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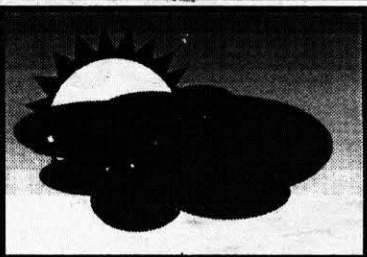
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**THURSDAY**  
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Welcome to the  
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# The MARSHALL UNIVERSITY Parthenon

## Ready to take a bite out of the big MAC

By **Jennifer Hale**  
 Staff Reporter

### Herd headed to the Mid-American Conference

The MAC is back.

No, it is not a multi-layered fast food sandwich or super computer that dons a certain fruit for its symbol.

It is the Mid-American Conference which Marshall has rejoined after an almost 30 year hiatus spent in the Southern Conference and Division 1-AA athletics.

In a press conference last Wednesday, President J. Wade Gilley and Athletic Director Lee

Moon announced Marshall's acceptance to join MAC in the fall of 1997 to Commissioner Jerry A. Ippoliti in Toledo via speaker phone.

Marshall was a member of MAC from 1954 to 1969 when the school was kicked out of the league because a lack of suitable facilities and a major football recruiting scandal, according to the Herald Dispatch.

Ippoliti said the MAC is a conservative three state league

ready to expand into other areas. He said the 10 member schools unanimously voted Marshall into the league because of its "comprehensive and aggressive programs."

The conference is expanding from 10 teams to 13, Ippoliti said, to cover a wider geographical area.

Other than Marshall, the MAC is adding Northern Illinois and Buffalo State.

The community and univer-

sity have been preparing to "move up an notch to Division 1-A for a long time," Gilley said, through athletic fundraising, adding stadium seats, and recruitment of young, strong coaching staffs.

Moon said entering the MAC provides Marshall with an excellent opportunity to grow and move forward.

"Moving to 1-A will be a challenge for us, but also a great opportunity," he said.

Stepping into Division 1-A means more to Marshall than getting a shot at some bowl games.

Gilley said that the school will eventually be able to give 85 full athletic scholarships.

He also anticipates facing West Virginia University in football "as a game of the future."

"This is an exciting time for Marshall sports," Moon said. "We hope to bring home some Mid-American championships."

**More MAC? See page 7.**

## Library offers chance to buy old books

By **Michelle R. Ross**  
 Staff Writer

How much would students have to pay to stock a private library?

Probably less than what they spent on all of last semester's textbooks.

At the first James E. Morrow Library Used Book Sale, students can purchase paperback books for 50 cents each and hardbacks for \$1.

Pamela W. Ford, catalog li-

brarian, said the library will sell books on a wide variety of subjects today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

She said the books will be set up in the receiving room entrance to the library, which is on the side facing the communications building.

She said there are books on such topics as arts and crafts, home economics, cooking, engineering materials and many more. She said there are also many literature books avail-

able, so many that there are duplicates in some cases.

Ford said she is looking forward to the used book sale and hopes there will be a large turnout.

She urged all students and faculty to come to the receiving room entrance to see what the sale has to offer.

Ford said all money received will be used to purchase new materials for the library.

For more information, contact Ford at 696-2312.

## In case you missed it ...

By **C. Mark Brinkley**  
 Managing Editor

The world has been accused of being a constantly changing place.

To help students keep up with the changes, here are a few of the stories that have taken place on or around campus since the Parthenon's last spring issue April 28.

● The Marshall University Bookstore has been turned over to a private company. Follett College Stores will take over July 1.

● Childers Construction Co. was awarded a contract to add 2,300 seats to Marshall Stadium which were left out during the original plans. The \$372,372 for the seats came from a settlement with Stafford/Rosser Fabrap International, the architects who failed to de-

sign the 30,000 seat stadium contracted for.

● Police charged a Virginia man with shooting Marshall student Eric Riley of Northfork, W.Va., March 28. Christopher Leron Mitchell, 18, of Martinsville, is currently being held in a Henry County, Va. jail on unrelated robbery charges.

● WMUL 88.1 FM, the campus radio station, won six first-place awards, including two top prizes for broadcast journalism in 1994 at the annual meeting of the West Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters Association.

● Mrs. Barbara Jane Billman Mitchell, wife of university relations director C.T. Mitchell, died suddenly Saturday, May 27. Mitchell was a Marshall graduate and a former reporter with the Herald-Dispatch.

● Women's head basketball coach Sarah Evans-Moore

gave birth to her first child, Owen, during the first week of June.

● The \$972,000 Welcome Center, located beside the MUPD office on 5th Avenue, is scheduled to be fully operational by the end of August. The project was started before the end of the spring semester.

● 37 CD-ROM disks were donated to the James E. Morrow Library by Robert Hinchman Jr. of Dallas, Texas. The disks will help researchers trace the history of local families.

● An English 101 class for non-native English speaking people will be offered during the fall semester. The class is equivalent to other English 101 classes, and will pay special attention to the needs of international students.

## Might as well jump



J.R. McMillan/The Parthenon

Ritter Park has become a spot for summer cyclers. Jimi H. Sands, Lost Creek sophomore, challenges some of the park's more rugged terrain.



# New center to consolidate medical school

By Michelle R. Ross  
Staff Writer

A new facility is literally going to stack up the Marshall University School of Medicine.

The new Marshall Medical Center will bring 10 separate medical school centers and departments together under one roof, said James J. Schneider, associate dean for finance and administration at the school of medicine.

He said the primary benefits of the new center will be that consolidation of all medical school facilities will greatly improve the education of students in the program and give better care to patients because they will no longer have to visit many different locations for specialized care.

