 18 hours during a semester.

"I see more people drop out because of sheer burnout when they overload themselves," she says.

Huddock says she has a level of respect for working students.

"They are the better students," she

says, although they are often unable to maintain an "A" average. She stresses that grades should remain a priority over working, cautioning, "If you don't do well while you are here, it's not going to help you when you try to get a job."

Jennifer Howard



Photo by Timothy Nelson

"When I began taking upper-level classes, it became more difficult to schedule around work."

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■ BALLET

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Copley said she is honored to have worked with such a talented group.

"The level of dance is so high in this area," Copley said. "There are a lot of talented dancers around the Tri-State area and they have all worked so hard on this production. They deserve a large audience."

"The Nutcracker" will be presented 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2:30 p.m.

Sunday.

Admission for "The Nutcracker" is \$8 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and children 17 and under.

Admission is free to all full-time Marshall students, and discounts are available to part-time students and school groups.

Tickets can be purchased at the Fine and Performing Arts Center box office from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, or upon arrival at the shows.

For more information, call the box office at (304) 696-2787.

■ REPORT

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developing a midterm grade report for freshman indicating classes they are receiving a 'D' or 'F' in."

Lutz said the midterm grade reports would allow students to do something constructive to change their grade, or else remove themselves from the class during the withdraw period.

"I am very much in favor of any early warning with freshmen that gives them an indication as early as possible about how they're doing in class," Lutz said. "I think this is one step of many that the university is trying to do."

This is not a new concept at

Marshall.

Bob Eddins, who retired from Marshall in 1994 after serving as registrar for 28 years, said in the early and mid-1970s midterm grade reports were sent to parents.

He said after the Buckley Amendment made students' grades private, the reports were allowed to only be sent to students.

Eddins said the university stopped mailing midterm grade reports because the process was expensive and about 35 to 40 percent of faculty stopped participating.

Hensley said the grade reports should help students who may not realize the consequences of frequent absences and may not ask professors about their grades.

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The office is responsible for developing a plan to improve the delivery of education, improve student educational access across the state, engage faculty and administrators in technology development, integrate computers into course work, and expand distance learning and information technology for teach-

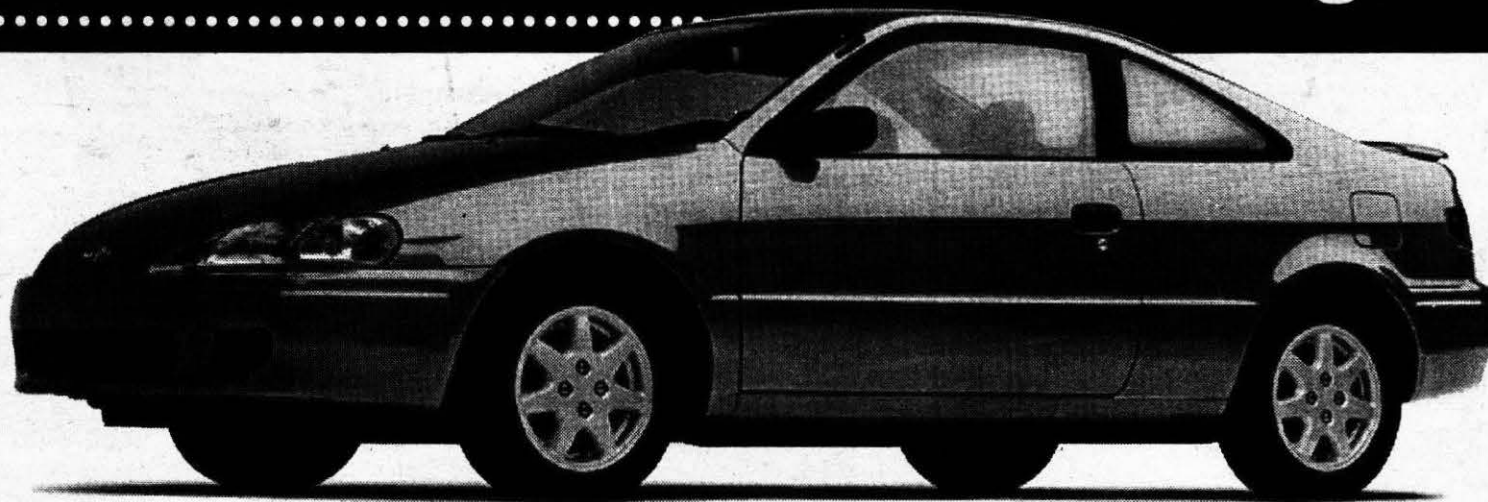
ers, businesses and students.

