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Fireworks go off in the nation's capitol, Page 8

Merger to cause changes in faculty, staff

by GINA M. KERBY
reporter

Changes in faculty, staff and schools have resulted from the July 1 merger of Marshall University with the West Virginia Graduate College, which was renamed the Marshall University Graduate College.

The merger, termed in a report as creating a "new Marshall University," has eliminated some divisions and created others.

And, the planning continues. Members of the Graduate Education Strategic Planning Sub-Committee

are to meet at 9:30 a.m. July 15 in the Thomas Board Room at the South Charleston campus to consider additional changes. The meeting is open to the public.

Senate Bill 67, signed by Gov. Cecil Underwood on April 9, sanctioned the merger of West Virginia Graduate College with Marshall. The new Graduate College is responsible for planning and operating all graduate programs, except for those in the medical school.

The bill created the need for a new operating plan which has been developed by more than 50 people from

both institutions and the community, according to the Executive Summary preceding a report entitled "Interim Executive Policy Bulletin No. 12" dated June 30.

The intended result is one integrated university with a statewide mission and campuses in Huntington and Charleston, according to the Executive Summary. Both the summary and the bulletin are available in President J. Wade Gilley's office, 216 Old Main.

The merger has created a Graduate School of Education and Professional Development within the College of

Education encompassing the programs and faculty at the former WVGC. A committee is to recommend a plan to consolidate graduate education programs by Oct. 1.

A Graduate School of Management has been created within the Lewis College of Business and will be located on the South Charleston campus. Planners are to recommend to Gilley by Jan. 1 what approach to take for accreditation and expanding service to non-traditional students in southern West Virginia.

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Craft show had touch of Marshall

by MICHELE MCKNIGHT
lifer editor

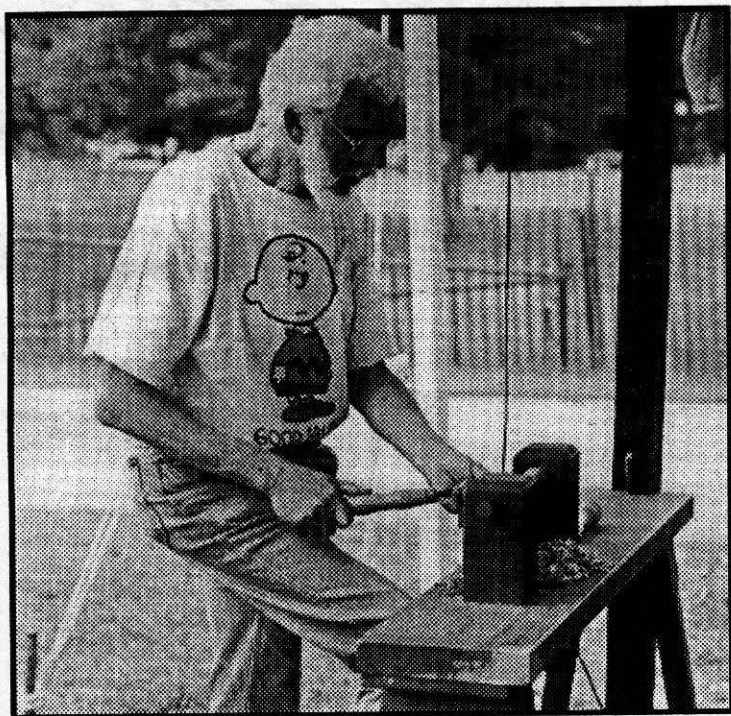


Photo by Melissa Young

Charlie Brown, building manager at Marshall, shows he has other talents outside of his normal routine.

Bill Meadows has been sharing his talent with West Virginia for more than 25 years. The 1963 Marshall graduate and Huntington resident is a potter who has been participating in the Mountain State Art and Craft fair since 1971. His porcelain, stoneware and crystalline pieces are part of West Virginia's largest craft show, which showcases the mountain people's craftsmanship each year at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, W.Va.

"This fair is more like a fair family," Meadows said. "You see people come and go, and you see people who were here when you started. I've got people who have been buying my work for 25 years."

Meadows received an art degree from Marshall in 1963 and went on to teach ceramics, painting and photography at Barboursville junior and senior high schools until 1989. He said it wasn't until he was teaching at Barboursville that he discovered his love for pottery.

"My students liked clay, and I had never done it, so in order to do a better job in teaching, I took a class at Marshall and here I am."

Now Meadows teaches at the Huntington Museum of Art and Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio. He said he plans to participate in the fair for 12 more years as a pot-

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Coach named for Lady Herd basketball

For those who may have thought Marshall University was never going to find a new women's basketball coach, a sigh of relief came late Wednesday afternoon.

In a 4 p.m. press conference, Lance West named Juliene Simpson as the new women's basketball coach.

Simpson has coached basketball for 19 years, most recently at Bucknell where she posted a 65-98 record. Her prior coaching stints have been served with Whitworth, Arizona State, Cincinnati and Amarillo Junior College.

The former olympic basketball star is the winningest coach in Arizona State women's basketball history with 134 wins.

Patterson to coach women's soccer

by EDWARD TERRY
staff reporter

On Tuesday, among a crowd of reporters and photographers, Sports Information director, Clark Haptonstall introduced the coach of Marshall's newest women's sport.

"Her experience as a student athlete, her demeanor and the fact that she is a great role model for our student athletes, helped to make our decision," said Lance West, athletic director.

Teresa Patterson, 24, was named as the first head coach of the new women's soccer team. She was a goalkeeper at Mercer University in Macon, Ga., and spent two years as an assistant coach at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

"I am very excited about the challenge of starting the program at Marshall," Patterson said. "My goal is to compete for the conference championship in our first year."

The program will begin this fall as a club team and will move up to the varsity level in 1998. Tryouts will be in the fall and Patterson will be looking to the student body for players in the first year of the program.

"I have already started recruiting and evaluating players," Patterson said. "I'd like to recruit mainly here in West Virginia and will also use my connections in Alabama."

