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The story of the centenarian Delaney sisters is brought to Huntington, Page 5

Nobody attends

Students skip out on noon seminars

by Julie M. Strider
reporter

Where have all the people gone?

This question was on the mind of Leah Tolliver, coordinator of the Women's Center, Wednesday.

The center sponsored the second of its weekly lunch bag seminars. The only problem was that no one attended.

The program was titled "Who Said I had to do it All?" and was going to be presented by Melanie Baker, counselor. The goal was for the attendees to learn helpful skills about how to manage school, work, family and fun.

According to Tolliver, the event will be rescheduled.

However, this was not the first program to be put off until a later date. The first event on the calendar was supposed to be Jan. 22, "Help! Where's the Manual: The Challenges and Successes of the Single and Married Parent." No one was in attendance that date either, so it too will be rescheduled.

Why are students staying away from the events? Jaime R. Spadafore, Shinston sophomore, said that she was not aware of the seminars. "I did not even know that they were available to us, but I have see **LUNCH**, page 6

Gullickson advising center will offer new computer lab

by KENT P. CASSELLA
reporter

A new student athlete advising center in Gullickson Hall will give counselors much needed space while providing students with additional computing options.

Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president for operations, said work for the new center for the Buck Harless Student Athlete Program is on schedule.

Room 210 GH was formerly a large hardwood floor area sometimes used for aerobic exercise sessions and archery physical education classes during the winter months, said Dave Fenney, estimator at the physical plant.

Construction will include

adding walls, carpeting, and a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system; and dropping the ceiling, Fenney said.

Michelle Duncan, director of the Student Athlete Program, said the additional space is desperately needed for her rapidly growing program. With the university's switch to the Mid-American Conference the program must be able to support the student athletes in meeting the higher academic standards.

The new construction will provide expanded office space for the athletic academic counselors as well as a separate tutoring room, space the

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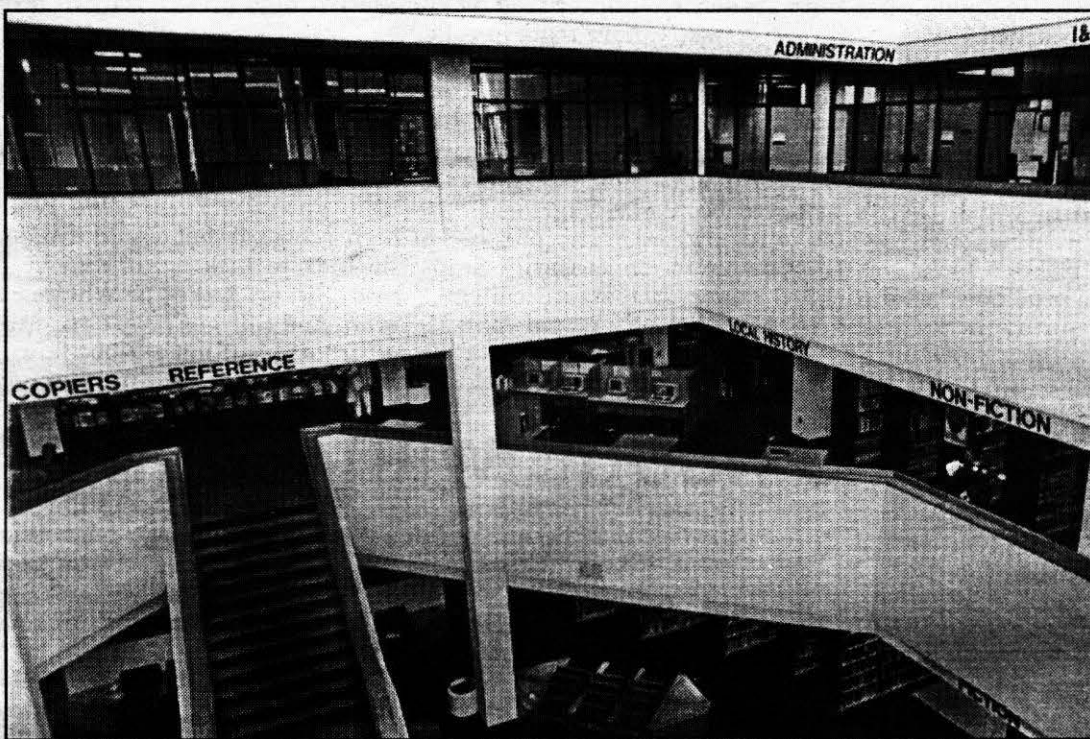


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Focus on Black history is on tap for February

by JACOB MESSER
reporter

It's almost February and that means it's Black History Month.

