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Get a handle on the Mountain State Bike Race, Page 7

Scholars experience new cultures and study abroad

by HEATHER B. KEENE

reporter

Marshall University's Yeager Scholars seem to be making the most of their opportunity to travel world wide as part of their study abroad experience.

In addition to many other benefits, Yeager Scholars receive \$4,000 toward a study abroad experience. "Such study is considered a part of their educational experience and it would be unusual for a student not to go," Martha C. Woodward, executive director of the center for academic excellence said.

Yeager Scholars often study at Oxford University in England, but students can choose to study in a country where their choice of a foreign language is used daily. "We have had students go to Columbia, Brazil, Mexico, England, France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Russia and Australia over the years," Woodward said.

Eric R. Griffis, Atlanta senior, chose to do his study abroad experience at Anglia University in Cambridge, England. His term of study lasted five and a half months during the last spring semester.

Griffis said studying abroad was a very good experience for him. "It was interesting to be involved in a different form of education. At Anglia University they have 12 weeks of classes and six weeks of breaks. This gave me time to see other parts of Europe," he said. "I was able to travel to Ireland, Spain and France," Griffis said.

Adapting to a different educational and social environment was the best part of studying abroad, he said. "You have to learn a whole new way of doing things. The people are much more formal than Americans."

As for school, Griffis said students set their own pace. "There is more freedom. You are expected to read on your own, at your own speed," he said.

Elizabeth Grujovski, Detroit senior, also had a posi-

tive study abroad experience. She studied in Cambridge, England for 10 months.

Like Griffis, she had the opportunity to see more of Europe, such as Rome, France and Scotland. "Edinborough, Scotland was my favorite place," she said.

"It was my best year in school so far. I had a fabulous time," Grujovski said of the experience. "My favorite thing was meeting such a variety of people from different countries with different specialties."

While in England, Grujovski was faced with many stereotypes of America. "They see America as a country of opportunity. They are amazed by the ease with which we find jobs. They have high unemployment rates there," she said. "They think that because Americans have money we boss people around."

"The English also tend to think of Americans as loud and obnoxious," Grujovski said. "I can understand this. After being in England for a while, I was sometimes embarrassed by the behavior of tourists I saw," she said.

Grujovski said that because of the positive affect the program had on her, she would recommend the experience of studying abroad to other students. "Go," she said. "My least favorite part of the trip was coming home."

Giving the gift...



Bridgette Martin, Fayette County Elementary Education major, gives the gift of life by donating blood at the MU blood drive Friday in the Don Morris room at the Memorial

Class helps freshmen adapt

by KRISTINA WISE

reporter

With the enrollment of new students increasing dramatically this semester, a new University 101 course has been offered to help all new students with the adjustment to college life and academic

"The University 101 class replaced the counseling and rehabilitation course (CR 107) as part of retention efforts to help students succeed and to recruit more new students," said Dr. Rances Hensley, vice president for academic affairs.

Hensley became coordinator of the University 101 program when it moved from the College of Education to the Office of Academic Affairs after the course ceased to have faculty involvement and the number of students registering for the course began to drop.

Although the course is still not mandatory, all colleges have been in full support of the idea and student response has been overwhelming, Hensley said.

All faculty and staff teaching the course, including professors, deans and the registrar, have taken the course on in addition to other classes and activities. The willingness to help, shown by those teaching the course, speaks well of the Marshall commu-

nity and their dedication to students," Hensley said.

In preparation for the University 101 course, those teaching received special training and began an e-mail discussion list, setting goals for the classes and for the students

Feedback from both the professors and the students has been very positive so far, Hensley said.

Freshman Heidi Williams said the class is informative and helpful. "I enjoy the class because it provides a lot of information about college that I otherwise would not know," she said. "The small class size and setting are really fun, too."

Repairs to Old Main are put on hold, rebidding process begins next spring

by RUSSELL C. SMITH reporter

Old Main's facelift may have to wait a while. After the bidding in spring, the bid received was more than the expected \$1 million and caused postponement of the planned restoration of the south and west sides of Old Main, said O. Dale Allman, director of the physical plant. A rebidding is planned for next summer, with plans for the north and east side to be included in the rebidding process.

"Additional funds from bond issue money will be added to include the east and north section of the building," Allman said, "and will also probably include a central heating and air conditioning system for the entire building."

Restoration was to begin with replacement of the windows and repainting of the brick, Allman said.