"The grants will allow for a different education," Fox said. "Students will not have to come to campus because they can be strictly on the Web."

Fox said teaching methods need to keep up with changes in the average student.

"This is a different idea of teaching," he said. "We have to reevaluate the teaching process. Students are becoming more non-traditional."

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Ceramics exhibit set for gallery

by **ANGELA D. COPEN**
reporter

Birke Art Gallery will gain weight during the holiday season.

Su-Ching Wu, Taiwan graduate, will exhibit 50- to 100-pound ceramic sculptures to mark the completion of her master's program in art. The exhibit will be Dec. 7-13.

"I have acquired an excellent background in ceramics," Wu said. "From five years of studying in ceramics in the United States, I have learned that art has a close relationship to humanity and society, and I have learned more about what is inside of me."

Wu grew up in Keelung, Taiwan, where she observed seascapes, mountains and most of all, rain. She said her childhood environment played a major role in her artistic desires.

"My childhood provided me with myriad images — both

ancient and modern," Wu said. "Those images have played a major role in my claywork."

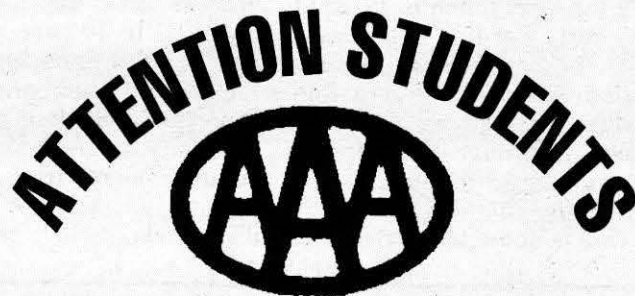
Wu fell in love with art when she attended junior high in Taiwan and her attraction to ceramics developed when she was an undergraduate at the University of Rio Grande in Ohio.

"I fell in love with clay," Wu said. "Since then, I am always looking for new tools for creating textures because texture and size are some of my major concerns."

Wu said a lot of people do not think about ceramics as art, and she finds herself trying to tell people it is art.

The gallery is located on the ground level of Smith Hall, with entrances from 3rd Avenue and facing Old Main.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.



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Steve Wilcox, director of food service, said the new

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Wilcox said prices will be the same as those at the Huntington Mall location. He said items will be sold on a cash and point system basis. Meal cards cannot be used to purchase Chick-fil-A items unless students have extra points on their cards, he said.

Vincent E. Harper, Marriott

marketing associate, said it will be "a lot like Pizza Hut where you just grab and go."

Harper said Marriott plans to hire between 10 and 12 new employees. He said full-time and part-time positions are available. "Soft" openings will take place between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Jan. 2 and 3 when faculty are back to allow the staff to test equipment, Harper said.

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Free snacks offered for finals

by **MARCIE HATFIELD**
reporter

Snacks for fatigued students will be available in the Memorial Student Center on the first floor from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. finals week.

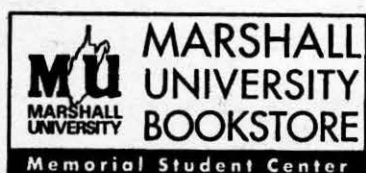
The Student Government Association will pass out snacks every day of finals except Wednesday. Lorie Jackson, SGA co-public relations director, said, "SGA wants

to let the student body know that we wish them well on their finals."