Women's soccer is sanctioned by the state of West Virginia at the high school level. This is one of the reasons Marshall chose soccer as its newest women's sport, West said.

"Women's soccer is the fastest growing sport in college athletics," Haptonstall said.

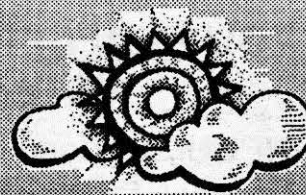
In the past year, 22 division 1-A athletic departments have added women's soccer, West said.

The season will take place in the fall, when it has to compete with football, men's soccer and volleyball. The games will be played at the soccer field behind the football stadium.

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Page edited by Gary Hale

School officials plan new shifts for unruly students

LOWELL, Mass. (AP) — School troublemakers may find themselves waking up a lot later to get to class, and the bell to go home may not ring until 8 p.m.

This city north of Boston is contemplating removing problem students from regular classes and putting them in night school.

"It turns out there are one, two or three students in each class who are full of mischief, who are disruptive," said William Taupier, a Lowell school committee member. "It's a small number, but the wrath they bring on the whole system is unfair to the other 98 percent."

Night school would improve the atmosphere for attentive students and give troublemakers an incentive to straighten out, Taupier said.

"It's not going to be a case where you'll be exiled from school forever," he said.

Night school is just one solution Lowell is considering to deal with a problem.

Two years ago, special classrooms were set up in eight of the nine middle schools for uncontrollable students. And an alternative school was to open this fall for 27 extremely disruptive children who otherwise would face expulsion.

But it appears not to be enough, and education for the vast majority of students who come to learn is suffering, some claimed.

"If you ask classroom teachers who have been around a

long time what the most significant change they've seen over the years, most will bring up behavioral problems," said Jay Goldman, editor of School Administrator Magazine.

Ellen Spiegel, hired as director of Lowell's alternative school, agreed that discipline has gotten worse over the years. But she said it may be a reflection of different times. "I think life is more complicated," she said. "The kids need more support because of a changing world."

Taupier sees it differently. "They have lousy parents," he said. "I think the most difficult situation in public education in 1997 is the lack of parental guidance."

Not everybody agrees with Taupier. Kathryn Stoklosa, an 18-year veteran of the Lowell school committee, thinks as many as 300 students could be placed in night school and fears it would be too large an expense.

And while many parents welcome the idea, others are afraid night school would become a dumping ground.

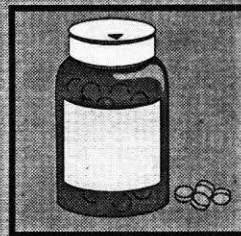
"I know for a fact that teachers do have a hard time dealing with kids who are difficult," said Deanna White, whose 11-year-old son, Justin, attended four elementary schools in Lowell before he was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder.

"But they should first look at if it's the children's fault before putting them in night school," she said.

Corporation pays \$45 mil for stolen idea

DENVER (AP) — A judge ruled American Cyanamid stole an idea to improve a pregnancy vitamin, ordering the pharmaceutical giant to pay \$45 million to the University of Colorado and two of its researchers.

U.S. District Court Judge John Kane said Cyanamid relied on "stealth and deception" in claiming credit for the reformulation of its Materna vitamin to enhance the delivery of iron



to pregnant women.

"Cyanamid defrauded the doctors of their idea, making that idea their own," Kane wrote Monday. The researchers, Drs.

Paul Seligman and Robert Allen, in the 1980s found a better way to deliver iron to mothers-to-be, who risk becoming anemic during pregnancy. Cyanamid won a patent for the breakthrough, naming Ellenbogen as the sole inventor.

Seligman and Allen each were awarded \$6 million, and the rest went to the university. American Home Products, the parent of American Cyanamid, declined to comment.

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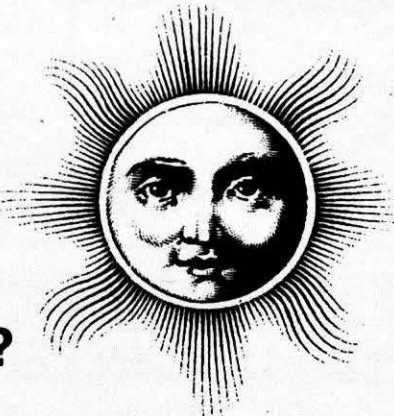
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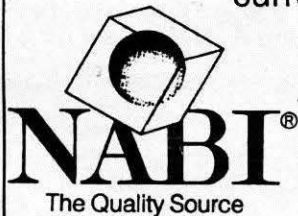
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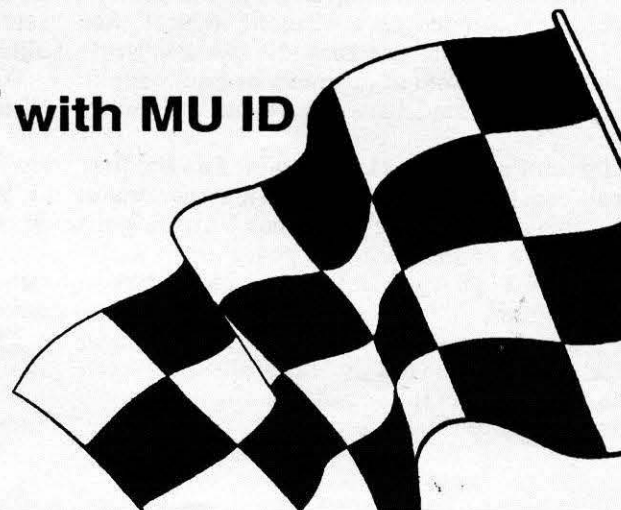
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FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — An Army Blackhawk helicopter crashed and burned in a wooded area on this base Tuesday, killing all eight soldiers on board, military officials said. Cpl. Carol Ann Diggs said all those killed were part of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Clowns bring healing laughter to children

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Calling Dr. Chester Drawers, Dr. Sneakers, Doc Geezer! Emergency funny bone transplant needed, stat!

Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital on Monday welcomed to its staff "physicians" with bright red noses and floppy shoes, even though they wouldn't stop clowning around. Armed with the latest in

kazoo and bubble-making technology, the new docs are members of the Big Apple Circus Clown Care Unit. With bedside visits, the professionally trained clowns hope to make the hospital a little less scary for kids.

"I think you need a nose transplant!" was the diagnosis from Dr. Chester Drawers for 9-year-old Kaitlin Frankle.

Kaitlin said she was having so much fun with the clown's antics — the card tricks were her favorite — that she nearly forgot she's having a kidney operation on Wednesday.

"I love them. I love all the different kinds of tricks," said Kaitlin, a fifth-grader from Brewster, N.Y. "I can't wait to come back."

The clowns' prescriptions include juggling,

mime, magic and music. They also use procedures like kitty cat scans, red nose transplants, chocolate milk transfusions and plate-spinning platelet tests.

Dr. Norman Siegel, vice chairman of pediatrics, said there has been medical literature that shows a patient's prognosis improves with a positive attitude.



Americans remain fascinated with the galaxy's unknown

LOS ANGELES (AP) — America is in the middle of a space invasion.

In the news: the Pathfinder landing on Mars, trouble on the Mir space station, the space shuttle orbiting Earth, the suicides linked to the Hale-Bopp comet.

In the movie theaters: "Men in Black," the Fourth of July's top film, and "Contact" about to debut.

On television: "The X-Files" and "Third Rock from the Sun."

From Madison Avenue: space- or alien-themed ads from Kodak, Hostess, Quisp cereal, Volkswagen and Breathe Right nasal strips.

And from left field: UFO believers flocking to Roswell, N.M.

What on Earth — or Mars or Jupiter or Pluto — is going on here?

"Earth as a planet is suffering from the view the grass is greener on the other side of the intergalactic fence," said Ed Solomon, the "Men in Black" screenwriter. "I think people are looking above and beyond for things to find hope in — and be mad at."

Jon Hodge, director of the Santa Monica College Planetarium, said space has a particular appeal to restless Americans, who had to start looking to the heavens after the push West hit the Pacific

Ocean.

"The public is really interested in exploration and the idea of a frontier, maybe because frontiers are a part of American culture," he said.

"America was developed with a frontier mentality, where people were continually challenged by new prob-

weekend debut, Pathfinder had NASA basking in its best publicity since the early days of the space shuttle program.

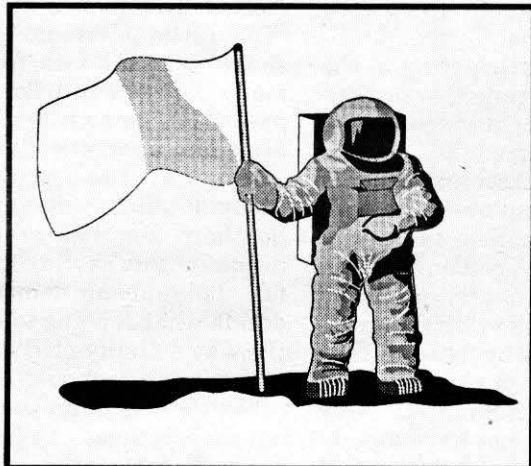
Meantime, the Mir space station was getting a much different kind of attention as it limped along after a collision with a cargo ship. Mir got new supplies Monday in a docking mission that went off without a hitch.

Also in orbit is the crew of the shuttle Columbia. The mission has been overshadowed by Marsmania but is still getting attention as a space sidebar to newscasts dominated by news from the final frontier.

All of this far-out interest got off with a bang in March with the story of the suicides of cultists who

thought they would fly off on a spaceship in Hale-Bopp's wake. The mass deaths put a macabre spin on the already big story of the comet, which could be seen from many Americans' front yards.

"There was a lot of interest generated due to the cult suicide," said Peter Hubert, owner of Peter & Sons in Redondo Beach, which sells telescopes and photographs of space. "They all wanted to know if I had pictures of the space ship following Hale-Bopp."



lems that had to be faced in new ways."

All of a sudden, be it earthly dissatisfaction, a deep-seated American consciousness or just chance, space-related phenomena are arranging themselves in popular culture like aligned planets.

"I think the time is right," said Janos Jeszenszky, a sales representative for Celestron International, a telescope manufacturer.

While "Men in Black" was reaping \$51.1 million in its

briefs

WAILUKU, Maui (AP) — Apparently, John F. Kennedy looked a lot like a 15th century Hawaiian priest.

A rock that once bore a resemblance to JFK is now said to resemble a Hawaiian priest named Kauakawai. So Iao Valley State Park is changing its signs to reflect the change.

New signs will tell tourists that the rock bears the likeness of the priest. Legend has it that the priest was turned to rock, to guard the royal bones buried in the valley.

Native Hawaiians said they grew up learning the rock was a profile of Kauakawai, but in the 1960s its identity was changed to JFK.

Maui state parks chief Floyd Miyazono said it was important to return the profile to reflect Hawaiian tradition. Besides, he said, erosion has taken its toll and the rock formation doesn't look much like the late president anymore.

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. (AP) — A lot of what's flushed down the toilet isn't meant for treatment. Just ask Commerce City's sewer plant supervisor Steve Walker.

He's seen goldfish, golf balls and a human being. "About twice a year I get calls from women who say they dropped their diamond ring in the toilet, and that, 'My husband will kill me if I lost the ring,'" Walker said.

Nine years ago, the body of a man arrived at the plant. "The guy who showed up was trying to steal some aluminum grating, accidentally fell in, hit his head and showed up 40 minutes later," Walker said.

Every once in a while the sewer will pay off for a lucky worker. One employee snagged a \$100 bill and two \$50 bills during a single shift.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — They squeal with delight at the sight of a chugging choo-choo. They'd do anything to have a Hudson freight train of their very own.

