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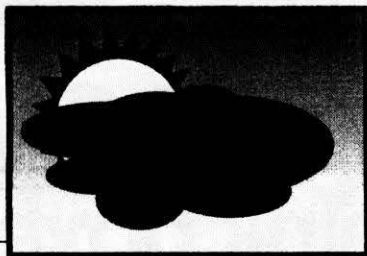
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**WEDNESDAY**  
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# The MARSHALL UNIVERSITY Parthenon

## Locked windows stop flying-object problem

By Jason Pheister  
 Reporter

Residence Services wants the damage to Marshall's dormitories to stop.

Windows in Twin Towers and Buskirk halls are now bolted shut, an effort to prevent students from throwing things from them.

"The bottom line is safety," Winston A. Baker, director of residence services, said. "It's very important that everyone is safe. No one should have to be in fear."

Incidents are widespread. A passing car on Fifth Avenue was hit by a flying object and the front window broken out. Signs, books, shoes, clothes and even a stolen manhole cover have been thrown out in the past few years.

"It just seems like it is out of control," Baker said. He said that a university administrator's wife was hit in the shoulder with a water balloon. Students have also been targets. Many university workers have been so scared to go on the roof that they have worn hard hats.

"It's frustrating," Cliff Curry, manager of building trades, said. "You go out there to clean up the mess and then you be-

*"No one should have to be in fear."*

**Winston A. Baker**  
 director of residence services

come the target."

Curry said it is important to keep the roof clean because water and debris buildup can cause a serious situation.

Severe damage was done to Holderby Hall in 1994 when a section of a couch was thrown from atop the building, puncturing a hole in the cafeteria roof.

Standing water on the roof flooded the cafeteria making the incident even more costly. Concrete tiles were added to the roofs to help protect them from damage.

Baker said, "That was the first step to ensuring a safer building. The shielded roof has stopped any more major damage from occurring."

According to Alan D. Ward, construction project assistant, 30 tiles have been replaced because they were shattered.

Baker said this illustrates that the tiles are not enough to keep students from trying to damage the residence halls. With the windows locked, students can no longer throw things out.

New and replacement air conditioning units were added to Twin Towers and Buskirk halls.

"Most buildings that have 15 stories have fixed windows," Baker said.

"This was a decision that was thought about and gained everyone's approval," Baker said. "The fire marshal knows about this and says this is just like a high rise with fixed windows."

The decision is making things easier on those who work and live in the dormitories.

Molly Ann McClennen, residence hall coordinator, said the feedback is very positive. "People who lived on the second floor always complained about the mess outside their windows, but this year, we haven't had that problem."

McClennen added that residents do not seem to mind the windows being locked. Baker said he would rather have people complain about locked windows than complain about being hit by something thrown out a window.

## It's a bit chilly...



J. R. McMillan/The Parthenon

Students were greeted by cool temperatures as they left Tuesday morning classes in Smith Hall.

## New twist on tailgating

By Miyuki Katsuki  
 Reporter

Marshall fans are known for tailgating at football games, but one group on campus is trying tailgating of a different kind—no booze, just fellowship and good food.

It is sponsored by the Campus Christian Center and takes place in front of the center located in the middle of campus. Representatives of the center set up the "non-hangover" tailgating party for those who do not drink.

Activities include speakers, music, and food.

"Marshall needs something for students who do not drink beer and do not want to deal with a hangover," said Rev. James McCune, Baptist campus pastor.

McCune said the turnout was good compared to a previ-

ous tailgating party.

"People had a great time. New people who didn't know other people seemed to be comfortable with others," he said.

One reason for the party, McCune said, is to avoid dealing with alcohol. He said he has seen many people in trouble and suffering due to alcohol and thought it would be good to have a place where everybody could meet one another in a relaxed mood without alcohol.

McCune said it is also a good place to socialize. People who grew up in a church feel comfortable because the Campus Christian Center is safe and the people are friendly, he said.

There is no fee for the food, but participants are asked to contribute potato chips and other snacks if possible.

More information may be obtained by contacting McCune at 696-3054.

## Some may find parking relief

By Stanford E. Anglon  
 Reporter

If you are waiting for a campus parking permit, you may have reasons to be encouraged. Your answer could be in the mail.

One hundred letters went out Sept. 12 to students on the parking waiting list, providing them with the opportunity to buy a campus parking permit, Raymond Welty, director of auxiliary services, said.

Students have purchased 32 of those 100 permits, Welty said. Today is the last day they will be sold.

"There are approximately 314 students still on the waiting list," Welty said. "If the lots are not full we will send out more letters next Tuesday."

Welty said spaces close to classroom buildings fill up quickly and suggested that students who want to park immediately go to the stadium lot.

"Meter parking is also popular among some

students," Welty said.

There is no immediate plan to create new meter parking spaces, said K. Edward Grose, senior vice president for administration. However, he said lots are being used more efficiently and more parking permits can be sold.

There are no plans for a parking garage, either. Welty said it would cost \$800 to \$1,000 for each parking space to build a garage, and public safety and security would be expensive.

Some students see parking as their top priority. Jackie Wymer, a mother and student who commutes from Nitro, is on the waiting list and describes the parking problem as the "most important thing in my life right now."

"Overall, there are more spaces for students to park than there's ever been. We are doing our best, but there will always be a parking problem at Marshall," said Grose.