The new offices will be adjacent to Cabell Huntington Hospital on Hal Greer Blvd. The hospital and university have already launched the first phase of the \$30 million complex, after announcing approval of a 99-year lease at \$1 a year. This lease will provide space to build the second phase of the project, a \$4.5 million Center for Rural Health, on property owned by and adjacent to the hospital.

Schneider said the two buildings will be considered separate centers, but will be physically joined together, as well as connected to the hospital by a glass atrium.

Schneider said a needs as-

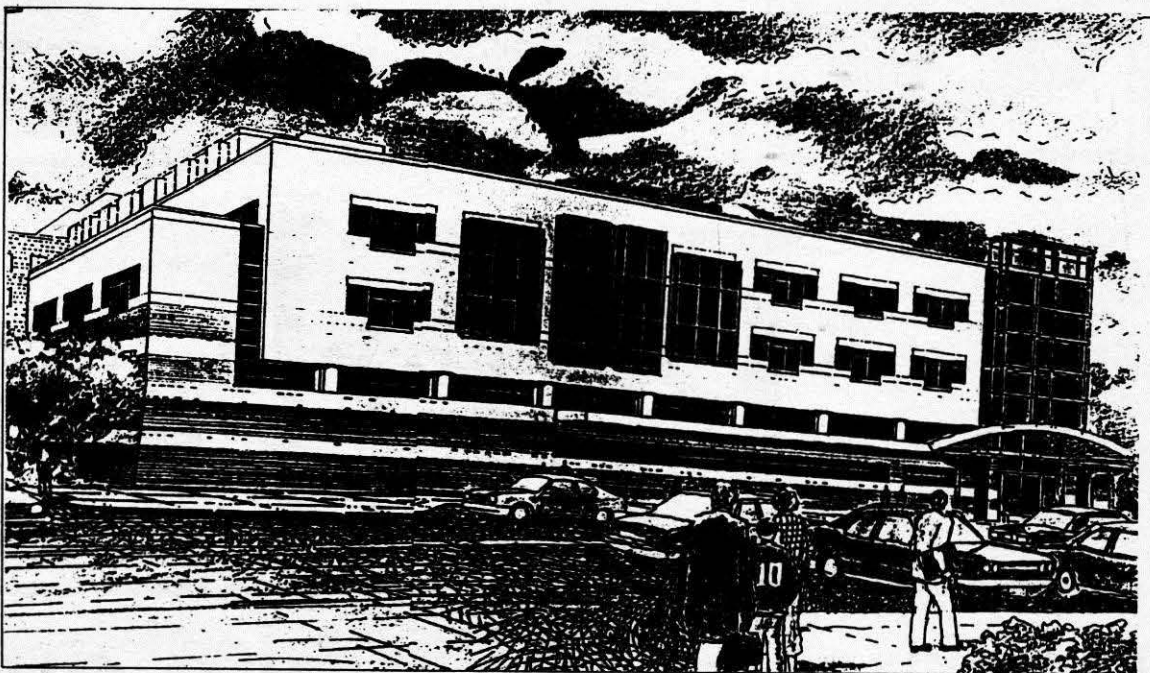
essment was completed by Lammers & Gershon Associates, Inc., because it was a condition of the Certificate of Need granted for this project. He also said the construction company will get started on the second phase of the project as soon as the certificate of need from the Health Care Cost Review Authority is received.

All money is already in hand for the project. The Center for Rural Health will be federally funded by a \$4.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Clinical Practice Center is being funded by the hospital, Marshall, and University Physicians and Surgeons.

Cabell Huntington Hospital will provide \$19.9 million for the outpatient care center and the university will provide \$5 million in private funds.

Dr. J. Wade Gilley, university president, said economic impact studies have shown the Huntington area to be a major center for health care, contributing more than \$1 billion a year to the region's economy, and that completion of the project will further strengthen the area's economic base.

Gilley has already awarded a \$276,000 contract to Red Dawson Construction Co. of Huntington for the Rural Health Center site preparation work, and a construction contract could be awarded as early as July.



A rendering of the Marshall Medical Center, as designed by NBBJ Inc. of Columbus, Ohio, shows the building that will bring almost a dozen departments and centers together.

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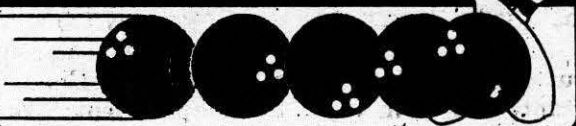
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## Air Force captain acquitted in court martial

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Air Force captain cleared of wrongdoing in the friendly fire shooting that killed 26 people over Iraq contended Wednesday that the military and victims' families are better off for his acquittal.

"Otherwise it would have been that much easier for the Air Force to say that they found somebody responsible, close the book and the whole issue of the friendly fire tragedy would have been over," Capt. Jim Wang said on ABC.

Wang, the only person court-martialed in the tragedy, was acquitted Tuesday. The Air Force said it has no plans to reopen the investigation, but Wang and family members of some victims said Congress

should do so.

"There hasn't been the kind of accountability, the kind of responsibility that needs to be accepted at the higher levels, at the command levels, the secretary of the Air Force, the secretary of defense," Wang said.

Defense Secretary William Perry said some officers were punished with administrative sanctions and "many officers' careers were very adversely affected by this."

Top Air Force legal official, Maj. Gen. Nolan Sklute, said justice was done. "An incident like this does not necessarily mean that the conduct of all those involved rises to the level of criminal culpability," he said.

Wang was senior director on

an Airborne Warning and Control System plane the morning of April 14, 1994, when the pilots of two F-15 jets mistook two Black Hawk helicopters for Iraqi Hind aircraft. They were in the no-fly zone over northern Iraq established by U.S.-led allies after the Persian Gulf War.