Old Main is on the Register of Historic Places, meaning all improvements must main-

tain the look of the original building as closely as possible.

The window replacement and sealing would make Old Main weather tight. Windows will be replaced to prevent heat loss and leaking, Allman said. All windows will be replaced and will have to look similar to the original windows of the building.

Repainting the brick includes cleaning and replacing the deteriorating mortar. The new mortar must match the color of the original as closely as possible, Allman said.

The bricks and mortar will be cleaned with water, and difficult spots will be followed with a light detergent. This cleans the brick but allows it to retain its protective coating, Allman said.

There are also plans to work on the soffit of the building. The soffit is the underside of the overhang of the roof. The work will include replacement of the gutter and downspout system.



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briefly...

Not too soon to think about retiring

Financial columnist advises readers to start retirement planning early

WASHINGTON
(AP) — A temporary
jump in gasoline prices
last month helped end
a record series of
declines in prices paid
to factories and other
producers.

Wall Street was expecting the increase in August's Producer Price Index — which tracks prices paid by wholesalers or finished goods — so inflation fears weren't fanned Friday.

The 0.3 percent seasonally adjusted increase in the index was the first since December's 0.5 percent rise, the Labor Department said.

NEW YORK (AP)— Following similar moves by rival PC makers, IBM is cutting the number of personal computer models it sells and shaving prices, starting at \$1,000 instead of about \$2,000.

At the same time, IBM is streamlining distribution to cut costs.

It will limit sales of Aptiva machines to the nation's six largest computer retailers, which traditionally sell 80 percent of its consumer machines, and sell Aptivas in only 22 countries instead of 102.

Major computer makers such as Compaq Computer Corp. and Packard-Bell-NEC are trying to stay profitable after the drop in PC prices.

They now sell fully equipped machines for less than \$1,000.

• **BOB DAVIS** is a guest financial columnist for The Parthenon.

Davis, an employee of The Equitable Life Assurance Agency of the United States, offers advice to readers on how to better manage their money.

Students and members of faculty who have questions concerning money matters may field them to the columnist via The Parthenon, by calling him directly at 733-4200, or by writing to:

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Picture this: After working most of your life, paying Social Security and, perhaps, contributing to the company pension plan, you reach a point in your career where you begin thinking about retirement - even early retirement.

Then you look at the numbers, and you realize that you cannot afford to retire.

Social Security and your company pension plan may only replace 40% of your current income.

You estimate needing twice as much to live and really enjoy your retirement years. That's not taking into account inflation, higher taxes and other increases in the cost of living.

These days, this scenario is becoming the rule, not the exception.

According to government statistics, the majority of people reaching age 65 - approximately 81% - will have annual incomes of less than \$22,000.

That certainly doesn't allow much for exotic vacations or expensive hobbies.

For all of us, the message is clear. Personal savings is critical to financial independence.

And, making the most of the money you save requires a disciplined plan based on these sound financial principles:

- Start investing early. The sooner the better, so you can reinvest your interest and earnings, to earn more interest and earnings. It's called compounding, and it really works.
- Seek out investment flexibility, because a long-term savings plan requires you to act quickly on opportunities created by the changing economy.
- Take advantage of tax deferral, to help accumulated funds faster and more efficiently than investments that are taxed currently.
- Invest systematically, so you follow through with your strategy once you've established it.

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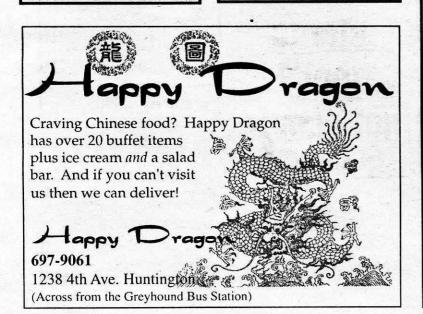
Money is accessed through withdrawals and policy loans.

No matter what retirement savings program you settle on, the first and most important step you must take is to start. Don't wait until you're about to retire to begin planning for it.

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Morgan said Morgantown, being a college setting, has focused mainly on needs of young people. His intent is to make the town a better place for retirees.

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Reason for stealth fighter crash remains a mystery

MIDDLE RIVER, Md. (AP) - Air Force investigators are looking to the flight data recorder and debris strewn across a neighborhood to help explain why an F-117A stealth fighter broke apart and crashed during an air show.