## This & That

### Drag queen movie dances at the top

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The cross-dressing comedy "To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything! Julie Newmar" was the No. 1 film at the box office for the second consecutive weekend, earning \$6.6 million and finishing ahead of four new releases.

Of the new films in wide release, Spike Lee's "Clockers" fared the best during a slow weekend, finishing second with \$4.5 million.

The computer thriller "Hackers" debuted weakly and returns were even worse for the new children's film "Angus." In limited release, the family drama "Unstrung Heroes" performed strongly, but Robert Duvall's "The Stars Fell on Henrietta" did not.

"Braveheart" did average business in its first week of release.

### Box office Top Ten

The top 10 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar," Universal, \$6.6 million, 1,448 locations, \$4,520 per location, \$18 million, two weeks.
2. "Clockers," Universal, \$4.5 million, 1,208 locations, \$3,695 per location, \$5.4 million, 1 1/2 weeks.
3. "Dangerous Minds," Disney, \$3.4 million, 1,588 locations, \$2,170 per location, \$67.4 million, six weeks.
4. "Hackers," MGM, \$3.2 million, 1,812 locations, \$1,751 per location, \$3.2 million, one week.
5. "The Usual Suspects," Gramercy, \$3 million, 874 locations, \$3,452 per location, \$12.4 million, five weeks.
6. "Braveheart," Paramount, \$2.32 million, 1,700 locations, \$1,367 per location, \$62.5 million, one week in re-release.
7. "Mortal Kombat," New Line, \$2.26 million, 2,077 locations, \$1,089 per location, \$63.3 million, five weeks.
8. "Angus," New Line, \$1.91 million, 1,154 locations, \$1,660 per location, \$1.91 million, one week.
9. "Babe," Universal, \$1.85 million, 1,635 locations, \$1,135 per location, \$48.1 million, seven weeks.
10. "A Walk in the Clouds," 20th Century Fox, \$1.7 million, 1,434 locations, \$1,201 per location, \$44.4 million, six weeks.

### Gifford quits as Miss America Pageant host

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — There she isn't: Kathie Lee Gifford is leaving the Miss America Pageant after 11 years.

On Monday, two days after serving as co-host of the 75th anniversary pageant, Gifford announced her decision.

"I have been honored to be a part of the Miss America tradition," Gifford said in a

short statement.

Hope Hartman, a spokeswoman for "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee," said the departure was amicable.

"Her contract was up, and she felt it was time to move on," Hartman said.

Hartman said she didn't know if the decision would affect Regis Philbin, Lee's talk-show and pageant co-host.

### Sheriff orders pink boxers

PHOENIX (AP) — A sheriff known for his get-tough attitude has ordered inmates to wear pink underwear.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio had the county-issued undergarments dyed the bright color so guards can spot inmates trying to smuggle them outside during work-release assignments. He also is dyeing jail-issued socks pink.

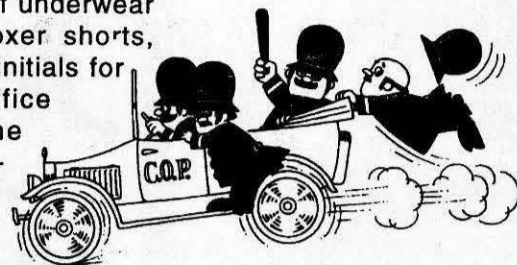
"These macho men may not like pink, but that's their problem," he said Monday.

Arpaio said inmates

smuggle out and resell about \$40,000 worth of underwear a year. The boxer shorts, which have the initials for the sheriff's office stamped on the bottom, are in demand as novelty items.

Arpaio is eliminating the initials in the future.

Arpaio, nationally known for his tough treatment of inmates, has banned cigarettes, pornographic magazines, television, and coffee in the five county jails that house nearly 6,000 inmates. He also has housed some in-



mates in tent cities in 110-degree heat.

The Justice Department has begun an investigation into whether there is a pattern of civil rights violations at the jails and tent cities.

### Dreyfus criticizes media coverage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Richard Dreyfuss had a courtroom encounter of the caustic kind.

Dreyfuss, who watched some of the Simpson trial Monday to research a film role as an attorney, praised lawyers but damned the media for its "constant pathological observation" of the case.

"The end result of the constant coverage ... is that the people in the country have been whipped into a frenzy,"

he said. "And if I had anything to do with it, I'd take you guys right out of here."

Dreyfuss starred in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," won the Academy Award for best actor in "The Goodbye Girl," and also appeared in "American Graffiti," and "Jaws."

### Dave Mathews Band joins benefit concert

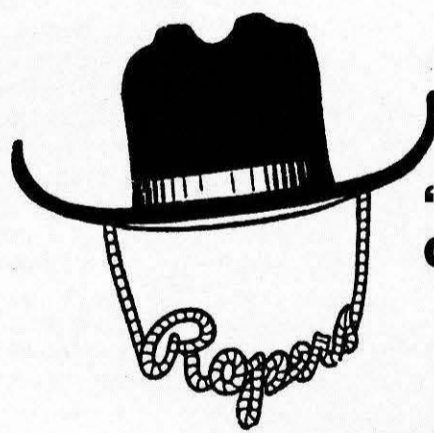
LOUISVILLE (AP) — The band that produced the platinum album "Under the Table and Dreaming," will

soon be back on the stage.

The Dave Mathews Band has been added to the all-star lineup at Farm Aid's 10th Anniversary concert Oct. 1 in Louisville, along with Grand Ole Opry legend John Conlee, a Farm Aid co-founder.