They are men in love with the trains they played with as boys. And they are attending one of the biggest toy train auctions of the year.

"A lot of people here are reliving their childhoods," toy expert Bob Regan said of Tuesday's auction.

Collectors and investors on Monday carefully inspected a huge cache of toy trains.

A postwar Hudson freight set with the engine still sealed in its original cardboard box, originally selling for \$75, is expected to go for at least \$10,000. A Lionel searchlight car, one of only two in red known to exist, has been appraised between \$7,000 and \$10,000.

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— Steve Walker
Commerce City sewer plant supervisor

Enticing pictures no reason to visit the red planet

Sometimes it takes something out of this world to get people to watch and listen. This is the case with the Pathfinder spacecraft that landed on Mars last week. The pictures that have been sent back have appeared in newspapers and on the nightly news. Over 100 million hits have been recorded on Internet sites that show these pictures. Scientists are scrambling to explain Mars' past. All eyes seem to be glued to those pictures and rightfully so. They are interesting, something to get the mind off of the pressures of the day. But now there is talk of sending astronauts to Mars in less than 20 years. NBC news reported Monday that NASA could be ready to launch in 2015 with an expected price-tag of at least \$25 billion.

Could this next step be too far? Many U.S. citizens get upset with what they consider to be excess funds and resources given to other countries. Their line is, "Let's worry about our own backyard before we worry about another." Some are sure to drop dead in dis-

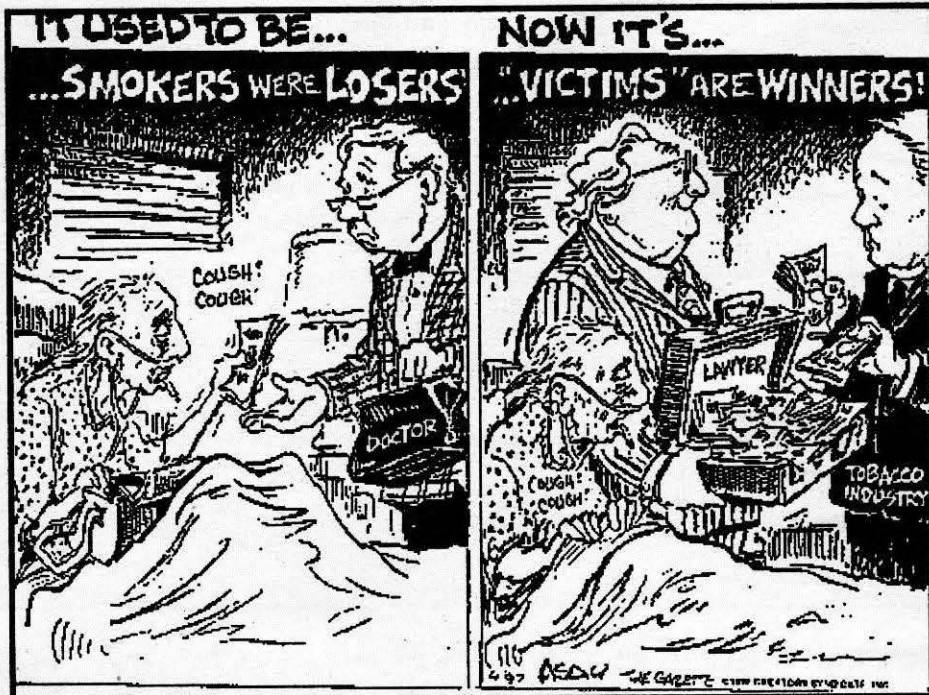
our VIEW

The U.S. should be wary of sending astronauts to Mars simply because pride and a little research are the driving factors.

belief if the U.S. pours billions of dollars into another planet!

Going to Mars just because we have the technology and money to do it does not make it right. What earthly gain do we receive from setting our flag up first on Mars? Sure, rocks will be collected and scientists will theorize about Mars' origins. But that doesn't feed the homeless, help Social Security or give tax refunds to hard-working families. The risk involved of losing lives and equipment, in itself, should be enough to really question the idea.

We should not get caught up in the race to be first on Mars. Instead, we should swallow a little pride, put the flag on our own soil and go to work helping those in need. If Mars is rusting... let it rust.



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Disney boycott justifiable

tonia **HOLBROOK**
columnist

A tell-tale sign of any "Generation Xer" is that they were raised, to some degree, by the television. It was their teacher, entertainer and baby-sitter. I am no different. My mother exclaims what a shame it is that Disney has gone bad. She says she always felt safe putting me in front of a Disney video. Those days are gone.

That is right. My family is participating in the great Disney boycott, and we are not even Southern Baptists! After hearing the arguments, we decided it was a matter of principle.

First is the scandal of Disney providing benefits to the partners of homosexual employees. I am all for equal rights, but this qualifies as special rights. This government does not recognize these couples as being legally married. Since the Disney company does not extend benefits to heterosexual employees' significant others, why should they award them to other unmarried couples?

Disney has also hosted unannounced "Gay Days" in their theme parks. I do not have a problem whatsoever with homosexuals in the park. I

do have a problem with couples, gay or straight, acting inappropriately in public and especially in the presence of children. Disney should have the courtesy to let their visitors know when "Gay Day" is. Homosexuals can march until they are blue in the face, but I do not appreciate being thrown into it unknowingly after having paid for over-priced tickets for my family.

Finally, I was shocked to find out so many Disney films contained subliminal messages. The same company that made me cry when Bambi's mother died makes me puke when the priest in "The Little Mermaid" gets an erection. Disney should take a lesson from Warner Brothers. How many cartoons did Porky Pig appear in with no pants? His cartoonist did not think it was vital to draw him anatomically correct.

Many say that boycotts never work, but I would not be so quick to discount their effectiveness. The Southern Baptists are the largest non-Catholic denomination in the country. Besides, the wonderful thing about democracy is that the people decide what is going to be. If the people do not like the way a family-oriented company is orienting itself, then they should stop funding it.