The month of planned activities is intended to inform individuals about African-American history, said Kenneth Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs and coordinator for African-American Students Programs.

"Every year we use this month as a focus point, not necessarily that everything in regards to African-Americans happened in the month of February, but it is a focal point of addressing some of those concerns," Blue said.

"We try to provide some experiences for our student population from all segments of African-American life — medical, academic, social, entertainment, et cetera."

Students may attend an array of events during Black History Month, Blue said.

"There is a cross-section of things for people to participate in," he said. "Throughout the month, we will try to address those concerns that affect African-Americans."

Individual participation is crucial, Blue said.

"The majority of the population sees it as events they can and will go to and that the activities are not all directed at African-American students. You have to begin to see these activities as activities of interest, not only for educational purposes but entertainment purposes as well."

Blue said four goals of the month are exposure, education, interaction and awareness.

"Throughout the month we will try to address those concerns that affect African-Americans."

**— Kenneth Blue,
coordinator for African-American
Students Programs**

"All of those variables are important in regard to dealing with what goes on during Black History Month," he said.

"The history of black people was never discussed. The educational system never really addressed it, at least not in a positive way. There was always a negative connotation or everything was on a social plain, so part of the month is for bringing in many of the intellectual, academic and political issues that are important to the lives of everyone to the forefront."

In conjunction with Black History Month, there will be more than 15 events on campus. Blue said each event would be beneficial for students to attend.

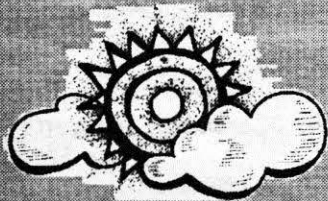
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Finals become a thing of the past

SHARON, Mass. (AP) — Final exams are over in this Boston suburb. Forever.

No more midterms, either. The show-me-everything-you've-learned-in-two-hours-or-less sessions that have been around as long as schools themselves are things of the past here. Teachers say there are better ways to gauge what their students have learned.

Education experts say it's a sign of the changing times, which have sent teachers in search of new ways to measure students' knowledge.

"It's a different kind of world out there in which there's going to be a premium not on being able to regurgitate isolated facts ... but to be able to solve problems," said Richard Elmore, an education professor at Harvard University. "Generally speaking, teachers are trying to change."

At Sharon High School, for example, students now may be graded on a portfolio of work or a project which incorporates months of lessons.

Perhaps not surprisingly, most Sharon students applauded the news that they would be spared the anxiety of midterms and finals. But some wondered whether they would be unprepared for cumulative, high-pressure tests in college.

It's a question administrators at Silver Lake Regional High School in Kingston, about 40 miles south of Boston, faced two years ago when they made a similar switch to alternative testing.

"The purpose of high school is not necessarily preparing kids to kick a test in college," said Silver Lake Principal John McEwan. And colleges' reluctance to break from tradition shouldn't interfere with progress, he

said.

Silver Lake students may face essay questions on a math test, or open-ended questions where a choice of three or four short answers might have once appeared. The school has not done away with finals, but combines them with alternatives.

"It's much more based on what they've been taught and how they've been taught, and less on recall," McEwan said.

Leron Hines, a 16-year-old Sharon junior, said his ability to memorize facts has not always helped him to understand.

"We really don't get all of it," he said. "We just memorize it. It's a waste of time."

Whether tested traditionally or not, "we're still learning," said Matt Slobodkin, another Sharon student. Word of no more finals "takes a lot of

pressure off us," he said.

Sharon teachers said their change was motivated in part by state-mandated time requirements they said left them no time for traditional exams. The state requires students to undergo 990 hours, or 180 days, of structured learning every year.



GQ gets risqué with Rodman

NEW YORK (AP) — The February issue of GQ magazine has two covers with one big difference: what's covering supermodel Rebecca Romijn as she stands in front of the Chicago Bulls' Dennis Rodman.

The version selling at newsstands shows Romijn wearing a white string bikini.

Subscribers to the magazine get the bikini bottom, but instead of the top they see

likenesses of Rodman's hands painted on her bare breasts.

The magazine opted to go with two covers because it knew retailers would be loath to put the racier version on newsstands, editor Art Cooper said Wednesday.

The cover, he said, was intended as a spoof of magazine covers featuring celebrities with hands covering their breasts, like Rolling Stone's 1993 photograph of singer Janet Jackson.

In the newsstand version, both Rodman and Romijn are in swimsuits, with Romijn holding up an arm to touch Rodman's ear.

In the subscriber version, likenesses of Rodman's hands are painted onto Romijn's breasts, while the basketball star holds up his hands in a no-foul gesture.