The Dave Mathews Band has appeared on David Letterman, The Tonight Show and Saturday Night Live. "Under the Table and Dreaming" has been on the Billboard Top 200 for six months.

Other Farm Aid performers will include, John Mellencamp and Hootie and the Blowfish.



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## Wrong turn leads to 'Avenue of killers'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Spanish graffiti is blunt — and accurate: "Avenue of killers."

Scrawled in blue on a white wall, the words are a warning to anyone heading into the narrow dead-end alley lined with graffiti-scarred homes and litter-strewn lots.

A car that took a wrong turn into the alley early Sunday was ambushed in a hail of gang gunfire. A toddler in the car was killed and her little brother was wounded.

No arrests were made Monday. Authorities pinned the attack on a particularly violent Hispanic gang, The Avenues.

"They own this alley," a woman, who identified herself only as Ann, said of gang members. "They party all night, drink beer and do drugs. They do what they want. One time some guy drove a little too fast down the alley and they firebombed his car."

The latest violence in Cypress Park, a hilly neighborhood just northeast of downtown, erupted about 2 a.m. Sunday when Timothy Stone,

25, was driving home from a barbecue with his girlfriend, Robynn Kuhen, 26; her brother David Dalton, 22; and Kuhen's three children, Christopher, 5; Stephanie, 3; and Joseph, 2.

Believing it was a shortcut, Stone turned up Isabel Street, not noticing the city sign reading, "Not a through street," or the unofficial sign, "Avenida... asesinos," meaning "Avenue of killers," although the second word is a misspelling of the Spanish word "asesinos."

As Stone turned around to leave the alley, 20 gang members surrounded his car and blocked the way with garbage cans and other objects, said Jim McCann, police detective.

When Stone crashed through the barricade, several in the crowd opened fire with handguns, piercing the car's metal and shattering its windows.

A bullet hit Stephanie in the head. She died shortly afterward at a hospital. Joseph was struck in the foot as he sat in his car seat in front. He was in good condition at a hospital.

## Lou Gehrig's drug approved

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — The nation's 30,000 sufferers of Lou Gehrig's disease may soon get the first drug to help them live longer — albeit just a few more months.

A divided panel of scientific advisers recommended Monday, on a 5-4 vote, that the Food and Drug Administration approve riluzole, the first drug to ever show effectiveness against the fatal neuromuscular disease.

The FDA is not bound by the advisory committee's

decisions, but usually follows them.

The scientists emphasized riluzole only prolongs survival by about three months, doesn't ease patients' symptoms — and, in a baffling quirk of statistics, appeared to help only the Europeans who tested it, not the North Americans.

But the promise of even a few more days of life should justify a drug, argued a dozen patients who appeared before the panel, many in tears, to beg for riluzole.

"You can't possibly know what hope and time means," said Dolores Simpson of Baltimore, diagnosed with the disease last year.

"Ultimately, it buys the hope for a cure," added Shirley Butler of Philadelphia, whose husband John is in advanced stages of the disease. "I know our time is running out."

There is no treatment for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, known commonly as Lou Gehrig's disease after the Yankees' first baseman who died of it in 1941.

## Proposed plant's emission cut by EPA

MARTINSBURG (AP) — The state Division of Environmental Protection said it has cut by about 3.4 million pounds a year the amount of a toxic chemical a proposed Eastern Panhandle printing plant can emit.

The agency Thursday issued an air pollution permit for Quad-Graphics Inc. that allows it to emit about 1.4 million

pounds of toluene a year instead of the 4.8 million initially proposed, said agency engineer Beverly McKeone.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency told the Pewaukee, Wis., company to use equipment that will drastically cut toluene emissions, McKeone said Monday.

The state agency also considered public concern about

the emissions, she said.

"It made us look back at the permit in a new light," McKeone said.

Toluene is an organic compound used in ink that can cause damage to the nervous and respiratory systems and the liver.

The \$60 million plant near Martinsburg is expected to open in the fall of 1996 and employ about 1,000 people.

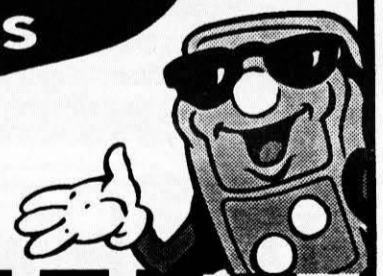
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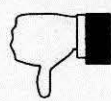
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### Thumbs up to some, thumbs down to others

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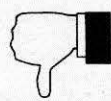
Thumbs up to President Gilley's plan to involve the alumni in the future growth of Marshall University. Alumni should be proud of, and willing to support, their alma mater.



Thumbs down to the addition of parking meters along Hal Greer Boulevard. Students relied on that one break from metered parking, and now it is gone.



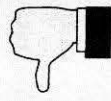
Thumbs up to the Student Welfare and Conduct Committee for not making marijuana possession a Type I offense. Let students learn these lessons on their own.



Thumbs down to the proposed job cuts as an answer to expected budget deficits. Students rely on quality classes and teachers, don't lose sight of this.



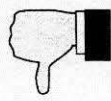
Thumbs up to Chad Pennington for stepping in and taking over for an injured Mark Zban. The team has had a few set-backs, but seems to be keeping right on track.