Wang, 29, was accused of not actively supervising two officers and not informing the F-15 pilots that there were friendly helicopters in the no-fly zone. He could have been discharged and sentenced to three months in prison on each of three counts of dereliction of duty.

Criminal charges against four other officers and one of the F-15 pilots were dropped

in recent months.

Seven officers, including the two fighter pilots and three members of the crew of Wang's radar-monitoring plane, received letters of reprimand or admonishment, which can hurt their chances of promotion, the Pentagon said.

In addition, a member of Wang's crew received an Article 15, a more severe administrative penalty that can result in docked pay, confinement to quarters, reassignment to a lesser job or other punishment. The crew member's name and the specific punishment were not revealed.

Some family members of victims were not satisfied.

"It's still baffling how 26

people could be brutally killed and not one person held liable for their actions," said Kaye Mounsey, whose husband, Army Warrant Officer Erik Mounsey, was one of the helicopter pilots.

Wang will be returned to duty, but he told reporters he wasn't sure whether he would stay in the Air Force.

The jury of 10 officers deliberated for about five hours. Seven guilty votes would have been needed for a conviction.

The helicopters were carrying members of an international group that had been working with Kurds in northern Iraq since the end of the 1991 war.

Fifteen of the victims were Americans.

## Bombing suspect's friend to cooperate with officials

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A friend of bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh has tentatively agreed to cooperate with prosecutors, a federal law enforcement source said Wednesday.

Michael Fortier traveled with McVeigh to case the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City as a bombing target, federal officials have said. He told agents that McVeigh confided plans to bomb the structure.

McVeigh and Terry Nichols are the only two people charged in the April 19 bombing, which killed 168 people and injured more than 500 others.

Fortier's attorney has been trying to reach a deal with prosecutors, the source told The Associated Press Wednesday.

"In principle they have agreed that he's going to cooperate," the source said, adding that prosecutors believe they have enough to charge Fortier if he does not cooperate.

"A couple of meetings in Arizona and that ride to Oklahoma City put him square in the middle of the conspiracy," the source said.

Meanwhile, Nichols' brother James has refused

to cooperate with prosecutors, the source said.

James Nichols was arrested as a material witness in the bombing. The Decker, Mich., farmer was later indicted on unrelated explosives charges and released on bail May 23.

James Nichols was offered unspecified leniency from prosecution in return for telling investigators what he knows about the bombing, but refused the offer, the source said.

"He's a real hard case," the source said.

Nichols' attorney, Robert Elsey, did not return a message seeking comment Wednesday.

USA Today reported Wednesday that lawyers for McVeigh and Terry Nichols plan to ask that the two be tried separately.

"The government likes to lump as many people together as they possibly can to make it look like each person is equally involved," said Terry Nichols' lawyer, Ronald Woods. "But there are distinctions to be made here. It's to our advantage to separate these cases."

McVeigh's lawyer, Stephen Jones, said he also favors separate trials.

## Simpson prosecutors to finish early

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors in the O.J. Simpson trial have suddenly started acting like the defense — dropping witnesses and swaggering in public.

Abandoning their usual public reticence, prosecutors Marcia Clark and Christopher Darden announced at a news conference that they hope to wrap up their five-month-long case next week.

"I have never presented a case with so much information in my entire life," a beaming Clark said Tuesday. "It's really time to get the case to the jury. They're ready."

Darden said prosecutors will not call any more witnesses to describe violent and obsessive acts Simpson allegedly committed against his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson. Some of the witnesses had already been subpoenaed.

Defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. said Wednesday on ABC that prosecutors had failed to prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt and were making a false show of confidence.

"But one of the reasons we are going to put on a defense is

that Mr. Simpson has always said, 'Look, I don't want just reasonable doubt. I'm innocent. I want to be acquitted based on the fact that I did not commit these murders.' So we're going to go forward." Cochran said he expected a defense to take about six weeks.

Darden had publicly challenged Cochran on Tuesday:

"Mr. Cochran, you've been mouthing off for the past 12 months. OK, Johnnie, these are baseless allegations of conspiracy and contamination. ... Now's the time to put up or shut up."

As he left the courthouse Tuesday, Cochran smiled broadly and told reporters: "I have four words for Chris Darden: The gloves didn't fit."

In a courtroom demonstration widely considered a blow to prosecutors, Simpson struggled to put on the gloves found outside his mansion and at the murder scene, muttering to the jury that they were too small.

Asked if that had anything to do with the strategy change, Clark replied, "Nothing, nothing, nothing."

"We're ready to rest with a

mountain of evidence against this guy," Darden said.

There are, however, more witnesses to come. LuEllen Robinson of AirTouch Cellular was to take the stand Wednesday to discuss Simpson's cellular phone bill. Prosecutors also were expected to recall Richard Rubin, the former vice president of Aris Isotoner Inc. who was on the stand last week during the prosecution's glove demonstration.

Analysts were surprised by prosecutors' sudden strategy change. Some called it overdue.

"If there's anything that they've learned from this case, it's that less is more," said Loyola Law School professor Laurie Levenson. "The down side is that Darden, in his opening statements, did refer to (Keith) Zlomsowitch. So they may have a problem with that."

Zlomsowitch is one of the dropped witnesses. The former boyfriend of Ms. Simpson told a grand jury last year that Simpson stalked his ex-wife and watched through a window as Zlomsowitch and Ms. Simpson had sex.

## Shuttle liftoff date in doubt

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis is leaking helium gas, and NASA engineers are debating what to do about the problem and whether it will delay this week's liftoff.