The crash Sunday afternoon set two houses on fire and slightly injured six people on the ground, including an elderly woman at home when the jet hit her garage. The pilot ejected safely.

Amateur video showed a piece of the aircraft, apparently from the tail or a wing, flying off before the wedgeshaped jet went into a slow spin and crashed about a mile from 12,000 viewers at the Chesapeake Air Show.

"He started rolling head over tail and (the pilot) ejected probably 500 feet before the ground," witness Kimberly Chaapel told CNN. "He was very, very lucky."

The Air Force said the F-117A Nighthawk, a singleseater, was on its way to Langley Air Force Base, Va. Air Force spokesman Byron James said the jet was flying over Glenn L. Martin State Airport for fans.

Military police guarded the area while investigators searched for clues, finding the data recorder soon after the crash.

The pilot, Maj. Bryan Knight, was treated at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland for minor back and neck injuries.

Knight is an instructor pilot with more than 2,770 flying hours, including 500 in the F-117A.

"He said he was truly sorry about what had happened and said he tried to pull it out. He wanted to land this thing in the water, but couldn't," said Andy Kunkowski,

who saw the crash from a boat in Chesapeake Bay and spoke to Knight after he parachuted down. "He said everything was fine until he started to make an incline."

Three blocks of the Baltimore suburb were evacuated by authorities after the \$45 million plane with 11,000 pounds of fuel went down.

The injuries were for smoke inhalation or cuts and bruis-

The fighter, built by Lockheed Martin Corp., uses special design and materials to avoid enemy radar. During much of the 1980s, it was so secret the military didn't acknowledge its existence.

Since the fighters went into official service in 1990, three have been destroyed in crashes, Air Force spokeswoman Capt. Keri Humphrey said. One pilot died in a crash on a night training flight in 1995 in New Mexico.

Hurricane Linda veers away from California

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A weakening Hurricane Linda veered away from Southern California early Monday after churning up heavy surf that swept five men watching the waves into the sea.

Boaters were able to pull the men out of the water Sunday night, Harbor Patrol Sgt. Paul Falk said. They were face-down about 300 yards offshore.

One victim remained hospitalized Monday in serious condition. Three others were treated and released, and the fifth did not require treatment.

At the time of the accident, hundreds of people were gathered on Newport Beach's narrow jetty to watch waves as high as 16 feet, police said. Newport Beach is about 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

The storm, the most powerful on record in the northeastern Pacific, moved farther out to sea and was losing steam. Early Monday, it was about 760 miles southwest of San Diego, moving west-northwest at 13 mph.

Seven miles of sand berms were thrown up on Los Angeles-area beaches as the National Weather Service issued a heavy surf advisory through Tuesday morning. Sandbags were put up along boardwalks, bike paths, access ramps and buildings.

The hurricane was classified last week as Class 5. capable of inflicting "catastrophic" damage. It generated winds up to 220 mph.

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Contact between humans and bears becoming more frequent

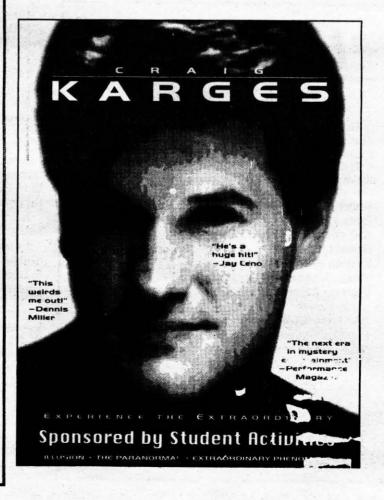
ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — With fall quickly approaching, black bears are exploring farther away from their natural habitats, sometimes winding up where they are not supposed to: cornfields, back yards and even major highways.

When high-energy foods such as acorns, wild grapes and choke cherries aren't readily available, bears find garbage cans, dog dishes and even barbecue grills enticing, said David Steffen of the state Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Run-ins with bears can be avoided by storing food in garages and sheds, he said.

As the bear population grows and urban areas expand, humans and bears are coming into more and more frequent contact with each other.

Already this year, the state agency has trapped 72 "nuisance" bears, slightly ahead of the pace of any of the past five years, Steffen said. Nearly all were in western Virginia.





t's like mom left us at the mall and she's finally coming to get us now. "

- LaVorn Colclough Marshall wide-receiver commenting on getting to play in front of a home crowd this weekend.