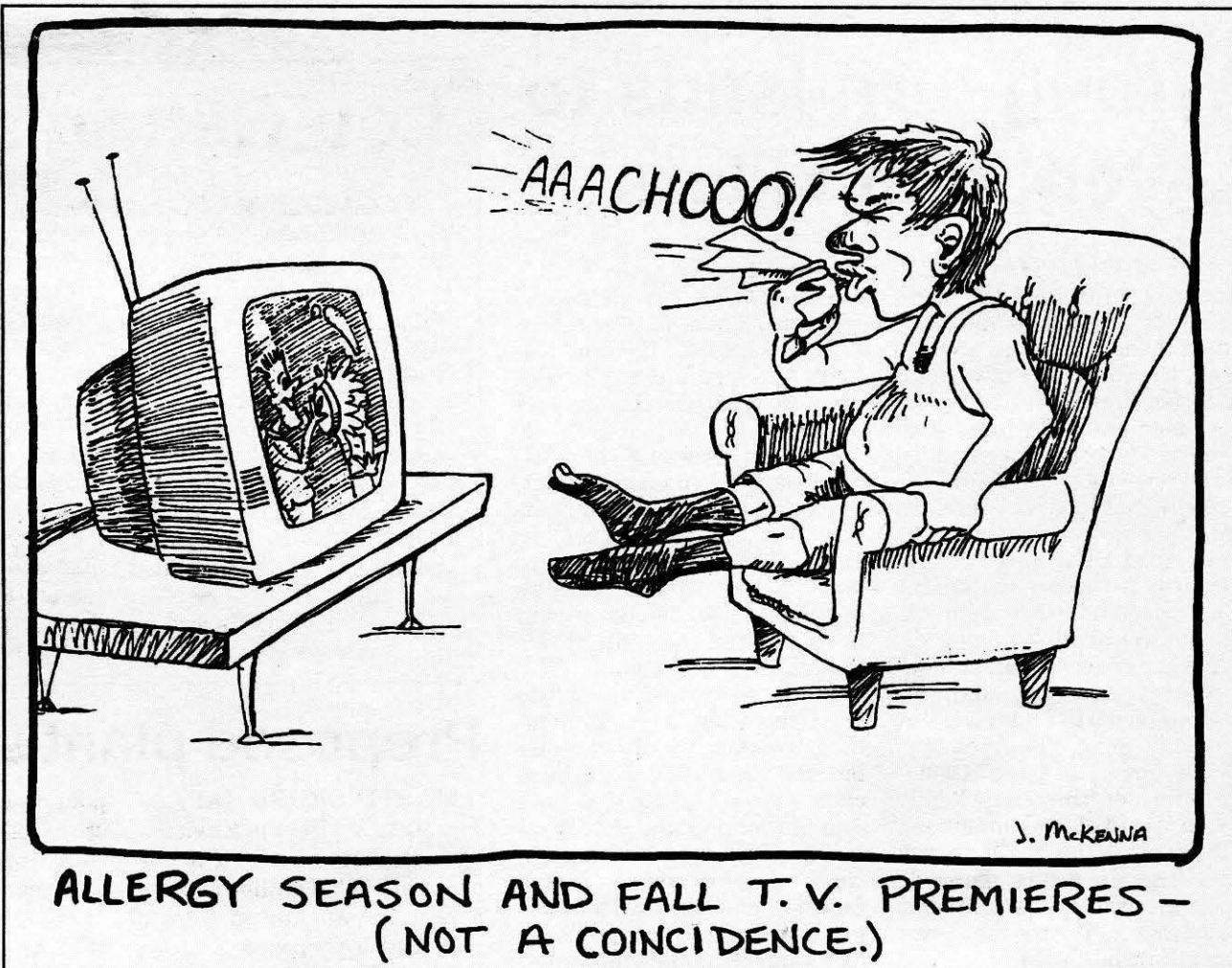
Thumbs down to the colder weather. Chilly temperatures and damp weather means colds and illness for everyone.



Thumbs up to the fans who endured the rain to support the football team in its victory. Loyal fans are as important to the team as successful players.



Thumbs down to bolting the windows in Towers East, Towers West and Buskirk Hall. Now students will have no way of clearing smoke or other odors out of their dorm rooms.



## Powell could be prime choice

Adam Dean

Columnist

science major and a student of politics both at home and abroad, I have my opinions on these questions.

And, I think Powell will run. People like him seek presidencies and prime ministerships.

And some of them have overcome great odds, like Powell will have to do to obtain and retain those positions.

People such as Margaret Thatcher in Great Britain, Indira Gandhi in India and Harry Truman in the United States in his 1948 re-election bid have been there. People like Powell run, and despite the odds, Powell himself will run.

Second, I think Ronald Reagan proves that the air of leadership can carry a person pretty far.

True, Reagan did stand for some specific conservative points of view, but his conservatism was one of the all-encompassing, enabling kind. (Not the narrow, angry conservatism of many of today's Republicans.)

And since they did not fear Reagan's conservatism, the moderate and even the liberal, for a time, fell in love with his leadership ability. I think Powell's moderatism is cut from this same enabling cloth.

Both the more conservative

and the more liberal might be able to accept it just enough to vote for Powell's leadership.

Now, the question of race. I believe Powell can win, but only if he runs on the Republican ticket.

The closet racist (there are many of them) can accept an African-American president, if he's a Republican.

The president's own party will provide the perfect check on him. The pool of potential cabinet members will be almost entirely white.

There's a good chance of the Congressional Republican Party, overwhelmingly white, retaining control of both the Senate and the House.