Atlantis is due to lift off Friday afternoon on the first shuttle docking mission with Russia's space station Mir. Work at the shuttle launch pad was running behind this morning because of the leak.

NASA test director Bill Dowdell said the leak in the right orbital-maneuvering system of Atlantis' tail evidently began five days ago but was not discovered until Tues-

day night.

The helium is needed to pressurize the fuel used by thrusters in orbit.

These thrusters are particularly important on this mission, in which the docking ring on Atlantis must be steered to within a few inches and degrees of the matching ring on Mir.

Dowdell said engineers have pinpointed the leak to a fitting in a line leading to a helium tank. Technicians could simply tighten that fitting or depressurize the tank, remove the fitting and polish it to stop the leak — a longer process.

## WVU to get new president in July

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — David Hardesty Jr., who will become president of West Virginia University next month, has made his first appointment, an official said Wednesday.

Scott C. Kelley, associated vice president for financial affairs at the University of Toledo, will succeed Herman Mertins Jr. as WVU's vice president for administration and finance, said Provost Thomas La Belle.

## Caperton: stocks a good investment

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia needs to invest in the stock market if it is to grow financially, according to Gov. Gaston Caperton and other state officials.

"We need to invest in stocks and bonds," Caperton said. "Anybody handling any sizeable portfolio ... in this country would tell you that it is finan-

cially imprudent not to be able to have a diversity of investments for security and growth."

Last month, the state Supreme Court ruled that the state constitution prohibits investments of state funds, including pension funds, in stocks. Currently, most state funds are invested in government bonds.



# opinion

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## our view

### Students guilty of computer service misuse, neglect

#### The Internet.

Those two words evoke indescribable emotions in many college students and their friends and families.

One emotion? Excitement. Since Marshall University went on-line, many students have become absolute junkies. Sometimes it is difficult for students to be able to grab a computer or even hook onto the Internet because their peers just will not give it up.

Other feelings? Fear. Dread. Contempt. Some students refuse to be part of the college world on-line because they do not want to turn into the entranced addicts their friends, roommates and classmates have become.

For all of these people, there is another word that should also inspire a certain amount of emotion.

#### Responsibility.

Almost every student on campus is guilty. Some are guilty of abuse. Letting the Internet get the better of them and putting it before any and every other priority they have.

But they are not the only guilty ones.

Others, mostly the ones who shun the world of on-line communication because of the horror stories they hear, are also in the wrong.

These students are afraid; afraid of becoming replicas of their contemptible counterparts. And because they are afraid, they are getting left behind.

The truth is, most of us are having difficulty finding the happy medium between living our lives on-line and never touching computers.

Why is it so hard? This is college and we are all adults.

But we are not behaving that way.

On-line computer services have a lot to offer, and there is no reason not to explore and increase technological knowledge.

But the Internet does not necessarily have more to offer than classes, friends or face-to-face interaction.

Let's get a grip. Remember your priorities, then remember that on-line services are a part of our everyday lives and we cannot ignore them. At the same time, we cannot let them control us.

Responsibility. Remember yours.



## Letters to the Editor



### Information incorrect, librarian says

#### To the Editor:

We thank you for updating The Parthenon readers about the new developments concerning the new library building. However, your story "Touring the Library of the Future," published on Thursday, April 27, 1995, page 4, may indicate or reflect some negativism about our department, the government documents department. It may also jeopardize our legal status as a designated depository library because documents must always be open and accessible to the public. I called Ms. (Rachel) Ward, the copy editor of that article and she apologized over the phone for the incorrect information. However, I still would like to respond in writing to clear the facts to The Parthenon readers.

First, Ms. Ward started her article with, "Come meet the future..." Some readers' first impressions may be that after moving to the new library building, the James E. Morrow Library will be a museum, an archive site or a historical site. For your information, government information is produced daily in many formats including paper, microforms and electronic formats (on-line databases, floppy disks and CD-ROMs). These information sources are current, accurate and authentic. So if the future means computers and technology or accuracy and recency, please come and visit our department to verify this matter. In fact, our department has more than 500 CD-ROMs covering a variety of subjects from statistics to economics, to populations, to scientific information, and

even entertainment.

Second, Ms. Ward stated that "The James E. Morrow Library will be used as a closed-stack warehouse that will store special collections, government documents and old books that aren't checked out often." This statement may jeopardize our legal status as a designated depository library. My response to your statement is the following quotes from the first chapter of "Instructions to Depository Libraries:"

1. "Every effort should be made to ensure that the depository collection is used, and that publications are not merely stored or placed in inaccessible locations."
2. "Free access as defined by GPO (Government Printing Office) means that any member of the general public can physically handle and use a government document at the library without impediments."
3. "The privilege may be terminated by the Superintendent of Documents if the library fails to meet the requirements as set forth in the law, or consistently disregards notices and instructions, resulting in unnecessary expense to the government in administering the program."

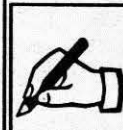
Finally, I think it is an appropriate time now to give you some facts and figures about government publications. First, government publications are distributed free of charge to nearly 1400 specially designated depository libraries throughout the country. Second, the United States government is considered as the world's largest producer and distributor for infor-

mation on a variety of subjects. These information sources are valuable, accurate, authentic, up-to-date, and free of charge. Our library selects more than 55% of these publications.

I hope Ms. Ward and the readers of this letter have learned something about our department. I would like to invite anyone searching for information to stop by our department so we can help. It is our pleasure to serve our users to the best of our abilities.

**Dr. Majed Khader**  
Government documents librarian

#### LETTERS



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# 'Thought police' monitor on-line

The Thought-Police have spoken.