The cover line: "Dennis Rodman tries to get a grip on life, fame and career, but not on Rebecca Romijn."

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3. "I Believe I Can Fly," R. Kelly (Warner Sunset-Atlantic) (Platinum)
4. "Wannabe," Spice Girls (Virgin)
5. "I Believe In You and Me," Whitney Houston (Arista)
6. "Nobody," Keith Sweat featuring Athena Cage (Elektra) (Platinum)
7. "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down," Puff Daddy featuring Mase (Bad Boy)
8. "You Were Meant For Me," Jewel (Atlantic)
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Justice Department investigates Nationwide's discrimination claims

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. is facing federal scrutiny and lawsuits in at least seven states over claims that the company told its agents to avoid insuring homeowners in minority neighborhoods.

The Justice Department is looking into whether the nation's sixth-largest property and casualty insurer violated civil rights laws.

At least six Nationwide agents have said they were told not to do business in sections of cities where minorities were in the majority.

The lawsuits accuse the insurer of refusing to write policies on the basis of race or residence in low-income areas. They were filed in Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Maryland, Florida and Connecticut.

Nationwide spokesman John Millen said Wednesday that company executives have met with Justice Department officials about the complaints for several months.

Millen said redlining is against company policy. He said Nationwide is working on a plan to increase business in urban neighborhoods, but not because of the Justice Department inquiries.

Justice Department spokesman Lee Douglass would not confirm or deny that the

agency is investigating Nationwide. News of the probe was first reported last September by Best Link Insurance News Service, based in Oldwick N.J.

The National Fair Housing Alliance, a Washington-based nonprofit agency, has been investigating Nationwide's urban underwriting policies since 1991.

The group has found that people in white neighborhoods received better coverage and lower rates than homeowners in black areas, said Shanna Smith, the alliance's executive director.

"They wrote out ZIP codes where agents weren't allowed to pursue business," Ms. Smith said. "The company has policies that deny coverage in African-American and Latino neighborhoods."

Dave Farmer, senior vice president for the Alliance of American Insurers, said the number of complaints facing Nationwide is relatively small considering the company has 4,300 agents and 10.4 million policies.

"I don't want to minimize the complaints, but an overwhelming number of citizens of all races are getting property insurance," said Farmer, whose group represents about 260 insurance companies.

New Wal-Mart in Vermont alters small town image

WILLISTON, Vt. (AP) — The new Wal-Mart is big enough to play football in, nothing like the mom-and-pop stores that help give Vermont its small-town U.S.A. image.

And the scene at the grand opening Wednesday even looked like a football rally. There were colorful banners, a Garfield mascot, and cheering workers, two of whom sang the national anthem.

The festivities were part of a new game to be played in this town of 6,000, about 10 miles from Burlington: Learn to live with the world's largest retailer or go under.

While Wal-Mart talked of a huge selection for bargain hunters, some people criticized development in a state known for its rolling hills, Green Mountains and maple syrup. Opponents and the permit process had tied up the project for years.

"It's a sad day in the history of Vermont," said Burlington Mayor Peter Clavelle. "Wal-Mart, at this location, is the grossest example of sprawl."

"This Wal-Mart and the other big box retailers that will follow, will hurt many small businesses," he said. "It certainly makes Vermont much more like any other state, any other place, U.S.A."

The state now has three Wal-Marts, but the other two — in Rutland and Bennington — encountered less resistance because they're in cities.

Jeff Hoag, manager of Aubuchon Hardware in nearby Essex Center, said he expects tough competition

from the new Wal-Mart, in the middle of a former farm, near two busy state highways and Interstate 89.

"We'll give the best possible service from a hometown hardware store we can," Hoag said, adding that Wal-Mart employees "are never going to know your name."

"They're never going to say, 'Alan, how are you doing today?'"

Four protesters at Wal-Mart's front doors greeted shoppers with banners asking them not to forget local businesses.

"I don't think it's going to hurt anybody," Pamela Lavery said. "It's just like an Ames or Kmart."

Williston, is not a big tourist stop, despite the picturesque countryside that draws many people to Vermont. It's a center for retail stores and businesses, as well as home for people who work in Burlington and a nearby IBM plant.

Developers said the Williston Wal-Mart would give shoppers a choice.

"The consumers are going to be the ones who make the decision of whether Wal-Mart should be in Williston or not," said Jeff Davis, whose company owns the land on which the store sits.

But Williston town manager Bill Dugan said smaller stores would no doubt be hurt.

"That may mean that some other small businesses will have to go out of business or change the line of products they offer," he said. "But that's what the marketplace is all about."

briefs

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — There's priority parking, handicapped parking, and now ... stork parking.