Many of the Republicans who would be looking for federal judgeships and U.S. Attorneyships will be white.

All good fiscal conservatives and many good social conservatives want to destroy affirmative action and welfare, which is a closet racist's dream come true.

He or she will vote for an African-American for president, while feeling safe that the cabinet would still be pretty much white.

That may be harsh of the Republican party, which, by the way, is my party, and maybe harsh of the nation as a whole. But, that is I think a pretty good conclusion.

Powell might win, but only if he's a Republican.

The popular former Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, retired Gen. Colin Powell, is thinking of running for the presidency in 1996. It isn't known if the general is a Democrat or Republican or neither.

Many of his political views are still a mystery, although some of them are becoming clear.

He seems to be a fiscal conservative and a social moderate.

He currently has a book out, "My American Story," and he is embarking on an extensive book tour. A prelude to a presidential run.

Powell represents strong leadership to the American people, as they thought Ronald Reagan did in the 1980s.

In a recent poll, he beat both President Clinton and Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan.

When his political views become widely known, will Powell's great leadership quality carry him through any trouble over his stands on specific issues?

Lastly and most regrettably, there is, once again in America, the question of race. Powell is an African-American. The first ever to lead the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Is America ready to elect an African-American president? Well, being a political

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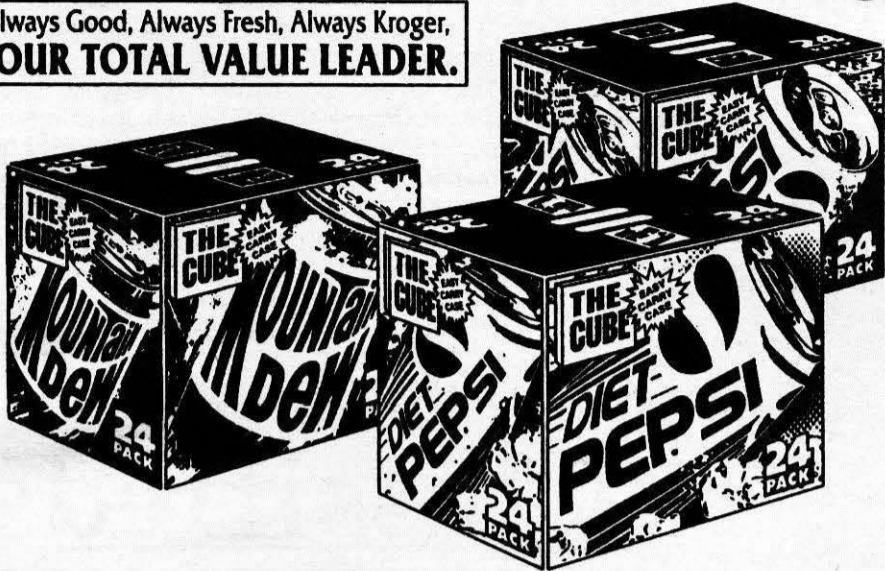
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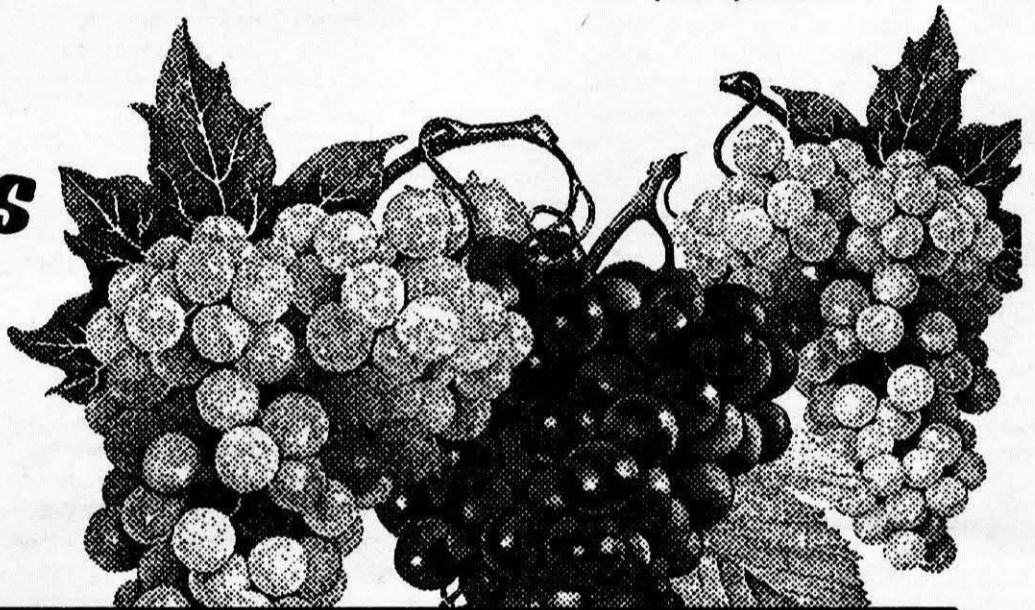
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# Marshall foreign population triples

International program director setting sights on globalizing university by 2000

By **Traci Mallett**  
Reporter

Dr. William Edwards, international programs director, has packed his bags for China to recruit new students for Marshall's international program.

Edwards will leave for Hunnan, China, in two weeks to negotiate articulation agreements. He said the program so far has been good and he is impressed that it has gone so well.

In the three years his program has existed, he has gone from 100 to 300 students in both the international and English as a Second Language programs. By the year 2000, he said he hopes to have enlisted at least 600 international students to work on degrees at Marshall.