Page edited by Gary Hale

Let Rose back in for his past play

Many dream. Few achieve.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1997

Since the 1800's little boys have rushed home from school and finished their chores just for the chance to slip on the glove and swing the stick.

Countless imaginary games have gone unlogged in the pages of history, each one featuring major leaguers incarnate. Each kid would dramatize about a moment they saw or read about where their hero had come through. Only in these make-believe games could Babe Ruth square off against Bob Gibson, or Ty Cobb face a Nolan Ryan fastball. It seemed each kid had a hero, or role-model, and each would pit them against another's.

As time progresses some of these players have been forgotten for one reason or the other. While little



Pete Rose exemplifies hard work and dedication. He should be allowed to be back in baseball.

kids no longer yell out their names or imitate their pitching or fielding styles, these greats still live on in the hall of fame.

One of those that achieved a name for his style of play is Pete Rose, Mr. Charlie Hustle. The all-time hits

leader is kept out of the hall of fame induction though, because of his banishment from baseball for gambling.

Now Rose has said he will seek reinstatement to the game he loved to play. A reinstatement means almost assuredly a vote in to the hall.

Some are saying he shouldn't be allowed in because of his past. How about Ruth or Cobb? Were they angels? Talent should be judged on the field and left at that. This isn't a character fame or goody-two shoes collection. The hall is for great baseball players. And for people like Rose who played with a profound love and hustle that made baseball fun to watch and fun to dream they should be rewarded by induction.

If he isn't reinstated he will never be voted upon for the hall of fame. The powers that be in baseball should reinstate him for his performance on the field. If they do not then they need to throw Mickey Mantle out, who admittedly had a drinking problem; Babe Ruth for being a womanizer; and Ty Cobb for his hatred and fighting.

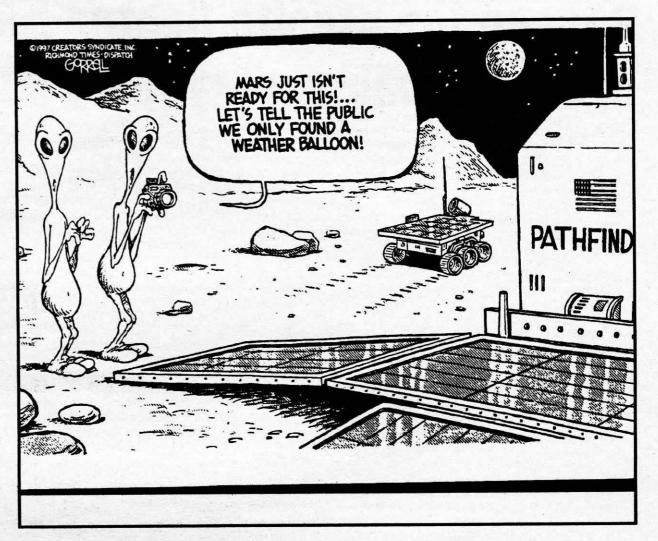
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People should start to play active role in government

by TONIA HOLBROOK guest columnist

A wise man once said, "The mighty oak was once a little nut which stood its ground." In other words, learning to stand tall for what you believe in enhances maturity in an individual.

This nation used to be made up of individuals who stood tall and unwavering as oaks. They were proud of this country's heritage and were prepared to die for it. Politics was a part of their everyday lives.

Now, along with religion, politics has become a conversational no-no. Why is it that when it comes to political matters Americans would rather hide their eyes and pretend not to notice than to take an active role?

It is so easy to become politically active there really is no excuse to let your voice go unheard.

From welfare reform to abortion to balanced budget proposals, politics effects everyone's life no matter how hard they try to tune it out. Whatever your topic of interest may be, pay attention to it in government. Trust me, it will not take long before something angers you to action.

Once you get a working knowledge of your interest, you can do a number of things. Make a simple phone call. There is an abundance of toll-free numbers to call either to leave a message or receive legislative information. Take a few minutes to write a letter expressing your opinions. It does not have to be worthy of a Pulitzer. If you really want to see the government first hand, try lobbying. There is no better way to learn about the legislative process than to watch it happen with your own two eyes.

All things considered, it is pretty quiet in the world of politics right now. This is the perfect time to get your feet wet and start learning before election year roles around.

Keep in mind, this government is supposed to be of the people, by the people and for the people. We cannot expect our officials to work well for us if we fail to do our part. When we decide to take more active roles in the way our country is run, maybe the U.S. will be as strong as it once was.