I know it is quite the faux pas for people to act out their religious beliefs, but I for one am glad to see some taking the initiative.

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Welfare needs to be fixed not trashed

ken **SUNDERLAND**
columnist

Sometime within the next one to four years the U.S. is likely to experience a recession. Nothing guarantees this, but statistics indicate that it is highly likely. Since many students at Marshall will be entering the labor market in this period, it might be wise to pause and reflect on events of the recent past as well as the likely shape of the near future.

Recent past: Welfare reform (read: repeal) is passed by Congress and signed into law by the president. In a relatively strong economy, few sounds of protest are heard. Single mothers and their children are hard-est hit.

Recent past and present: Computer-related jobs in repair

and software manufacturing are among the fastest increasing job markets in the country. Consequently, both recent high-school graduates and older folks looking for good-paying jobs flood institutions of higher learning.

Near future: Thousands of hopeful college graduates enter a high-tech labor market already saturated with recently laid-off workers and bankrupt stay-at-home contractors. Unemployment, in general, is made worse by the influx of former welfare recipients into the market.

Near future: College grads with two- and four-year degrees (and higher) are forced to compete for scarce low-paying jobs so as to put food into their children's mouths. Not having held a steady job in two or more years, they don't qualify for unemployment benefits. Many are forced to apply for AFDC

(Aid for Families with Dependent Children), but AFDC has been largely eliminated. What aid exists is tied to the recipients' "willingness to work."

Potential recipients cannot prove such willingness, since there are no jobs.

Unrealistic? Is any single event of the above scenario untrue or unlikely? Then why should the result be surprising?

Welfare recipients are not, and have never been, welfare queens and loafers. The time on welfare for the average recipient is less than two years. The purpose is to help people in hard times.

If the system is broken, then it should be fixed. Somebody needs to tell Congress that "trashing" is not synonymous with "fixing."

If you would like information about welfare reform, its realities and its consequences, you can contact me at: sunderl1@marshall.edu. The skin you save may be your own.

Associate dean named

by **MICHELE McKNIGHT**
life! editor

Marshall's College of Education and Human Services has a new associate dean.

Dr. John Hough, associate professor of curriculum and instruction at Marshall, became associate dean July 1. He had been serving as the interim associate dean since January.

"I look forward to assisting the college to develop optional visions in the area of curriculum development and program development," Hough said.

Dr. Larry Froehlich, dean of the college of education, said Hough will review the current teacher education program and be instrumental in the preparation for the accreditation team coming in November.

Hough received his bachelor's degree in education and political science from the University of Tulsa, Okla., his master's in guidance and counseling from Emporia State University in Kansas and his doctorate in curriculum/instruction/supervision from Oklahoma State University at Stillwater.

Before coming to Marshall in 1989, Hough served as a guidance counselor in Kansas and Oklahoma public schools. He also served as director of admissions at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas and taught social studies in Lenapah, Okla., public schools.

Hough has also made presentations throughout the Tri-State. He has had papers published in professional magazines and worked on videos and television programs on the subject of curriculum and education for schools.

Memorandum of understanding signed

Marshall University is playing a vital role in the development of the Hatfield-McCoy recreational trail in southern West Virginia.

One Marshall graduate and two undergraduates are serving as summer interns with the Bureau of Land Management to map and evaluate the trails.

Yesterday, the memorandum of understanding was signed at the university formalizing the partnership between the Hatfield-McCoy Recreation Development Coalition, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the American Motorcyclist Association.



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Proceeds from book used for scholarship

by **GINA M. KERBY**
staff reporter

The proceeds from the book "Huntington: An Illustrated History" by James E. Casto, will be used for an academic scholarship fund at Marshall.

The book was originally published in 1985 by a company in California. Casto said he spoke to the company about reprinting the book and was instead offered the opportunity to buy the rights from the company to reprint it himself. For this endeavor, he needed a non-profit partner and turned to President J. Wade Gilley, who accepted the partnership.

Casto gained financial support from several industries to cut the cost of publication. In exchange, the industries were given space to tell their own stories. President Gilley decided that the proceeds would become part of a scholarship fund.

A self-proclaimed "workaholic," Casto said the purpose of the book is to "tell a little bit of the story of Huntington." There were some changes made for the republication. The second release includes updated information about changes in Huntington that occurred since the first publication. It also contains several more photographs of Marshall.

Casto is currently the associate editor of The Herald-Dispatch. A Marshall graduate, Casto maintains close ties with the university. He is the president of the Marshall University Library Associates and of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism Alumni Association. He is also a board member of the Marshall University Alumni Association.

Casto's book is available at several area bookstores for \$20 plus tax for the soft-bound edition. It is also available through the Marshall University Foundation Inc. by calling 696-3977.



file photo
Casto said he wrote "Huntington: An Illustrated History" to "tell a little bit of the story of Huntington."

Summer fitness activities offered

Individual swimming lessons at the Henderson Center Pool are being offered through the Marshall Sports Science and Wellness Institute.

Certified swimming instructor Tara Saville said the lessons are available to anyone over the age of three. The cost is \$10 for each 30-minute lesson.

Anyone interested in swimming lessons can call Saville at 525-4031.

A recreational tennis league is in action this summer until Aug. 19. Anyone interested in playing singles or doubles matches may participate Tuesday nights starting at 6 p.m. on the Marshall University tennis courts. There is a \$5 charge to cover the cost of tennis balls.

To register or obtain more information, call Tom Lovins at 696-2942.

FACULTY

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The Graduate School of Information Technology and Engineering, formed by the merger of MU's Technology Management Program and WVGC's School of Engineering and Science, is to operate from the Charleston campus.

A new School of Extended Education, located on the Charleston campus, will merge continuing education programs and develop off-campus and non-traditional programs, according to the bulletin.