"We are trying to globalize this university to increase the awareness of our domestic students and to change attitudes throughout our region," Edwards said.

Edwards said one of the reasons for Marshall's recruiting efforts is to bring the university into the global economy.

Bringing international students to Marshall is only part of the effort. The university is also sending Marshall students abroad in exchange programs.

While Marshall has students from Spain, England and Germany, Edwards said Europe is



"We are trying to globalize this university to increase the awareness of our domestic students and to change attitudes throughout our region."

**Dr. William Edwards**  
International Programs Director

not the main target area. Most of Marshall's recruiting efforts are being directed to the Middle East and East. He said the big numbers are coming from China, Kuwait and Malaysia.

Recruiting is done in many different ways, Edwards said.

"One way we are doing recruiting is sending traditional things like various books and catalogs to the countries we target. We also publish in the Peterson's Guide," Edwards said. "We are advertising in a magazine that goes to students in the Mideast that we know are coming to the United States. The magazine is in Arabic and the new one will be going out in three weeks."

Edwards said Marshall also has recruiters in various countries that he contacts who are paid from recruitment fees. For students who have English as a second language, the recruiters are paid from tuition fees once the students are admitted to Marshall, Edwards said. No state funds are used.

Edwards said some of the best recruiting tools are articu-

lation agreements with universities in other countries. In these universities students spend a couple of years of schooling, and a couple of years of schooling at Marshall.

"For example, in Malaysia, there are a limited number of spaces for students to go to school after their sophomore year," Edwards said. "We do articulation agreements and bring students over as juniors."

International students coming to Marshall do not receive financial aid, Edwards said. They pay their own tuition, or are sponsored by companies in their country who want them to come to work after graduation.

"All of the Chinese students are here for master's degrees," Edwards said. "In most cases they have worked on a job for three to five years."

The requirements for students once they are accepted to Marshall are the same as for any students, Edwards said. They have to pass a test of English proficiency, and if they cannot, Edwards said

they are admitted to the Second Language Institute which teaches English-speaking proficiency.

International students have their orientation program through the Office of International Programs.

"We want to institutionalize this program to become a part of the university orientation program," Edwards said.

Edwards said there is no

country like the United States where any student can go to college. For the most part, only the best students are able to attend classes outside the United States, so there is a difference in learning styles between American and international students.

Edwards said it is not unusual for an Asian student to be accustomed to taking 25 hours of classes a semester.

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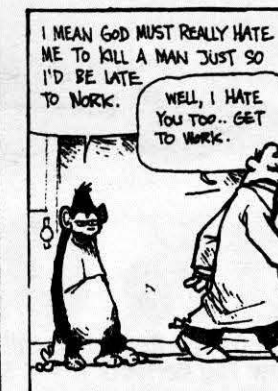
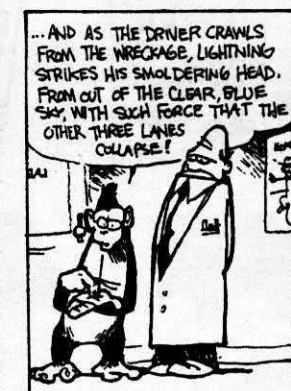
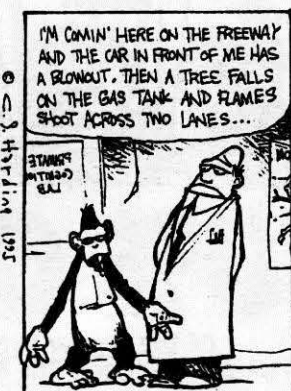
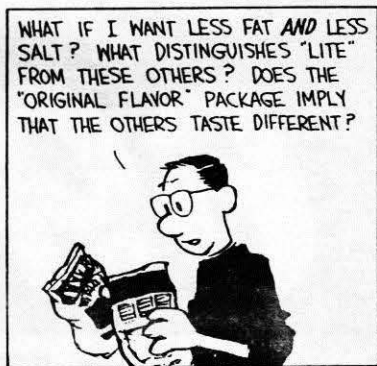
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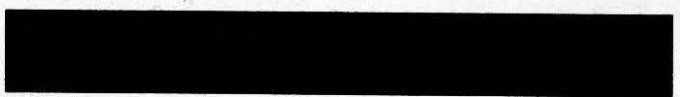
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## RULES

Welcome to The Parthenon's "Beat the sports guru" contest. The rules are pretty simple:

1. Check the box next to the team you think will win this weekend's game. Write in the score of the game listed as the tie-breaker (used only in event of tie).
2. Cut (or tear) out the contest then staple (or tape) a sheet with your name and telephone number where you can be reached.
3. Stuff your entry into the box marked contest entries located in Smith Hall 311. One entry per person (if we catch you cheating you lose).
4. Whoever picks the most games right and at the same time picks more right than Chris Johnson (sports editor and resident guru) then you win a free large pizza.
5. As always faculty and staff of The Parthenon or the School of Journalism and Mass Communications are not allowed to play.



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## Tie-Breaker

UTC vs. Georgia Southern  
score \_\_\_\_\_

## Moon says move to MAC is on track

By Michael Peck  
Reporter

The transition from Division I-AA to I-A is near completion, Lee Moon, Marshall University athletic director, said.

Marshall began its merge into the Mid-American Conference after accepting an invitation into the league, Moon said.

He said that the MAC conference officials took inventory of several schools.