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Company offers internships to MU students who want to learn and grow into careers in coal

by STACY TURNER

reporter

Massey Coal Services, Inc. and Marshall University have formed a partnership to develop the "Careers in Coal" program. The program is designed to inform students about careers and job opportu-

nities in the coal industry. Massey Coal is working with Marshall University to help ensure Marshall students of a job after graduation.

The "Careers in Coal" program has three phases.

Phase I: Massey Coal will conduct an orientation program Thursday, March 20 at 4 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge. All students who are interested must attend orientation.

The meeting will consist of guest speakers and videos designed to give the students an overview of coal as an industry and the job potential that the coal industry offers.

Phase II: Students must take a four-hour Intergrated Science course that will be offered May 12-June 6, during session "A" of summer



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school. This course will be a multi-disciplinary in nature covering coal, geology, geography, history, energy, production, distribution and use. A field trip to Massey coal mines has also been planned for the course. All students who are interested in the pro-

gram must register for the course. Students will receive four credits and partial tuition waivers will be available.

Phase III: The final phase of the program will consist of in-

ternship positions being offered to students chosen by Massey Coal who want to persue a career in the coal industry. Massey Coal will employ the students during the 1998 summer and the December January interim period. Housing is available at the various locations where MU interns will work. Students may be eligible for internship credit, providing they meet their college's internship requirements.

This is a oppurtunity for MU students. Massey wants to groom interns for careers with their organization.

Massey Coal has mining complexes located throughout Central Appalachia, which produce coal at a rate of more than 30 million tons annually, and they are still growing.

For more information contact the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business at 696-2611 or in Corbly Hall Rm. 107.

Group builds dreams

by HANK RIDER reporter

Have you ever been driving through Huntington and seen houses that were run down or an eye sore to the community? Did you say to yourself that someone

should tear down that house and replace it?

Well, now students have a way to help to clean up Huntington by assisting the area Habitat For Humanity program.

The Habitat For Humanity devotes time to helping

people in need of suitable housing, but are unable to obtain it on their own. The program consists of volunteers of all ages. People in the community, local church members and others, volunteer their time to help complete projects in Huntington. Habitat for Humanity also works directly with the MU Campus Christian Center.

Habitat For Humanity is in the process of building a house for Linda McComas, a Marshall staff member from the Physical Plant. McComas has qualified to receive a home from the Habitat For Humanity. In exchange for the house, McComas must complete a a requirement of 250 volunteer service hours as a form of payment. The volunteer hours must be completed before 1998.

Although those with some type of construction or homebuilding experience are helpful, students that have no prior experience building homes can also volunteer to assist the program.

There is not a minimum or maximum volunteer time table. All stu-

dents are able to volunteer and can volunteer as much time as they want.

Most projects take several volunteer hours to complete. For example, the house being built for McComas, which is located at 1829 Eighth Ave, has been in the works

for several weeks and is expected to take many more to complete. If weather permits, the house may be finished in a few months.

In the event that bad weather progibits the volunteers from working on the house, the pro-

gram will have other functions planned.

"The Habitat For Humanity is a great opportunity for students to volunteer their time to help others and to help improve Huntington's appearance," said James A. McCune, campus pastor.

The Campus Christian Center has been a part of the Huntington area Habitat For Humanity for six years. Through fund raisers the program has been able to raise more than \$20,000.

"The program gives volunteers the opportunity to interact with people of all ages and also can help build pride and self -esteem," McCune said.

A group of students meet every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Campus Christian Center to ride to that days selected job site. The group works from 1-4 p.m.

Students who are interested in more information or who would like to volunteer should contact either the Campus Christian Center at 696-2444 or the area Habitat for Humanity at 523-4822.



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Thousands attend rock concert

Ritter Rock X-Fest brings together six bands for nine hours of music

by EDWARD TERRY reporter

Walking up the hill to the Ritter Park Amphitheater, the faint sounds of music and a crowd could be heard. At the entrance to the outdoor theater, skateboarders were showing off their moves and the crowd was filing in, excited to get the first glimpse of the bands they came to see.

Local radio station WAMX, put on Saturday's Ritter Rock X-Fest, which brought together six bands for nine

"The event was a huge success," WAMX station manager Scott A.

hours of music.



Phil Vassil, James Mazlen, Dane Charles and Alan Gevaert make up the band, Vibrolush. The New York natives played to a crowd of about 2,000 people at Saturday's concert event.