Angie Copen, SGA co-public relations director, said the SGA will be handing out cookies, chips and soda.

Jackson said, "We know that students lose sleep and become stressed out during finals. This will be a good time for students to relax and get a boost for the next exam."

The snacks will be donated by Marriott, SGA and Coca Cola.



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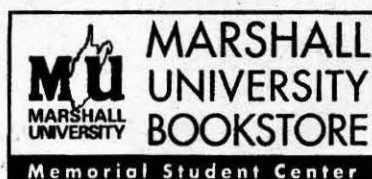
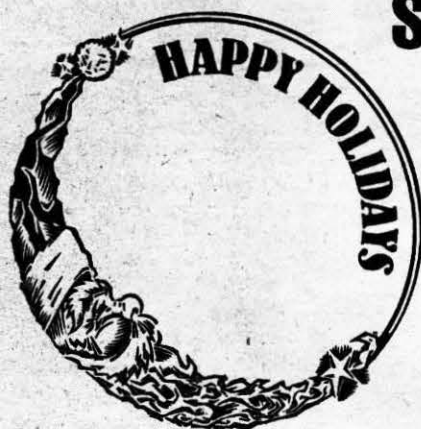
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City Mission seeks seasonal volunteers

by **MARCIE HATFIELD**
reporter

What do you do with 15,000 pounds of potatoes?

This is the question the Huntington City Mission is asking. Students or student organizations are needed to help put 15,000 pounds of potatoes into 800 baskets.

Carolyn Hager, Christmas coordinator for the city mission, said, "We need students to help put the potatoes in the baskets. We give 10 to 20 pounds of potatoes to each family depending on the size of the family."

The baskets will also include food collected from a food drive sponsored by the city mission and the Student Government Association.

Student Body President Nawar Shora said, "We have 10 boxes all across campus in the dorms, in Old Main, Smith Hall and in the Student Center."

"We are doing this with the city mission to help those that are less fortunate than us," Shora said.

Hager said, "We will be collecting the food until Dec. 11, but we will accept donations until Dec. 13. All of the food collected at Marshall will be put in baskets for over 800 families. The food left over will go to the mission to be used throughout the year."

"This is a city mission program, but because of the food and toys we had to find a facility with more space," Hager said. The drop off location for food and toys is now at the old Huntington East High School.

"If students want to drop toys or food off at the Huntington East location, we are here every day from 10 a.m. until 6 or 7 p.m.," Hager said.

"I ask the students to please donate food. This is the time of the year when we are made more aware of a problem that exists throughout the year," Shora said.

Individuals or organizations may donate or volunteer by contacting Carolyn Hager at the old Huntington East High School or by calling 523-1485.

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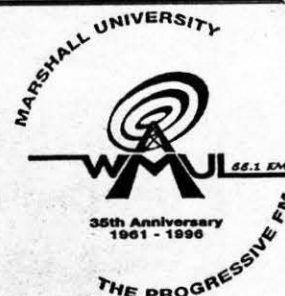
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The Thundering Herd men's basketball team continues its road trip Saturday, at 7 p.m. against Radford. The game will be televised live by WSAZ. The Herd is 3-0.

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Women hope to turn game around with win

by **ROBERT McCUNE**
reporter

The Thundering Herd women's basketball team has a long road ahead of it. So far, it has had a somewhat bumpy beginning, but is hoping Wednesday's win over Morehead State will start the team back on track.

Marshall defeated Morehead State 67-52 in the home game. The win was the team's second in the season.

The first win came in the season opener against Howard. Following that win, Marshall lost in games against Eastern Kentucky and Youngstown State.

"The Morehead State game was a low scoring game for us, but we're very pleased with the win," coach Sarah Evans-Moore said. "We were 1-2 going into the game, so we're hoping that the win will get us back on the right track."

The win upped the Lady Herd's record to 2-2 overall. Morehead State fell to 2-3.

Sophomore center Lisa Ma-

"We're hoping that the [Morehead State] win will get us back on track."