Based on facilities and financial prospect opportunities, an invitation was extended to Marshall and the University of Illinois, who will become members of the MAC in 1997.

Moon said Marshall's facilities are greatly competitive in the league.

He said, "If we don't have the best facilities, we are definitely close to it."

The move to Division I-A for Marshall football means an

increase in the number of scholarships from the current number allowed by Division I-AA(63-85), Moon said.

Financing for the scholarships will come directly from the Athletic Department's budget.

Moon added that the football team will also hire three new coaches to compensate for the increase in the number of athletes.

Moon said the move into the MAC will also affect other Marshall athletic teams.

"It will give us a chance to play at a higher level. The football team will be playing for a conference championship and the opportunity to play in a bowl game. The move will develop regional rivalries, and there will be an increase in the level of competition in men's and women's basketball and volleyball, he said."

## Softball preparing for spring season

By Scott Moren  
Reporter

When one thinks of the fall, he perceive images of colorful leaves and tempature changes, but softball?

Yes, that's right, the Marshall University softball team will play a fall season this year.

The softball team will play in the Penn State tournament Sept. 23 and 24.

Louie Berndt, who coached the Lady Herd to the Southern Conference championship last year, said the fall season prepares all the players for the longer spring season.

Berndt said she is not going to be concerned with wins and losses in the fall.

Berndt will have most of her nucleus from last year's squad.

Stefanie Cook, 1994 Southern Conference Freshman-of-

the-Year, will be returning for the fall season. Other key players returning are Carrie Hinkle, Lisa Wilson, Christy Waring, (all-conference tournament team selection and MVP) and Missy Frost.

Coach Berndt said she will not use a set lineup during the fall season.

She said she wants to give ample playing time to all of her players, especially the freshmen.

Berndt will have six freshmen joining this year's team: Kolby Bauscher, Julie Meadows, Carrie Michaelis, Jamie Silva, Shannon Strozier, and Angie Thompson.

Competing in the tournament with Marshall will be Youngstown State, Penn State, and St. Francis. Coach Berndt expects Penn State to be the toughest opponent.



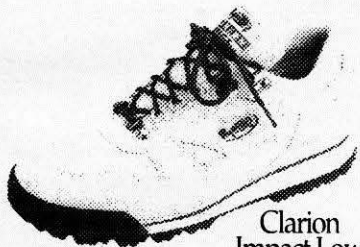
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# life

Thundering Herd fans show who they think is No. 1. Despite the pouring rain that fell all day Saturday, tailgaters showed up in droves for the football game against Georgia Southern.

## you can't rain on their parade

**whatever the weather,  
tailgaters are a fixture  
at football games**

The rain seemed to come from everywhere Saturday. There wasn't a dry spot anywhere.

And yet they came.

The streets flooded. Once proud flags bearing the green and white MU logo flapped limply in the steady downpour.

But with headlights and windshield wipers on full force, the tailgaters came, laden with hot dogs, hamburgers, and enough good humor to get them through a monsoon.

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The parking lots on 3rd Avenue were not crowded, but busy before the big football game against Georgia Southern. Ponchos of many different colors, but with green dominating, provided a rainbow effect. They huddled under make-shift tents, trying to keep the rain from sneaking down the back of their necks.

The shushing of the water spray from car tires driving on 3rd Avenue provided a backdrop for chatter about the upcoming game, Marshall's previous performance against Georgia Southern and the insanity of coming to the stadium hours early.

"We come because we're stupid," said season ticket holder Jeff Sheets of Huntington. "My wife wouldn't come. She's a bit smarter than I am."

Others in Sheets' group disagreed. Crowded close to his wife to keep the rain out of his cup, Bruce Boone said he comes to the games to provide support. "We're die-hard Herd fans!"