Functions at the two institutions that have been merged include the personnel and payroll offices, computing, libraries and information technology, business schools, extended education and distance learning, institutional research and planning, and graduate school administration.

Gilley said no one will lose a job, but several people will be reassigned to new positions. Former WVGC President Dr. Dennis P. Prisk, now Marshall's senior vice president for gradu-

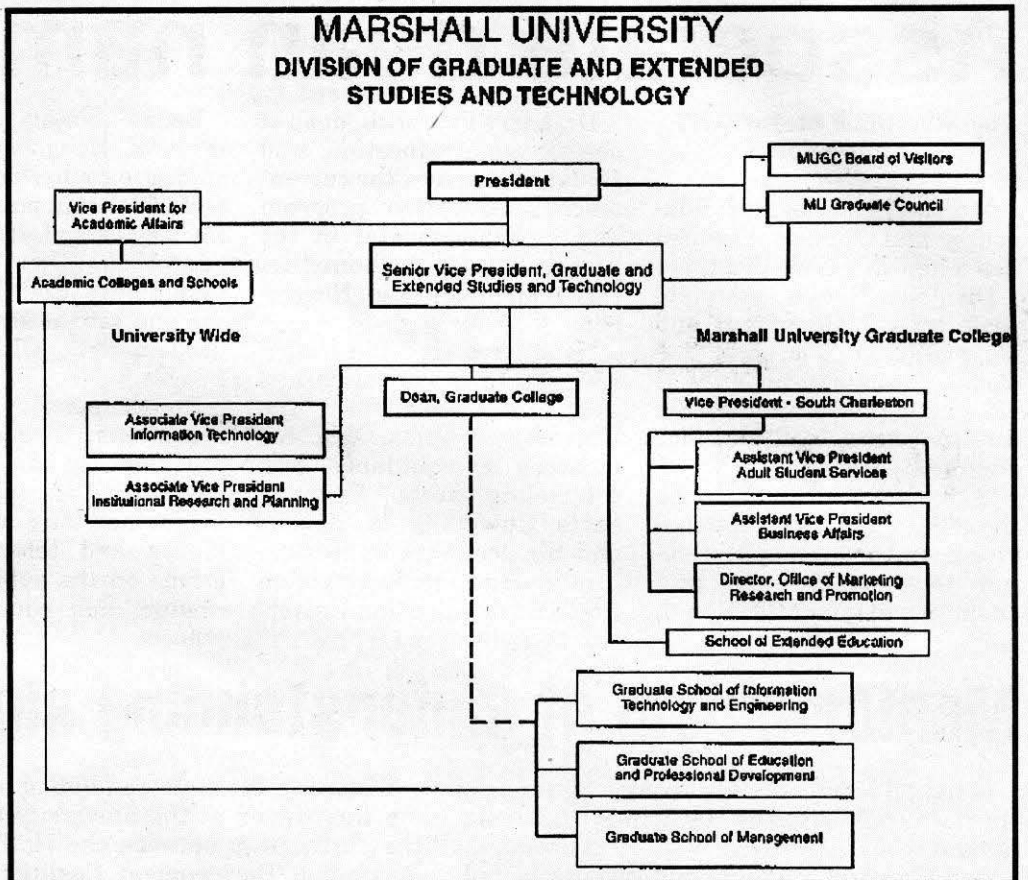
ate and extended studies, said most jobs will remain the same.

A Graduate Council of 22 members is being formed to recommend long-range planning, and hiring, promotion and tenure policies for graduate faculty.

According to the bulletin, by Nov. 1 Marshall is to give the Board of Trustees a revised strategic plan to consolidate the two institutions, "using the same salary policies and the basic financial assumptions as currently being utilized with Marshall University, the Community and Technical College, and the Marshall School of Medicine. These policies and assumptions may be modified in order to accommodate the special circumstances of the Graduate College."

Separate budgets will be kept for the university and the Graduate College, during the year of 1997-98. The Graduate College will be included with Marshall's revised organizational structure.

According to bulletin, the new policies are "all subject to review and modification, where justified."



CRAFTS

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ter, then another 10 as a painter.

"That will be a record," Meadows said. "Probably no one will hang in there that long. There may be 10 or 15 exhibitors who have been here as long, but not a whole lot longer than me."

Meadows may be right about having the longest participation record at the fair, but there are others who come in a close second.

Charles Brown, manager of building services at Marshall, has been sharing his wood working skills at the mountain state fair for 25 years.

"I make nice things, for nice people, at nice prices," Brown said about his wooden bud vases, bowls, clocks, earrings, thimbles and other wood accessories.

Brown's hobby is also a business. He said works out of a home shop he calls "Brown's Woodcrafts." He said he sells his work at Tamarack, the Charleston Cultural Center and the Greenbrier Resort, as well as other shops in Chicago, Montana and California.

"I started life as a whittler," Brown said. "I did pocket knife work. I made little dogs,

cats and birds. Then I did a craft show, or two, and found I enjoyed the wood." Brown said he then put down his pocket knife and taught himself to turn wood.

"It's very relaxing for me," Brown said. "It's very rewarding to make the work, to improve my skills."

Brown said he will retire in March 1998 and become a full-time craftsman.

The first Mountain State Art and Craft Fair was in 1963, the year West Virginia

celebrated its 100th birthday. The annual event, which showcases West Virginia style crafts, music, dancing, story telling and food, has been nationally recognized for its traditional display of mountain state culture. It has grown over the years to become one of West Virginia's largest tourist attractions.

This year's fair, which was July 2-6, attracted more than 33,000 people, according to Lisa Gruber, Cedar Lakes conference center director.

That figure is down from the 1996 attendance record of more than 36,000.

"Last year was our largest attendance ever," Ollie Harvey, fair board vice president for press and publicity said. "The decline in attendance wasn't bad considering we

had two days of rain and a power outage."

The drop in attendance did have an adverse effect upon sales. Harvey said the 1997 fair grossed approximately \$879,832, which is a \$37,000 drop from 1996 gross sales of \$916,832.