The dilemma of expectant moms has been recognized by eight Busch's Valu Land grocery stores. The stores now set aside special parking spaces for pregnant women near store entrances.

Each space is marked with signs that show a stork carrying a newborn baby in a blanket and the words "expectant moms parking only."

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A radio station got its listeners' attention with a Groundhog Day promotion. It also got them upset.

The phones at KHTT-FM were flooded Wednesday morning after disc jockey Andy Barber said the station planned to drop "Grady the Groundhog" 200 feet from a hot air balloon.

If Grady survives, then spring will be on the way. If not, then winter will stick around.

Station news director Katrina Tyler said KHTT received so many calls, they started playing some of them on the air.

She said the station will go ahead with its plan Sunday, but isn't saying whether a live animal will be used. "All I can say is it's a groundhog," she said.

Rumor has it the station will drop a package of sausage — a ground hog.

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West Virginians more than dumb hillbillies

It is no secret that many people perceive residents of the Mountain State to be illiterate, inbred, beer-guzzling, coon-dog owning, no-shoe wearing rednecks without culture, civilization or education. In fact, the accusation was even made at a recent Faculty Senate meeting.

The truth is that many native West Virginians have progressed quite far on the food chain of life.

West Virginia's educational system was even awarded "Best of the 50 States," in its most recent report card.

The educational system has even passed the careful scrutiny of Japanese business leaders, therefore allowing the state to secure plants and opportunities with international corporations such as Toyota.

For the people still not entirely convinced, here a few of the more famous West Virginians who have broken the stereotype.

- Charles "Chuck" Yeager— pioneering pilot
- Jon McBride— astronaut
- Carter G. Woodson— civil rights leader
- Soupy Sales— entertainer
- Don Knotts— actor
- Pearl Buck— Pulitzer prize winning author
- Randy Barnes— Olympic gold medalist
- Mary Lou Retton— Olympic gold medalist
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Candidates will listen, work for students

In just over a month, the students of Marshall University will go through its annual process of selecting leadership for the student government.

Selecting the President, Vice-President and various Senators to the student government is a most important job for the student body.

These individuals will play an important role in the appropriations of student fees and represent students on various issues that surround our campus.

After much thought, I have decided to run for the office of President of the Student Body.

Over the past few weeks my running mate, J.J. Spicheck, and I have spent much time organizing a campaign staff, meeting students and listening to their concerns.

We feel as if we can work for the student body most effectively by voicing their opinions by means of the student government.

J.J. and I can bring many positive attributes to the positions in which we seek.

J.J. has served in the United States Army like many other Marshall students and can

bring that experience and leadership training to the office of Vice-President.

I have served as editor of a newspaper and have worked in the past in various student organizations.

Most importantly we are willing to dedicate ourselves to the job and work hard to represent the students of Marshall University.

In the next few weeks, we will be raising the intensity of our campaign. As we do, important student issues will be discussed and plans on how to implement ideas into policy will be made.

As President and Vice-President we would like to work on a Fall Break for students.

We would like to make students fees work most effectively for students, work with Marriott and Chick-fil-A to see if meals could be placed on student I.D.s.

We would like to create more student scholarships to reward hard academic work.

We would like to work with the several Greek, religious and special interest organizations on campus to create greater unity and plan events, concerts and activities for the student body.

As candidates, J.J. Spicheck and myself will make no outlandish promises other than we will listen, act and work diligently for the students of Marshall University.

Sincerely,
Matt Glover
Charleston junior

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Delaney sisters' play visits town

by JACOB MESSER
reporter

The famous Delaney sisters, Bessie and Sadie, are coming to Marshall.

Well, not exactly, but the Broadway play about their lives, which spanned more than a century, is.

"Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years" will be performed Monday at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre and will kick off the campus-wide events of Black History Month.

The play, which is presented by the Marshall Artists Series and the Office of Multi-cultural Affairs and Inter-national Programs, is about the accomplishments and lives of real-life sisters.

"The Delaney sisters were

remarkable not just for their longevity, but for their willingness to talk about important issues in an honest and creative fashion," James McDermott, promotions specialist for the Marshall Artists Series, said.

"In 'Having Our Say,' they invite us into their kitchen as they relive their memories of the past, their insight into the present and their hopes for the future."

According to a press release, "Having Our Say" received rave reviews from the media after it was performed in Chicago.

Hedy Weiss of the Chicago Sun-Times called the play "a charming, flawlessly acted, feel-good chronicle of the remarkable lives of two remarkable sisters."