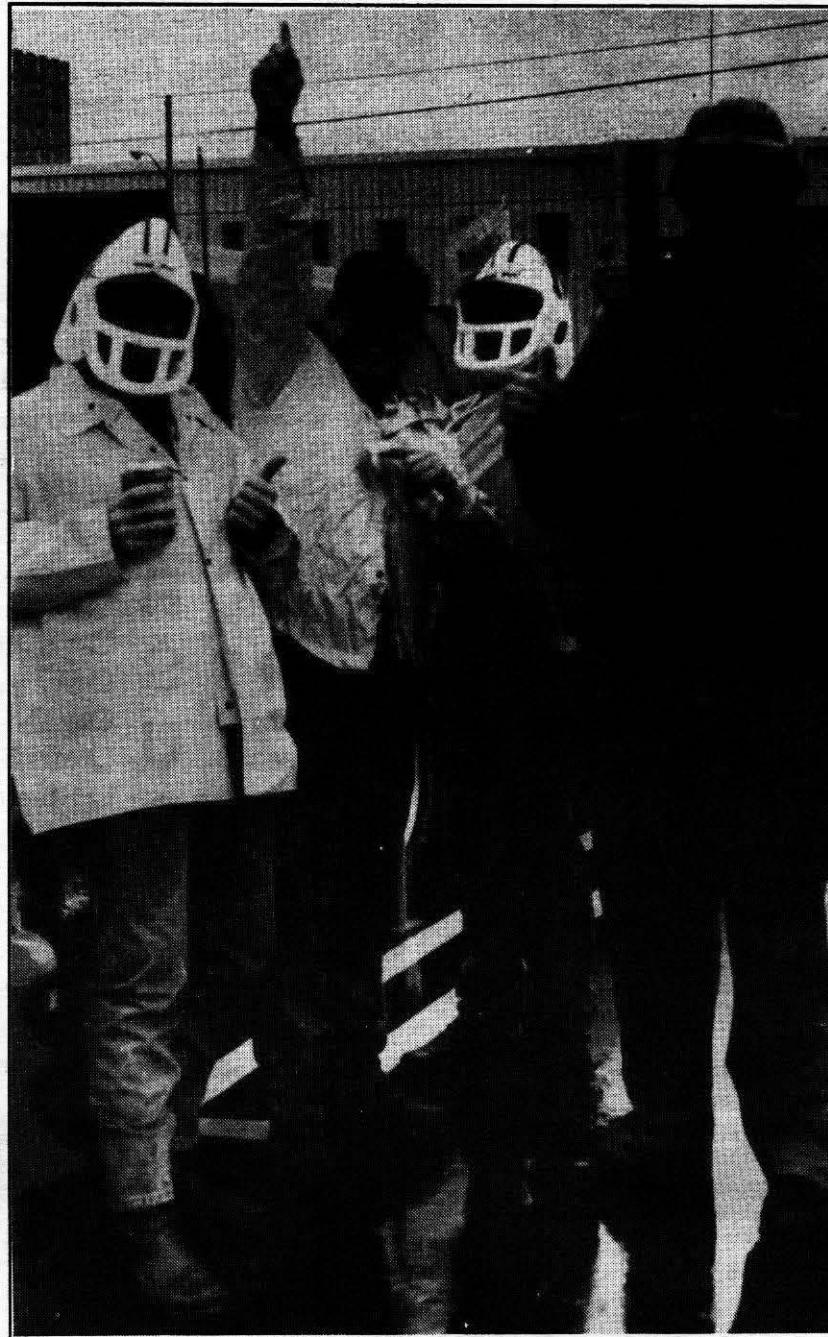
One lone group in the Roper's country bar parking lot braved the elements without a tent. Resigned to the relentless water, they kicked at puddles and tried to eat their hot dogs before they got too wet. They were surprised that some people would use the weather as an excuse to stay away.

"This is what you're supposed to do," Sande Genung of Beckley said.

Genung's friend Otho Plymala of Kenova said neither rain nor distance kept the group from lending their cheers and applause to the Marshall cause.

"The three of us went to Boise [Idaho] last year. We had a great time there. We'll have a great time here," said Plymala, whose love of the Herd has taken her to the ends of the country where Marshall played in the I-AA playoffs last season.

Enthusiastic supporters came from



all over to prove they were the Herd's No. 1 fans. Scott Aman from Charlotte, N.C., said he always had been a long time Herd fan but was unable to attend a game until Saturday. He said another factor helped him to cope with the soggy surroundings.

"N.C. State beat Marshall already, so the experience is OK so far," Aman said, smiling and glancing sideways to see the reaction from the group of Marshall alumni who had sheltered him with their tent since 4 p.m. It now was 6:30 p.m. and almost game time.

The group ignored him, eager to profess their own admiration for the Herd.

Butch Worrell of Huntington has bought season tickets for six years, and tailgates at every home game. He said the group's ability to withstand the weather was another indicator of their endless support.

"You think any other idiot would sit out here in the pouring rain?" Worrell asked.

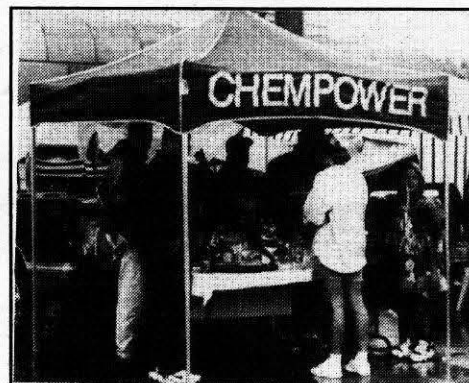
Some fans not only tolerated the rain, but reveled in it, laughing at each other's sodden conditions.

The self-titled "Road Crew" from Huntington and Red Jacket, W.Va., joked and jostled each other while they camped out in the stadium's west lot. Decked out in green and white plastic foam football helmets they bought at SuperAmerica, these men scoffed at other parties trying to stay dry.

"We don't believe in tents," John

Keaton Jr. said. "As long as the cooler is full, we don't care about the weather."

Alumni proved to be more loyal tailgaters than students, the absent element at Saturday's pre-game festivities. Huntington's younger population ran straight from their dorm rooms or cars to the stadium, green face



Tents became popular refuges prior to Saturday's football game between the Thundering Herd and Georgia Southern. With rain falling, tailgaters did their best to stay dry.

paint smearing and dripping onto their team sweatshirts.

Anne F. Clagg, Milton senior, was a typical student fan.

"We didn't tailgate today because there's too much rain, but we usually sit out in front of Smith Hall, to eat and listen to music," Clagg explained.

Ronald "Matt" Arrowood usually skips the tailgating part of football Saturday altogether.

"I don't tailgate," Arrowood said. "I usually just come straight here. The rain doesn't bother me, though, because I'll sit out here, sit with my friends and goof off."

As the sky grew dark, those who did congregate outside their cars folded up their plastic tents, carefully packed up their vehicles and went into the stadium, anticipating another Saturday afternoon.



Enjoying their favorite beverages, Marshall fans were forced to crowd under umbrellas before the Thundering Herd-Georgia Southern game.

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