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Juliene Simpson will be Marshall's head women's basketball coach, Director of Athletics Lance West announced yesterday. In 19 years as head coach, Simpson has compiled an overall record of 272-252.

Henderson Center's much-needed improvements to begin in spring

By **EDWARD TERRY**
staff reporter

In December, the Henderson Center will celebrate its 16th birthday. Next March, after the end of the basketball season, much needed improvements will begin.

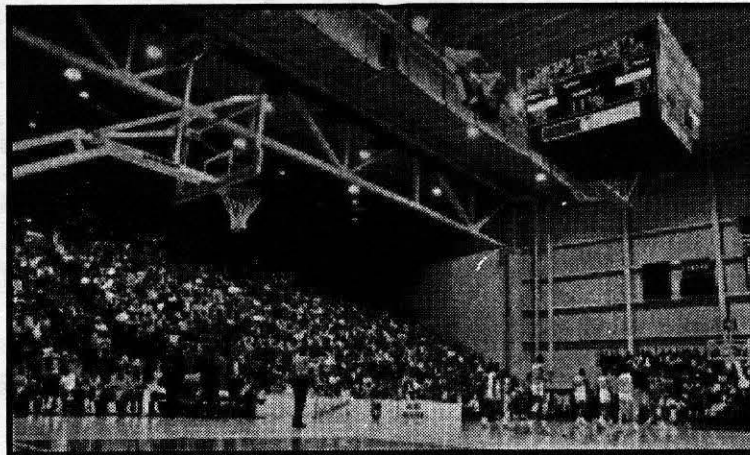
"The current conditions of the Henderson Center promp-

ted these much-needed improvements," said Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president of operations. "The arena has never been satisfactory for basketball."

The \$4.3 million project, funded by a \$12 million bond for the university from the University of West Virginia Board of Trustees, will include new seating, a sound system, a playing floor and a steel structure in the center of the ceiling for the sound system and scoreboard.

"The biggest piece of the project will be putting in the permanent seating," Grose said. "We are going to eliminate the retractable seating and install permanent chair-back seats. They will be solid and comfortable."

Often fans were forced to bring things to put under their seat to brace it, Grose said.



file photo

The Henderson Center has had many heydays and Coach Greg White says it can be great again. Construction will begin after the 1997-98 season.

The new seating is expected to create more space on both sides of the arena for the new Big Green Room under the permanent new bleachers.

There are currently no plans for the old Big Green Room, Grose said.

Another room filled with jerseys, trophies, photos and other historical Thundering Herd basketball items is planned for the other side of the arena.

Men's Head Basketball Coach Greg White said, "The

Henderson Center has taken a beating over the years."

He said he is pleased improvements are being made and credits President J. Wade Gilley with seeing the need for them.

"The Henderson Center is a good arena," White said. "With the improvements it will be a great arena. I am very pleased that the university is allowing the work."

"One of the things I've noticed about Dr. Gilley is that he is a visionary. He can see into the future."

Grose said the construction will be on the east side of Henderson Center and will not affect Gullickson Hall.

"Any time you do construction there will be inconveniences," Grose said.

The construction will begin after the 1997-98 basketball season and will be completed prior to the 1998-99 season.

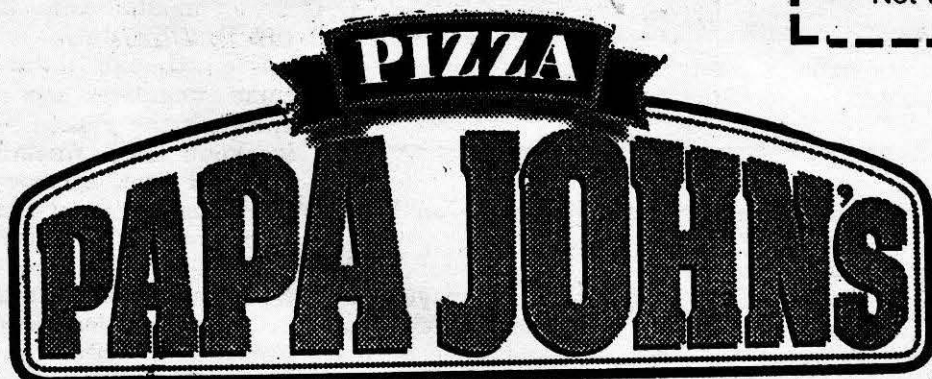
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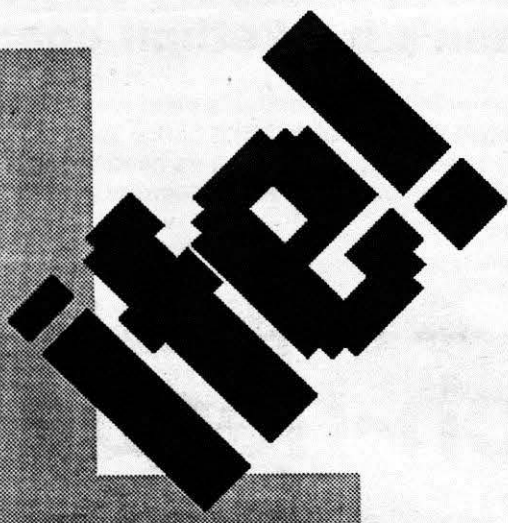
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The Huntington Outdoor Theater is performing the musical comedy "Oklahoma" at the Ritter Park Amphitheater this summer. The show runs tonight through July 13 and again July 17-20. Showtime is 8 p.m. More about the music and dancing in Oklahoma and the stars of the show.

Next Thursday in Life!