For those among you who are still unaware, last week the U.S. Senate proposed legislation calling for a two-year prison term for anyone putting "indecent" material on the Internet without adequate measures to prevent children from accessing it.

My understanding of the new legislation is that it's still completely within your rights to view allegedly pornographic material so long as you're at home, in the linen closet, under a blanket, with the lights off, after midnight, while wearing mittens.

I say allegedly, as no one seems quite able to put an all-inclusive label on what is and isn't indecent. The cliché answer has come to be, "I don't know what it is, but I'll know it when I see it." I can almost live with that.

I don't know what an honest, competent public official is either, but I'd like to think I'd know one if I ever saw one.

Mind you, these penalties come largely from the same bunch of morally upstanding officials who have been frequently accused of pinching pages in the elevators, patting secretaries on more than the back, and probably have entire desk drawers dedicated to skin mags and Wild Irish Rose.

What I'd really like to know is how they plan to actually police the Internet. I can just imagine a whole series of office cubicals with 9-to-5ers doing nothing but "smut-scanning" day-in and day-out (Though I'm sure most senators already know where to look). They'd probably have lines clear around the reflecting pool just to apply for these jobs.

Then, of course, there would have to be some sort of enforcement division. Probably not the C.I.A., F.B.I., or A.T.F. We'd need something new — something like the Bureau Undermining Sexually-explicit Transmissions, or B.U.S.T. for short.

It's bound to be expensive, but I'm sure they can write a few checks to cover it. No cost is too high for the votes of the moral majority (which, for the record, is neither).

What parent groups and other critics fail to take into account is that the ultimate responsibility for what information children have access to still resides with the parents. Active parents have any number of means available to selectively restrict whatever "inappropriate" material their child might happen across.

For a nominal fee, or in most cases for absolutely nothing, parents can block out cable or satellite stations they don't wish their children to view. If you're that irate, call the cable company, not your congressmen.

Another gadget currently referred to as the "V-chip" should be commercially available in new television sets within about a year. The chip detects codes encrypted into television transmissions indicating whether the broadcast contains violence, nudity, potentially offensive language, or sexual content. Set owners can just block out those signals on demand.

Unlike television, recent concern over the perceived volume of sexually explicit material available over the Internet doesn't need to wait for an answer. Password protected software is readily available for

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under \$50 which claims to deny access to text and graphic files of an explicit nature. The software still allows children to explore the rarely touted positive aspects of the Internet.

If your kids are bright enough to figure out how to deprogram cable and V-chip lockouts and outwit your protective software, odds are they'd have a much easier time scrounging together five bucks and having one of their buddies buy them a Playboy at any corner convenience store.

Unfortunately, what most legislation of this sort amounts to is coercion. The reason we have a restrictive movie ratings system is because the government threatened to regulate movie ratings if the industry didn't. The same threat was waged more recently against

record companies in the battle over explicit lyrics. This new legislation is no more than a hedged threat to television and Net publishers to tone down or else.

Self-regulation, next to a few notable assassinations, is perhaps the biggest hoax ever perpetrated on the American public. By threatening self-regulation or government regulation, industries were quickly intimidated into over-regulation so as to be assured "freedom" from the many minions of morality. Government has effectively strong-armed industries into a far less permissive system than it might have set up, with absolute immunity from criticism.

Whenever someone complains about what movie they can't see or CD they can't buy, government can quickly point the finger and say, "But that's their policy, not ours." Rather convenient, isn't it?

Despite what agenda-set critics might say to the contrary, the Internet poses a less sig-

nificant threat to children than the frequent attempts by government to usurp basic freedoms from those whom they claim to represent.

Admittedly, I don't have children. But if I did, I'd be more concerned with their greater freedom to read, view, and express whatever they choose rather than their limited access to the obscurely available "info-smut" zipping through the ether.

If Congress truly wanted to protect children, it would restore the funding necessary to provide adequate housing, food, and education to those that need it — I doubt most of these children have Internet access to "corrupt" them anyway. However, Congress's repeated attempts to regulate morality seems to be the rhetorical equivalent of what Jocelyn Elders can't talk about — completely self-gratifying and essentially just keeping their hands busy to avoid more important affairs.



## This summer at the movies

A column by Joe Limle

Editor's note: This is not an advertisement. The following is a critical review of a current theatrical release. Joe Limle is a Marshall graduate student.

One of the summer's most talked about movies is now playing at a theater near you. "Congo" opened June 9th at Huntington Mall 6 and, contrary to popular belief, it does not suck. In fact, it is mildly entertaining with the special effects keeping your attention. Director Frank Marshall, who produced Steven Spielberg's "Indiana Jones" trilogy, knows how to keep a movie with a shallow plot interesting. It will not be nominated for best picture, although it may receive an honorable mention for the special effects. "Congo" was adapted from the 15-year old Michael Crichton novel of the same name. Other Crichton thrillers include "Rising Sun,"

"Jurassic Park" and "Disclosure."

"Congo" focuses on two distinct plots, one based on human greed and the other on human compassion, both groups on a collision course in central Africa. The first group is led by Peter Elliot (Dylan Walsh), a primatologist whose contribution to the "plot" is teaching a gorilla to communicate through sign language. The gorilla, Amy, uses a virtual reality glove which translates sign language into speech by which she communicates to Dr. Elliot her need to return to her natural habitat.