— **Sarah Evans-Moore**
women's basketball coach

son was the team's leading scorer in the match with 18 points and 4 rebounds. Sophomore forward Kristina Behnfeldt contributed with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Junior forward Cindy McCauley led the team in rebounds with 14. Marshall out rebounded Morehead State 55-36.

"We really had a balanced attack. We had four people that really had nice games for us. Michelle Lenhart did a nice job running the point. It was a good team effort, I think. That's probably the best way to put it."

Evans-Moore said that she hopes the win will help to prepare them for this weekend's tournament. The Lady Herd

will be travelling to Providence, R.I., today to play in the Brown University tournament.

Marshall is scheduled to play against Texas A&M Saturday. The winner of Saturday's match will play Sunday against the winner of the match between Brown University and Bucknell University.

"We open the tournament against Texas A&M. They are a strong team. They won their conference last year and played in the NCAA tournament. We feel we needed the win to get ready to play against them," Evans-Moore said.

"We did a lot of things well against Morehead State. We

rebounded well. We are improving different aspects of our game each time we come out, and that's what we need to do at this point."

Evans-Moore said that the team will be working on improving ball control and playing with a more patient offense to prepare for the tournament.


"We need to continue to

work at taking care of the basketball and being patient in our half court offense," she said.

"We also need to continue to work on our defense. We're going to look at some of the things that Texas A&M does and practice against some of the things they do, so that we will be prepared for the game on Friday."

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Herd players not expecting blowout again

by **DAN LONDEREE**
staff writer

1988 was a season to remember.

The Thundering Herd went 11-2, with its only regular-season loss coming against The Citadel.

Marshall beat Furman that year at home, and faced the Paladins again in the second round of the playoffs. Sound familiar? It should.

The Herd (12-0) faced Furman (9-3) at Marshall Stadium three weeks ago, and despite a strong Paladin first half, the Herd trampled the

purple ones 42-17.

One piece is in place: the home win. Now comes the next piece. Furman is coming to town again. But what happened in 1988? Marshall lost to the Paladins in that second round game, 13-9. The Herd was bounced from the playoff contention.

Now the team looks to avoid deja-vu.

And a loss to Furman and its senior quarterback



Cunningham

Bonaventure.

Marshall senior defensive back Melvin Cunni-ngham said Bonaventure is one of the toughest quarterbacks he has faced this season.

"Anytime you face a quarterback that wins coach's first team all-conference honors, you have to play your best," Cunningham said. "I can't find the words to say how good he is, he's better than terrific."

Cunningham, who was scored on for the first time this season last Saturday, said he is ready to put the past behind him and face to

Furman again.

"How many defensive backs can say they went 11 games without being scored on?" he said. "I wanted to go the whole season, but that's virtually impossible. I just look forward to facing the Paladins again."

Although the Herd blew the Paladins away in the regular season, the score at halftime of that game saw Marshall on the losing side 17-14. Cunningham said this is one reason he doesn't expect a blowout this weekend.

"You're not going to see a 42-17 blowout this time," he said. "They have a great team."

Furman came back from a 10-point fourth quarter deficit against Northern Arizona last weekend to win 41-31.

The Paladins have proved they can score, but the Herd offense is equally, if not more, powerful.

The usual names come to mind — wide receivers Randy Moss and Tim Martin, tailbacks Doug Chapman and Erik Thomas, quarterback Eric Kresser. Sometimes it seems the Herd offense has more weapons than the United States and the former Soviet union during the cold war.

These names are synonymous with touchdowns, but Marshall's offensive line is one of the keys to this deadly attack.

Furman coach Bobby Johnson said, "They do so many things well. Offensively I figure we will see pretty much the same things with maybe a new wrinkle. They have so many weapons. You

can't double-team Moss because Tim Martin can kill you. And then their running backs are top-notch."

Herd senior offensive lineman Aaron Ferguson said he and his mates on the line have been able to provide the blocks, but also credited the big names for their performances.