INDEPENDENCE DAY

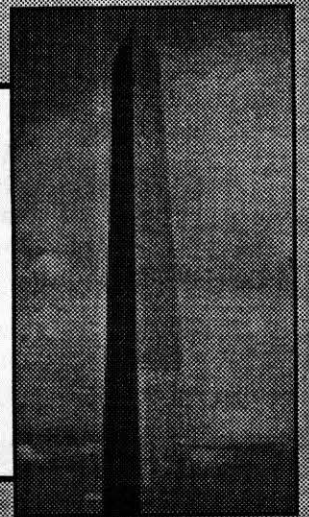


Posing with Uncle Sam at the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C., Style

Story and photos by Edward Terry

Parthenon reporter Edward Terry spent the 4th of July in Washington, D.C. These are his observations.



The Washington Monument.

Fireworks, food, music, a diversity of people and the nation's capital. These are the ingredients for a memorable Fourth of July celebration.

As I boarded the Metro train in Vienna, Va., I wasn't sure what to expect. Coming from rural West Virginia, I had never attended a large Fourth of July celebration. Until now the Fourth was just a day to cookout, set off fireworks and do anything to beat the heat.

As more and more people loaded the train, I noticed the diversity of the crowd. Just about every race, nationality and religion was represented and all seemed as proud to be in the capital as I was. Throughout the day, I heard many languages other than English, and many people appeared to be tourists here to see the celebration.

After a 30-minute ride on the Metro train, we arrived at the Smithsonian station. As the escalator brought us up from under the Washington streets, I could feel the excitement in the air.

Most of the celebration took place at the National Mall, the area from the Washington Monument to the Capitol and between the various museums of the Smithsonian Institution.

It was eight hours before the fireworks display, and the crowd was steadily growing.

The variety of sights and sounds coming from all sides were overwhelming.

Everywhere I looked people were walking, riding bikes, picnicking, playing volleyball

and enjoying the beautiful weather.

Volunteers were walking around and asking for signatures on several petitions.

Everywhere you turned people were handing out fliers about religions and politics.

At the center of the mall, under large tents, people enjoyed music, demonstra-

tions, dancing and narratives at the Smithsonian's 31st annual Festival of American Folk Life. At this festival you could enjoy everything from fried catfish at the Mississippi Delta to Nigerian Praise Poetry at the African American Folk Life.

A few yards from the

decided the Fourth was not the best day for sightseeing. Getting closer to the capitol, street vendors became more numerous, selling everything from \$3 bottled water to umbrella hats with stars and stripes. A man dressed as Uncle Sam was posing for pictures with the public, and

various entertainers, such as jugglers, lined the walk

filled up as it began to get dark. In the background, the orchestra began playing the Star Spangled Banner. All at once, thousands of people rose from their picnic blankets and began to sing along.

At this time I began feeling very patriotic and somewhat

emotional about our country's 221st birthday.

It was finally time for the fireworks. The first bright red blast appeared just above the Washington Monument. Behind us a cannon began to fire shots accompanying the show.

The 21-minute show was amazing; it was like none I have ever seen. The show included peace signs, stars, smiley faces and red hearts with arrows through them, all of which drew applause from the spectators.

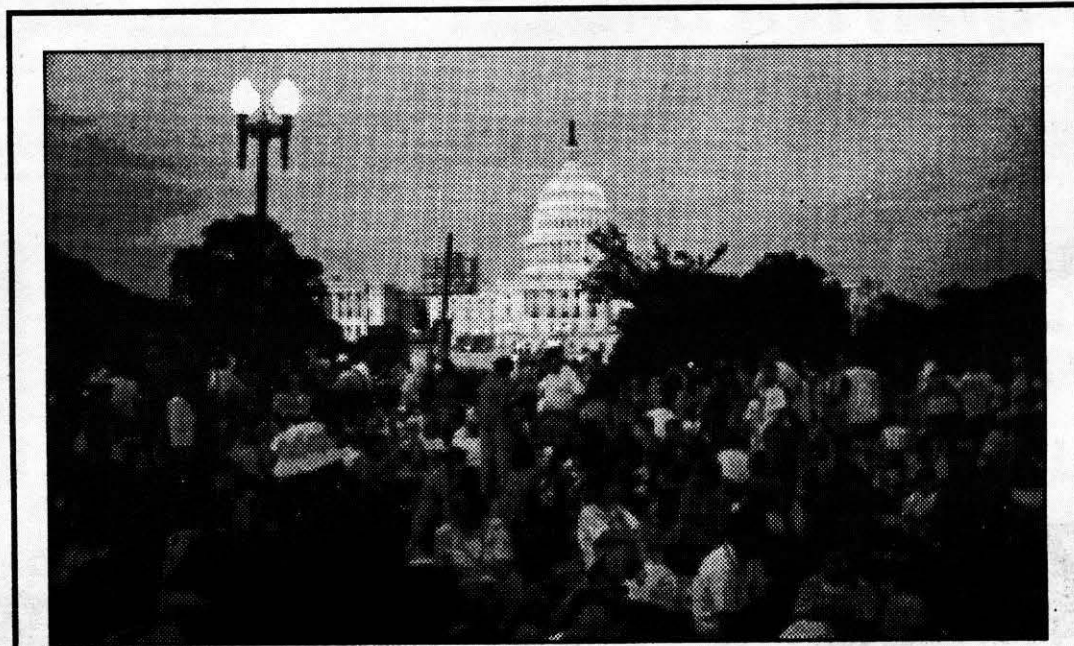
In the background, an orchestra played songs such as "God Bless America" and the "National Emblem." The combination of the music and the fireworks gave me chills. Even though it's a cliché, I felt proud to be an American.

The show ended with an amazing finale, in which 100 shells were set off all at once, according to the Washington Post.

As I rode back to Vienna on the packed Metro train, tired from walking in the 90-degree weather all day, I reflected on the sights and experiences of this Fourth of July.

Even though there were some negative aspects of spending the Fourth of July weekend in Washington, D.C., the heat, the crowd and the obscene amount of money I spent on food and drinks, it was well worth the seven hour drive from Huntington.

Celebrating the Fourth in the nation's capital was something that everyone should experience, no matter what country you are from.



The Independence Day celebration at our nation's capital drew several hundred thousand spectators, according to The Washington Post.