The second group is led by Herkimer Homolka (Tim Curry of "Rocky Horror" fame),

an ex-Serbian fortune hunter who convinces Elliot he is a philanthropist who will fund his expedition to take Amy home. However, Homolka exaggerates his resources and the ability to foot the bill, revealing a clandestine motive for wanting to travel with Elliot. Enter Karen Ross (Laur Linney), an employee of a powerful communications corporation, TraviCom, which had sent an earlier troupe into the Congo in search of the flawless blue diamonds to be used in new laser communication technology. The earlier TraviCom explorers met with "monkey business" and were slaughtered while linked by satellite to TraviCom headquarters, but not before revealing the source of perfect diamonds. Ross is on her way to confirm the discovery and find out what happened to the first expedition when she meets up with Elliot. Together, they begin their perilous journey into central Africa.

Upon arriving at an airfield in an unknown country in the middle of terrorist unrest, we meet Ernie Hudson ("Ghostbusters" fame), playing in his own words, the "great white hunter for this trip," who is the guide leading them to the heart of the dark continent. They soon encounter the remains of the earlier TraviCom group and further exploration leads them to find the ancient ruins of an earlier civilization, causing Homolka to believe he has finally found the Lost City of Zinj. What happens next can best be described as a hybrid between "Star Wars" and "King Kong" as Ross opens her never-ending supply of "techno-weapons."

All in all, this "no-brainer" provides an entertaining diversion to an otherwise hot and humid Huntington afternoon.

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# Faculty member heads to new position

By Michelle R. Ross  
Staff Reporter

Reorganization of the Division of Institutional Advancement has created a new title for one university faculty member.



On June 1, Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter was promoted to associate vice president for institutional advancement.

She said the reorganization will create a slightly different set of responsibilities in institutional advancement.

Hunter said individuals in the department used to work

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**Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter**  
associate vice president  
for institutional advancement

independently, but now the work in institutional advancement will be more of a team effort.

President J. Wade Gilley said Hunter's promotion completes the reorganization of the division.

Edward G. "Ned" Boehm Jr., senior vice president of insti-

tutional advancement, said Hunter has experienced the full range of fundraising responsibilities.

He said she has been involved with planned giving, major donor programs, special events, scholarship endowments, the annual fund and the \$10 million capital campaign.

Hunter said, "I'm very pleased by the opportunity to serve as the associate vice president for institutional advancement, and also very grateful to Dr. Gilley and Dr. Boehm for all of their support."

Hunter served as assistant vice president for institutional advancement since October

1988 and is a former faculty member and former chairperson of the Division of Developmental and General Education in Marshall's Community and Technical College.

Hunter earned two degrees from Marshall - B.A. degree in English and social studies in 1968 and an M.A. degree in reading in 1972, and an Ed.D. degree in higher education administration from West Virginia University in 1987.

She served a year as director of the university's SCORES (Search Committee on Recognition of Excellent Students) program and a year as the first director of Marshall's Society of Yeager Scholars.

## Archivist helps preserve memories

By J.R. McMillan  
Reporter

The summer break is often a time to recoup and regroup for faculty and students alike. Special Collections is no exception.

"We tend to catch up on certain things during the summer, but we try to keep up year round," said Cora P. Teel, associate professor librarian-archivist at the Morrow Library. "One thing that I want to do is index The Parthenon, to put together a subject index," Teel said. "It is a record of events and activities of campus history."

Hardware problems have slowed the process, Teel said. Teel has compiled most of the statistical information needed to better organize the

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**Cora P. Teel**  
associate professor  
librarian-archivist

library's collection of manuscripts, but because of the program's size, she is unable to use it. "We have the raw data, but without equipment upgrades, the process is on standby," Teel said.

"We're certainly hoping that we will be brought along, technologically speaking, with the new library facility," she said. "We hope that we won't suffer by being left in this building."

"One thing that we would like to do is to make photos in the collection more easily available," Teel said. She

said photo requests are among the most frequent requests for information from the public.

"We get requests usually from off-campus, businesses in town that want pictures of how Huntington or how their buildings used to look," Teel said.

She said Wendy's, Twentieth Street Bank and Bob Evans were among the businesses that had requested such reprints. "Bob Evans wanted pictures of the bridge during the 1937 flood. The pictures are even more historic now that the bridge is gone," Teel said. "We also get requests from people writing books from all over the country that want pictures of Huntington from a particular period."

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) State Schools Superintendent Hank Marockie was wrong meddle in the selection of state nominees for a national science teaching award, Gov. Aston Caperton said.

But Caperton said Wednesday he doesn't believe Marockie could lose his job over the controversy.

"I think Dr. Marockie has done a good job in the progress that our schools have made," he said. "I think you just have to look at the results."

The superintendent is appointed by the Board of Education, whose members are appointed by the governor.

Marockie was criticized by teachers earlier this month for interfering in the selection process for the 1995 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science Teaching.

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## Conference change comes as no surprise

Marshall University has joined the Mid-American Conference and will compete at the Division I-AA level. Should this come as a surprise to anyone?

**PENNY K. COPEN**



**SPORTS EDITOR**

Since Marshall football catapulted its program to the Division I-AA National Championship level there has been talk of nothing else. Thundering Herd fans were screaming "Bring on the Mountaineers!" And from the gossip around town, the Mountaineers may be just what Herd fans get.

My next question is can Marshall be competitive in the MAC and prestigious I-A level? The answer... perhaps.

Marshall's football program, in its current state, could easily compete with half the teams in the conference. However, teams like Bowling Green and Miami of Ohio (which we sneer at when they play teams such as WVU) will provide Marshall all it can handle and then some.

Question number three... is it worth it? Definitely. Sure the MAC is not as prestigious as the Big East or PAC-10, and maybe ripples will not be created when we beat a team such as Central Michigan. But it is a step up from I-AA. Like "practice makes perfect," challenge will bring improvement and Thundering Herd fans like nothing more than to watch their beloved Marshall prosper.