"We've had man on man, and we're not just making the blocks, but we're sustaining them," Ferguson said. "And Doug Chapman has been able to gain five yards after contact. I think he broke four or five tackles during a touchdown run last weekend."

Ferguson said he doesn't think Furman will change its game plan much from three weeks ago, and said the Herd has to focus on making fewer mistakes.

"I can't imagine them changing much this late in the season," he said. "We just have to concentrate on not making the things that hurt us against them last time hurt us again."

One final note: There is a new force the Paladins will have to tangle with. Formerly known as Billy Lyon, this senior defensive lineman has been given a new nickname. He is Fat Zorro.

Why Fat Zorro? Teammates, wishing to remain anonymous, say the name change has come because "he's fat, and he's got that skinny little mustache."

The return match against the Paladins kicks off Saturday at 1 p.m. The winner will face the winner of the game between Northern Iowa and William & Mary.

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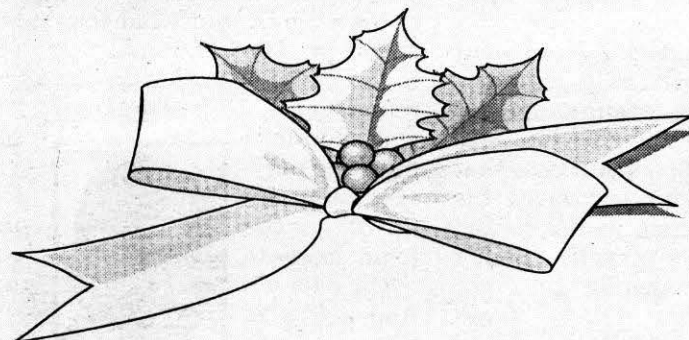


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'Tis the season for giving



The Christmas season is fast approaching and students often forget the true meaning of the holiday when they're busy trying to wrap up the semester.

Several area charities need volunteers to help during their busiest time of the year. One local group is trying to do all they can to help the needy and elderly in our area. The Salvation Army kettle drive normally raises a large amount of money for the area needy. This season there will be five fewer days for volunteers to ring bells and for money to drop in the bucket.

"We're afraid it's really going to hurt us," said Major Harry Tattersson, commanding officer of the Salvation Army. "We'll lose between eight to ten thousand dollars."

The money from the kettle drive is split three ways. "We purchase toys for needy children, we give food baskets to needy families, and we take gift packages that contain toiletries to nursing home patients in Cabell, Wayne and Mason counties, the VA center and state hospital patients," Tattersson said.

The group gives approximately 1,500 gifts to shut-ins at area nursing homes.

The Salvation Army collects from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the following locations: K-Mart, Hill's, and Wal-Mart on Route 60, Hill's on 5th Street, Kroger on 5th Avenue and 1st Street, all Big Bear Stores, and three locations at the Huntington Mall- Lazarus, Stone and Thomas, and J.C. Penney.

If students don't have time to ring bells for the Salvation Army, they can always stop by the center fountain at the Huntington Mall and pick up an angel. These aren't ordinary angels, but extraordinary angels that can bring joy to both sender and receiver.

This is the 14th year the mall has sponsored an Angel Tree in cooperation with the Salvation Army. "The program began Nov. 18 and will last through mid-December," Betsy Horton, marketing director for the Huntington Mall, said.

The program allows people who want to buy for a needy child to do so by choosing one of 1,500 angels off a tree. "Anyone can come by and pick

up a paper angel off of the tree," said Horton. Information on the ornament includes the child's name, age, clothing size and toy preference.

After a person chooses an angel, they make a purchase and bring the wrapped gift back to the same location in the mall.

There is no set monetary range, people can spend as much or as little as they want. New gifts are recommended and the Salvation Army will pick up all packages at the tree location and distribute them to the recipients.

"Any gift is appreciated," Horton said. "We usually succeed in giving all of the angels away."

At times, people pick an angel off of the tree and don't return with a gift for the child. This results in that child not receiving a Christmas gift.