Richard Christiansen of the



Marshall Artists Series photograph

Lizan Mitchell (seated) as Dr. Bessie Delany, and Micki Grant as Miss Sadie Delany will perform "Having Our Say" Feb. 3 at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Chicago Tribune said, "The audience immediately fell in love with the Delaney sisters, and instantly rose to give a standing ovation. You will too."

Tickets for the play are \$26 and \$22, half price for chil-

dren 17 and under. Tickets are free for full-time students with valid Marshall and half-price for part-time students, faculty and staff.

Information is available from the Marshall Artists Series box office at 696-6656.

Proposal for merger sent to Legislature

by ERIN E. GILKERSON
reporter

As of last Friday afternoon, the proposal for a merger with Marshall University and the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies passed its first stage of approval, President J. Wade Gilley said.

Gilley explained the merger proposal will next be sent to the West Virginia Legislature for final approval.

"The exact language of the bill is still being worked on," said Gilley.

"If the merger is approved by the legislature, it will be a done deal."

"This merger will benefit Marshall financially, politically and educationally," Gilley said.

"We have a coherent, long-term plan for development in the area."

Gilley said he feels this merger will allow for a common market in the Charleston area which will result in an increase in the university's enrollment.

"We will have one common market, one university," Gilley said.

"Thirty percent of our students will be graduate students if this merger is approved."

Gilley explained that with the merger will come the entire issue of the metro valley. "Charleston and Huntington will offer one comprehensive university service," Gilley said.

He said there will probably be a small amount of instructor transfers.

"I think we will only see a modest amount of this as more graduate courses will be offered in Charleston," Gilley said.

Students and faculty at both institutions will be informed of the merger decision after the final meeting with the legislature Feb. 12.

Tennessean appointed Community College provost

by ANDREA SELLS
reporter

The Community and Technical College will have a new provost Feb. 1.

Dr. Betty L. Kyger, vice president of academic services at Columbia (Tenn.) State Community College, has been appointed to this position.

Kyger has served in Illinois as an instructor at Danville Area Community College. In Springfield she was a part-time instructor and educational development officer at Lincoln Land Community

College, an assistant dean of arts and sciences at Columbia State Community College and associate director for instructional services for the Illinois Community College Board.

Kyger will be replacing Dr. Robert Hayes who said Kyger is definitely qualified for the role.

"Everyone I've talked to concerning this has been really supportive of Kyger," Hayes said.

Hayes also said the community college is an excellent college and he'll miss the people, but it's time for him to move on.

"It's time for me to get out of here and do something else for a change," Hayes said. Enrollment grew 22 percent this past semester and the Community and Technical College is a good place for students to begin their career, he said.

Kyger is a native of Dana, Ind., where she earned her B.S. degree in Business Education and English from Ball State University.

Her Ph.D. in higher education administration is from Illinois State University and she received two master's degrees, one in Education and Business Education from the University of Illinois and one in Literature and English from Sangamon State University.

Kyger was treasurer of the Columbia Kiwanis club and



Kyger

served on the Education Committee of the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce. She is a past president of the

Tennessee Chapter of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges and the Tennessee College Association.

Kyger also served as board member for the Tennessee Leadership organization.

She is listed in International "Who's Who of Professional and Business Women" and is the author of a number of publications in her field.

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class when they are held anyway."

How does the Women's Center plan to deal with its low attendance rate?

Tolliver said, "We are putting up flyers and are making calendars with all the events on them. Hopefully, people will start coming when they see what programs we have scheduled."

The third time just may be

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current area in the Henderson Center does not provide, Duncan said. Current offices in the center occupy custodial space while tutoring is conducted in the Big Green room when it is available, she added.

The most important part of the construction is a 25 terminal computer laboratory. "We are excited to be able to have the computers right in the center," Duncan said.

The new computer laborato-

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and allow them to interact with all those things related to African-American students," Blue said.

"I would like for all students to come out to all the events. We know that students will make their own

the charm. Feb. 5 Linda Stockwell, counselor, presents "Relationships: How to Survive a Breakup." According to a spokesman at the center, this program will be perfect for anyone needing to learn the skills for how to get through the grieving process that comes with separation. Anyone is welcome to this informal discussion at noon in Pritchard Hall Room 143.

More information or a calendar of events is available at the Women's Center, Pritchard Hall 143, 696-3338.

ry will give all university students access to additional terminals during the day while student athletes are at practices. During evening hours the lab will be reserved for student athletes, Duncan said.

The in-house project is being paid for with institutional funds for small scale construction projects, Grose said.

Duncan said donations made to the student athlete program through the MU Foundation will also help furnish the center.

The \$100,000 project began on Nov. 1, and is scheduled for completion by mid-March.

decisions, but we are encouraging them to come out to the events."