Pessimistic fans must also take into consideration the financial benefits evolving from this conference move. The

university built a four million dollar stadium which has landed national attention by hosting the past three division I-AA national championships and we are adding to the stadium to meet the division I-AA requirements. Playing division I-

A schools will draw bigger dollar numbers not only for the school but also for the community.

Sure Marshall will take its share of lickings in the MAC. It's no different than WVU making a move to the Big East. Because they will take their share of lickings right along with the Thundering Herd. It's like the adage "no pain, no gain." In the long run, the conference switches will allow the two schools to reap the benefits.

One such benefit is the ability to recruit more and better players. Marshall will have two years to prepare itself for the MAC. The coaching staff can get its sights set to recruit like crazy.

Maybe recruiting more players is not all that advantageous to the amateur sports fan. But I see it like Pittsburgh Head Coach Johnnie Majors who coached Pittsburgh to a championship back in the early 70s. When a football program has National Champion attached to the end of its name, more kids want to play for that school and Majors took advantage of this fact. Majors justified his massive recruiting numbers by simply stating he "may not use them all, but at least we won't be playing against them."

## Coaches anticipate many benefits of new conference

**By Penny K. Copen**  
**Sports Editor**

Thundering Herd fans are in for a shock, according to Athletic Director Lee Moon.

Since last week's announcement that Marshall is leaving the Southern Conference and joining the Mid-American Conference many opinions have been expressed. Fans have expressed approval, disapproval and even indifference.

"The fans won't see blowouts like we've had," Moon said. "I don't think we'll beat anybody 70-7 anymore, I don't think it will be boring either."

The decision to move has had an impact on the community, but Marshall coaches aren't complaining.

The move to the MAC will elevate the football program to Division I-A status, which has been desired since Marshall's 1992 National Championship quest.

Moon said Marshall will reap the benefits with the move to Division I-A status.

"We will benefit financially, and being a I-A school allows for more exposure," Moon said.

The move to I-A will have a direct effect on the football program. Assistant head football coach Mickey Matthews said the jump to I-A will have immediate effects on recruiting. "We've lost good players we recruited because they went to I-A programs," Matthews said.

Marshall, at its current I-AA status, is allowed to grant approximately 60 scholarships a year to athletes. With Division I-A status, that number increases to approximately 90 scholarships.

One of the more celebrated results of Marshall's move to I-A is that the Herd and Mountaineers can finally do it on the gridiron. West Virginia Athletic Director Ed Pastilong has maintained the Mountaineers would play the Herd when Marshall attained

I-A status.

President J. Wade Gilley said he is uncertain of a guarantee. "We've always been told West Virginia would play Marshall when we became I-A. We are on the way now."

Pastilong said the Mountaineers are willing to take on the Thundering Herd. "We are receptive to playing Marshall under the conditions that we are currently playing MAC schools. We haven't, however, played a MAC school on the road."

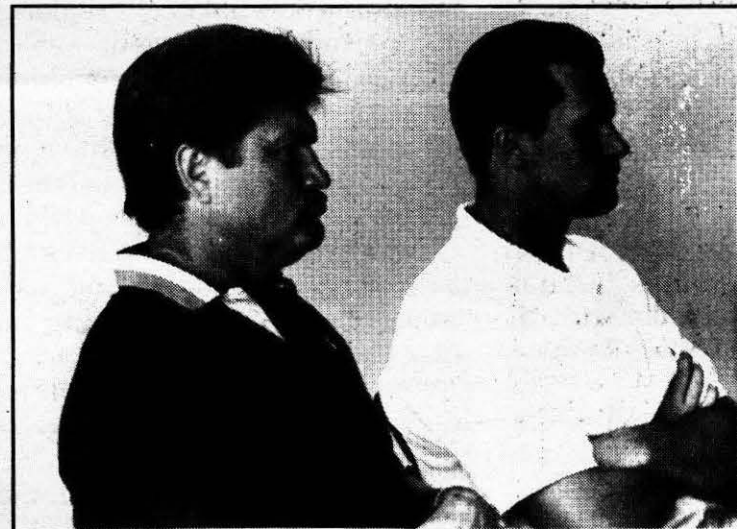
Whether West Virginia will play Marshall as a result of the conference move doesn't make much difference to the fellows on the hardwood. Head basketball coach Billy Donovan looks at the move as an opportunity to improve Marshall's athletic program.

"The thing I most respect about Lee Moon and Dr. Gilley is that they are constantly looking for ways to make Marshall better," Donovan said.

Donovan said Marshall carries many advantages on its shoulders entering the MAC.

"The growth in our attendance figures and ability to draw fans are an advantage, as well as our facilities."

For the basketball program, the switch may be rather significant. Currently, the Southern Conference is ranked 29th in the nation while the MAC is ranked 12th. Donovan said, however, his main concern is the Southern Conference because the Herd must compete in it for the next two years.



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Football coach Jim Donnan and basketball coach Billy Donovan represented their respective programs at the press conference announcing Marshall will join the MAC.

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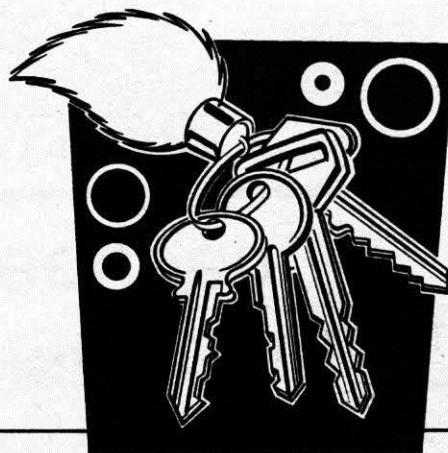
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# Life



You could rub your lucky rabbit's foot keychain every day, but it probably would not help nearly as much as learning some routine maintenance habits. Things like changing oil every 3,000 miles or so or checking under your hood when you fill up for gas could prolong the life of your vehicle.