"If you make the commitment, then please, please, try to follow through," Horton said. Otherwise a child could end up without a gift.

Another local charity, the Huntington City Mission, is undergoing its annual food and toy drive for the needy in the area.

"This is a huge effort that is taking place right now," said Anita Unger, director of development and public relations. "We have many needy families here in the mission and outside in the community."

The city mission registers families in November to make sure they are needy. Then the family comes back in December and is given a food basket and gifts for the children.

"We find out the child's name, age, sex, sizes, and three Christmas wishes," Unger said. "Then we put the information on blue and pink bells and hang them on trees located in the community," she said.

The trees are located at the Wal-Mart stores in Ohio and West Virginia, K-Mart in Huntington, Quality Farm and Fleet in Ohio, J.C. Penney and Sears in the Huntington Mall and numerous churches and small businesses within the community, she said.

"We prefer new gifts," Unger said. "But one man's trash is another's treasure." The city mission also accepts used bicycles, tricycles and riding toys.

"Children sometimes outgrow these items and if people bring them in, we can clean them up," she said.

The City Mission serves 830 families with more than 1200 children. More than 100 children's names still need to be put on trees and 200 names remain on trees that haven't been sponsored.

"Typically, it's slow in the beginning, but it rapidly gains momentum before we stop taking gifts," she said.

Food donations are especially important right now, Unger said. "And last but not least, we always can use cash," Unger said.

Although there are many lonely people during the holiday season, a number of furry friends are also lonely and would appreciate something as small as a bone.

"Christmas is a time we share love and we should always share love with our animal friends," said Pat Thomas, director of the Huntington, Cabell, Wayne Animal Shelter.

Although students may be thinking of giving time and money to local charities, they can also help out at the animal shelter.

"If they would like to bring in treats for our Christmas dinner, they can do so before Dec. 25," Thomas said.

Thomas has Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the animals so they can receive some type of special treat.

The animals in the shelter are usually given dry food, so moist food is appreciated, she said.

Students can also collect cans and bring them to the shelter to raise money for the FIDO/FELINE fund.

This fund primarily covers the cost of neutering and spaying animals in the shelter.

"We're the only shelter where you can buy a kitten or cat for \$20 and a dog or puppy for \$25, and the spay or neuter cost is included," she said.

Last year the shelter served more than 8,000 animals.

"When you buy an animal from any shelter, you're saving that animal's life," Thomas said.

The shelter is always in need of newspapers and any type of monetary gift is always appreciated, Thomas

said.

The shelter is located at 1900 James River Road and is open from 8-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

While the freezing temperatures, snow flurries, big red bows, and mistle toe are all signs that Christmas is near, signs of a different side of Christmas are the food drives, winter coat drives, Angel Trees, and the familiar sounds of the bells being rung by local charities.

But the philanthropic agencies aren't the only groups collecting for the needy. Local stores throughout Huntington are also busy.

From November until the end of December all charity work is geared toward needy children, Noah Wellman, assistant store manager of Wal-Mart said.

"Anything to do with children, we help," Wellman said.

We give all our broken candy and food to the Huntington City Mission, Wellman said.

Employees of Kroger on 5th Avenue were involved in a food drive during the Thanksgiving holiday and are now participating in a winter coat drive.

"The coats are being collected from the employees, but customers are welcome to donate," Donna Falls, assistant head checker and advisory committee member, said.

The Employees Advisory Committee is involved with charity work all year, but especially during the holidays, Falls said.

Kroger employees are also taking part in the Adopt-A-Child program. Last year, being a new store, they sponsored about 37 children. They have raised their goal to sponsor about 65 kids this year, Falls said.

We also try to get one family in particular and buy gifts for the whole family, and especially the children, Falls said.

The employees are very generous and we like to help out in the community, Falls said.

United Parcel Service collects toys for kids and delivers them to us, and churches take stockings and fill them up, Marlene Price, secretary of the Salvation Army, said.

"If we can make one difference, we try to do it," Falls said.

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