In addition to events on the calendar, programs will be presented on WPBY, Blue said.

Students can learn about experiences of African-Americans at the national level, and individuals from history they are unaware of, by tuning in, he said.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

MONDAY: "Having Our Say," an inspirational play based on the best-selling autobiography of the Delaney Sisters, 8 p.m., Keith-Albee Theatre.

WEDNESDAY: "Beyond the Dream IX: The Wisdom of Our Elders, the Eagerness of those to Follow," live videoconference, 1-3 p.m. Shawkey Room, Memorial Student Center.
"Great Performances: The Story of Gospel Music," the transformation of gospel music into the international mainstream, 9:30 p.m. WPBY TV-33.

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On-line financial aid assistance

by **MICHELLE L. MARTIN**
reporter

Students interested in surfing the Internet in search of financial aid can get an introduction to the process next week.

The Financial Aid Office is offering a financial aid Internet resources workshop at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday in Jenkins Hall Room 236.

"This is the first time we've offered this type of workshop, and we're very excited about it," said Jack L. Toney, director of financial aid.

Students attending the session will receive hands-on instruction on how to conduct a scholarship search through the Internet in a lab environment, Toney said.

The Internet has a number of websites addressing financial aid such as SRN Express and ExPAN Scholarship Search. In this workshop, though, students will work with the largest financial aid site on the internet, fastWEB, Toney said.

"This website searches about 180,000 external scholarship sources," he said.

"Based on information the student inputs, it finds available scholarships by matching criteria such as student status and field of study."

Advance registration is not required for the workshop and students do not need to have experience with computers or the internet.

Students unable to attend the workshop can access fastWEB through the financial aid section of Marshall's homepage, at (www.marshall.edu/sfa/), or directly, at (www.studentservices.com/fasweb/).

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National honors for Pruett

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MAC inks contract for new bowl game

The Mid-American Conference and the newest NCAA post-season college football game, the Motor City Bowl, have signed a perpetual contract assuring the MAC and the bowl an affiliation for as long as the bowl and the conference both exist.

The Ford Motor City Bowl announced its plans Thursday to play its inaugural game December 26, 1997 in the Pontiac Silverdome. The game will feature the MAC champion against an at-large opponent.

ESPN and the Motor City Bowl have made an agreement that assures national television coverage of the game for five years.

ESPN Director of College Sports Programming Dave Brown said he was enthused about the bowl.

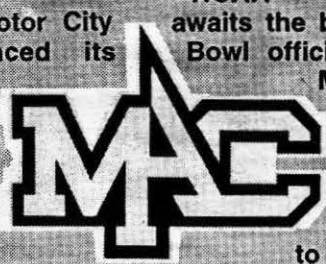
"From the first phone call from (MAC Commissioner) Jerry Ippoliti, I have thought this was a great opportunity for the Mid-American Conference," Brown said. "This bowl elevates the MAC to an unprecedented level on the national scene."

NCAA certification awaits the bowl in April.

Bowl officials said the Motor City Bowl will have the option to extend its at-large bid to any bowl-eligible school in the NCAA Division I-A to the MAC champion's opponent.

Conferences expressing interest are the Big Ten, the Southeastern (SEC), the Big East and Conference USA.

Marshall will join the MAC for the 1997 season. The MAC champion will be determined at the MAC Championship Game at Marshall Stadium in 1997.



Herd looks to rebound

by **ROBERT McCUNE**
staff writer

A swift bounce, an elevated jump and a little more play at the boards might be all Marshall's Thundering Herd basketball team will need to rebound from its recent conference loss to Virginia Military Institute.

Since Monday's 45-41 loss to VMI, the Herd has been working on improving its rebounding skills.

Marshall has an away match against Southern Conference opponent East Ten-

nessee State University 7 p.m. Saturday.

The loss to VMI was the Herd's first in the conference this season and dropped Marshall to 14-4 overall, 6-1 in the conference.

"This is the most important game of the year for us, especially coming off a loss like that," senior forward John Brannen said.

Coach Greg White said, "We play our games in weeks. We got beat the first Monday. The main thing is to move to 1-1 this week, and not take two losses in a row."

ETSU has proven to be a strong rebounding team led by freshman Ryan Wilson, who is also 15th in the league at the boards.

Marshall, on the other hand, hasn't been as successful in rebounds.

"We've got to realize that five guys have got to get one, two, maybe three more rebounds a game," White said. "If everybody would pitch in and get one or two, guards included, then they can compensate for us not having a five man."

"We've won all year, and we've had the same problem rebounding wise. We've out-rebounded our opponents very few times, and still won. But you can't out-turnover your opponent, and get beat on the boards. You've got to win one of those two stats to win."