## Caring for your CAR

Between classes, work and everything else students have to do these days, who has time to worry about car care?

Maybe it seems like a hassle, but checking certain things on your automobile on a regular basis could save a lot more trouble in the future.

A considerable number of students have jobs in addition to going to school, which makes having a reliable form of transportation a vital part of their lives.

Most students know very little about maintaining a car, according to local car mechanic Joe Lemley.

"College students don't really have time to change their own oil or spark plugs, but it is important that these things be done to ensure their car remains reliable," Lemley said.

He added that keeping a car well maintained will help it get improved gas mileage, too. This is good news to those who frequently use ash tray change for gas money.

Lemley said, "It is standard practice to have the oil changed in your car every 3,000 miles. A

tuneup including such items as air filters, spark plugs and a general inspection of vital parts should be done once a year."

An oil change at any local shop should cost \$15-\$25, and the tuneup is likely to run \$50-\$70, depending on what needs replaced or repaired, Lemley said.

Lemley added that one problem with car care specific to college students is they often have no place to do the work themselves or the tools to do the job properly.

"The average student uses his car several times a day and just expects it to start. Driving home on the interstate is not a good time to find out a radiator hose is in need of replacement. Roadside repair is both costly and time consuming."

Between oil changes, check under the hood once a week. Lemley said the things to look for are puddles of any kind, leaking hoses, and levels of fluids. (This includes oil, anti-freeze, brake fluid, power steering fluid and transmission fluid on automatic cars.) This should take no more than three or four minutes.

"Waiting for your gas tank to fill up is a good time to do this. It is also a good time to check tire pressure. This should be done about every fourth fill up," he said.

Making sure the car is mechanically sound is of utmost importance but also significant is maintaining the outside finish, according to Marc Moore, who runs a local car care business.

Moore said, "Keeping the paint in good shape makes the car worth more when trading it in or selling it. An investment as big as a car de-



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Shanen B. Wright, Charleston sophomore, gets under the hood to check the oil in his new Saturn. Wright said he is very particular about caring for his recent purchase.

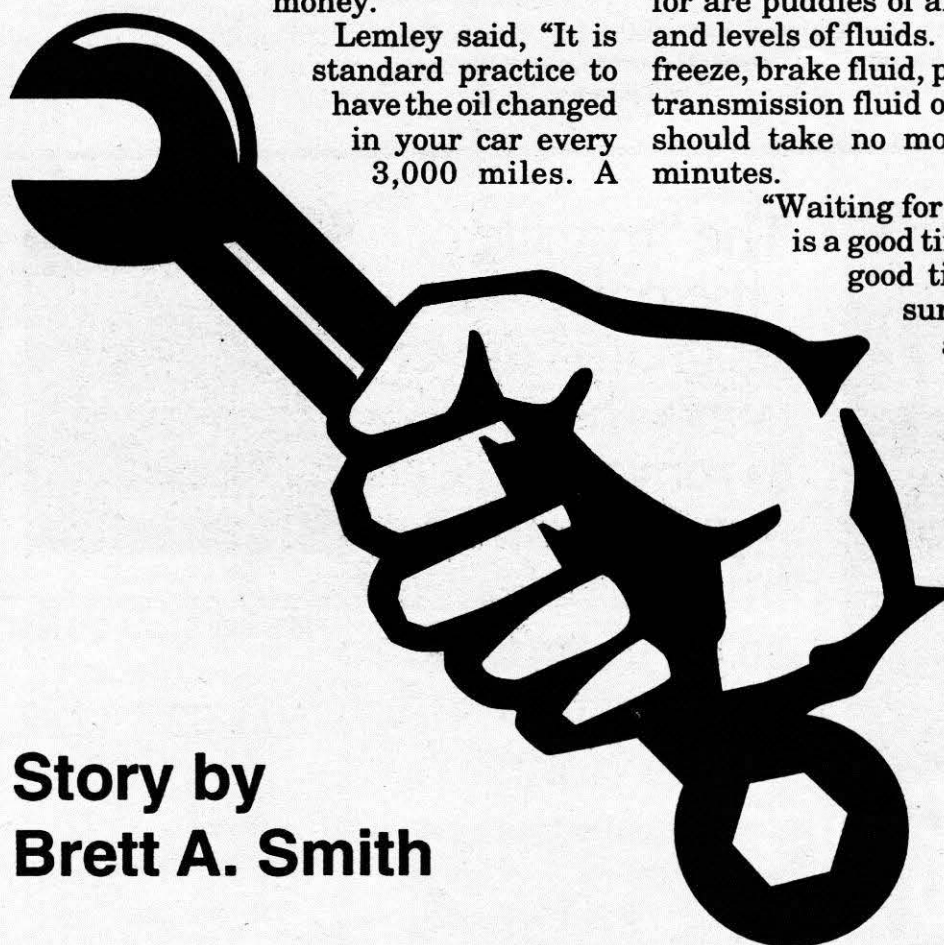
serves to be taken care of. A car is usually the second most expensive thing people buy next to their house, yet some people choose to neglect it until it gives them trouble. These are the people you see pulled off the road with the hood up."

According to Moore, just a weekly wash and wax every few months is all that is required to maintain the outside. He said if there is no place to wash the car at home, there are countless coin operated washes in town that cost about \$2. Having a car washed by a local automated wash runs \$7-\$12.

Taking care of a car will make it look and run better, in addition to making it last longer and have a greater resale value.

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