The Herd is led in rebounding by freshman forward Derrick Wright with 44 offensive and 75 defensive rebounds on the season.

White said, "Right now, everybody's saying, 'Okay,

Derrick, get it.' Well, Derrick's getting his and more. But, everybody's got to go, 'Okay, Derrick, I'm going to get two or three more.'"

The Buccaneers are 5-14 overall and 0-6 in the conference with their most recent loss to UT-Chattanooga, 83-53, Wednesday night.

However, White said he isn't looking past them.

"They're a Division I player. They are going to break out of their slump, eventually. We just don't want it to be against us," he said.

The Herd's injury report shows Brannen getting over an ankle injury, and sophomore forward Von Dale Morton has recovered from a slight hernia problem.

Following Saturday's match against the Buccaneers, the Herd will return home for a match against the Davidson Wildcats 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Davidson is currently 10-8 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

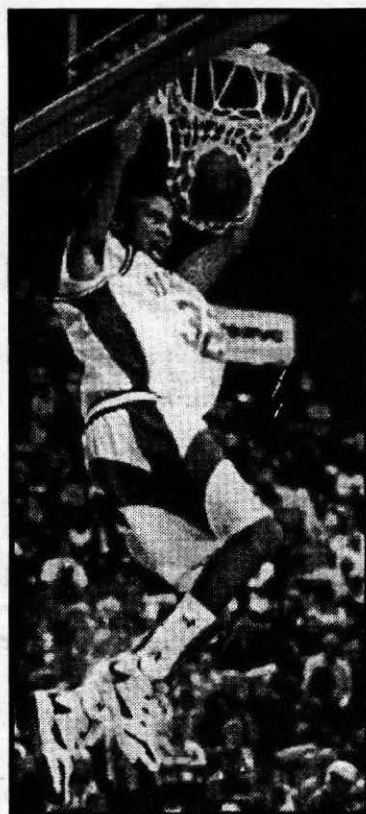
"I know they are very well coached," Brannen said. "They know when to fast break and when not to. They've got some strong players. They have a good mixture. I think, they are just a good all-around team."



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Coach Greg White has called for Carlton King and his teammates to help Derrick Wright on the boards.

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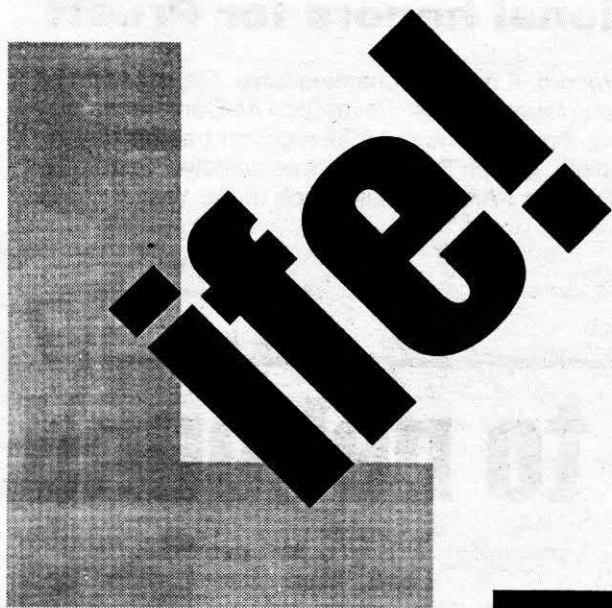
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The 'BLIZ' BLITZ

Hockey games action packed

Attending a Huntington Blizzard hockey game is an experience your ears and eyes may never forget. Games are action packed, complete with a flying blimp dropping coupons, to kids throwing rubber fish on the floor when the home team scores. Read all about the "BLIZ" in Wednesday's LIFE! page.

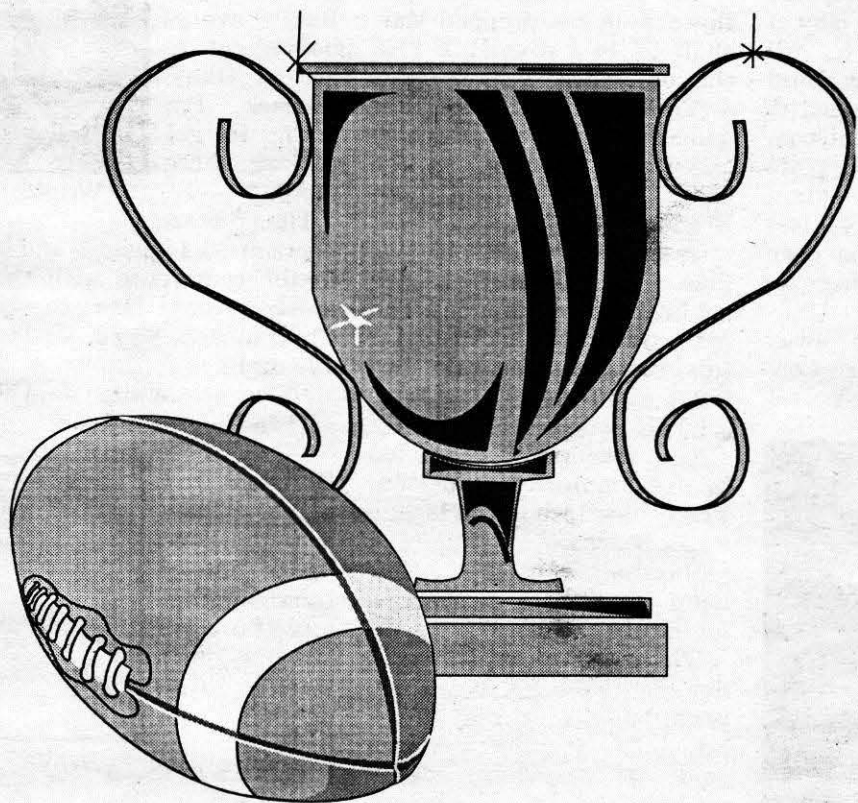
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LEARNING THE GAME

The Herd shows grade school kids what it's like to win at sports and at life

Football fans of all ages saluted the champions at Cox Landing Elementary School Wednesday.

Students with painted faces stood around, eager to congratulate the Thundering Herd for winning the NCAA I-AA National Championship.

Kids in cheerleading uniforms and lots of green and white greeted the Herd at the school along the Ohio River in northeastern Cabell County.

Everyone gathered in the gymnasium to see Herd players Chris Hansen, Chad Pennington, DeWayne Lewis, B.J. Summers, Ricky Hall, John Grace, Doug Hodges, Andre O'Neal and Paul Totten.

Children shouted with excitement and waved paper pom poms as the football players entered the gym.

Students at Cox Landing Elementary School have a connection with the winning team.

Some children have even received letters from Herd players.

"I drew a picture for Billy Lyon, number 86, and he wrote me a letter which said my picture would help him in the game," said Michele R. VanMeter, third-grade student.

Although the children

each have a favorite player, B.J. Summers was the most popular in Barbara Hensley's third-grade class.

Danny R. Tassen, who has attended five football games, said Summers is his favorite player.

The Herd helped Hensley's third-graders learn grammar.

"B.J. Summers is a good player, and I have liked him for a long time," said Courtney M. Cox, one of Hensley's students. "We do exercises in class sometimes that involve Marshall when we practice the vocabulary and adjectives."

Hensley's class practiced sentence structures using Herd players and games.

"I would write a paragraph involving Herd games and the kids would recognize where punctuation is needed," Hensley said.

Cassity A. Bonnie, fifth-grade teacher, said teachers, children and parent volunteers began planning Wednesday's celebration in December. They made footballs, pom poms, and letters to decorate the school.

Bonnie said her fifth-graders are fans of the whole team, but she said Randy Moss is a class

favorite.

"I think the enthusiasm generated by the Marshall football team will help the children's interest in college," Bonnie said.

Ruth B. Swanson, fourth-grade teacher, said fourth- and fifth-grade students in the "Just Say No" Club used the Herd championship to show that leadership and commitment equal success.

"The kids have thought of slogans and learned songs throughout the past couple of weeks," Swanson said.

Herd players told kids to listen to their teachers. They also emphasized the importance of good grades and developing repetitive study habits.

Each player explained the use of different football equipment to the children. Players took turns talking to children and letting them guess how the equipment was supposed to be used.

"Stay in school and get an education because it is very important," said Chad Pennington, sophomore quarterback. "You will need an education to have money and be successful."

Freshman defensive end DeWayne Lewis

said he is an example of how children from single-parent homes can be successful.

He said education was important to his mother. He told the children that playing football can lead to injuries. Good grades are essential to get somewhere in life, he said.

"If you believe in yourself then you can go anywhere in this world," Lewis said.

Summers, junior defensive back, stressed the importance of staying off drugs. He said he had a bad experience in high school, and he did not want them to go through what he experienced.

"Leave drugs and alcohol alone because they are bad for the body and mind," Summers said.

Ernie L. Purnsley, secondary coach, said the football team tries to reach out and give kids hope.

Cox Landing Elementary School students said they plan to be saluting the Herd again next year.

**Story
by
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