Miller said.

"There were no problems and the crowd seemed to enjoy it."

Glen Dale junior Amy V. Durrah, said she enjoyed the show and it was about time that someone in the area started doing something like this.

"The show was very impressive," Durrah said.

"I've heard a lot of these songs on the radio and I was so surprised when I heard them here."

Wonderful Pills Huntington's kicked off the concert in front of a small audience, as people were still arriving at the amphitheater. Next up was Big Mouth, from Birmingham,

England.

They electrified an unenergetic crowd, taunting and challenging them to move closer to the stage and be a part of the show.

"We traveled 55,000 miles for this gig," Big Mouth lead singer shouted from the stage. "We should get more than that. Show us what Huntington is about."

The band had not traveled 55,000 miles, but it might have seemed like it. They played a show in Roanoke, Va., the night before, drove here,

stepped off the van and went on stage for their Huntington performance, guitar player Brett Hammond said.

Vibrolush, from New York, took the stage next, despite the condition of the lead singer, who was drastically sick and heavily medicated, Charles said. drummer Dane

Days of the New, from Louisville, Ky., with band members ranging in ages from 18 to 20, put on a great show and seemed very comfortable, even though they had little experience playing to large outdoor crowds.

"We usually play in bars," 19year-old guitar player Todd Whitener said.

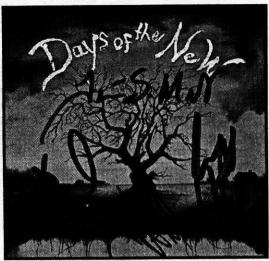
"We had to turn up the energy a little bit. We had a blast."

The Hazies, from Tampa, Fla., took the stage while the crowd made them feel welcome with a thunderous round of applause.

Lead singer Ken Logan, interacted with the crowd throughout the performance, as if he were a familiar friend to everyone.

He jumped off the stage for a little crowd surfing, stood beside the stage to play catch with a younger member of the audience and spent the time between each song talking to the audience.

Jimmy's Chicken Shack, from future."



Members of the band, Days of the New, autographed CDs, posters, ticket stubs, t-shirts, body parts and more after their on-stage performance at the Huntington outdoor concert.

Annapolis, Md., wrapped up the show with an energetic set causing the crowd in front of the stage to erupt into a churning frenzied mosh pit.

Not only did the concert bring 2,000 people to the Ritter Park Amphitheater, but it also brought hope that more events of this kind will be coming to the Huntington area.

We will definitely have another one next year," Miller said.

"We are hoping to do some more shows at other venues in the near

New director focuses on learning ropes

by ALISON R. GERLACH reporter

The Marshall Artists Series has a new director, Huntington native Penny Watkins.

She plans to focus on managing the series and learning the ropes this year, making few changes to the successful program.

Watkins's 17 years entertainment experience includes manager of artists series for the Braden Auditori-um Redbird the Auditorium, both at IIlinois State University.

She was also the producer of the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes

"After 17 years, I've come home. It's like a dream come true," Watkins said.

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Artists Series' schedule offers variety

Unique performers scheduled to perform this season.

by ALISON R. GERLACH reporter

With acts including a standup comedian, a ballet, and a Motown group, the 1997-1998 Marshall Artists Series brings contemporary, traditional, and soul together for a series of unique performances.

In its 61st season, it is one of the oldest, on-going successful artists series in the country.

Marshall is also one of few institutions that still provide free tickets for full-time students

Penny Watkins, new director of the Marshall Artists Series, said the program's uniqueness comes from the

opportunity it provides for students.

With the artists series, a student can try the Kirov ballet by getting a free ticket and going to the Keith Albee Theatre.

Students are able to experiment in new areas with no worries of funds or traveling distance.

This season begins this week with Paula Poundstone on Thursday and the International Film Festival on Friday.

In October, the season features Motown Record's The Temptations on Oct. 7, the longest-running Broadway musical, "A Chorus Line," on Oct. 16, and classical singer and pianist Michael Feinstein on Oct. 20. The Kirov Ballet of St. Petersburg, Russia, will perform Nov. 11.

The second semester starts Jan. 30 with the Spring International Film Festival.

Broadway's modern Romeo and Juliet, "West Side Story," is Feb. 11 and the Berlin Symphony is Feb. 19.

Performing Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," violinist Daniel Heifetz plays March 19, and the American novel "To Kill A Mockingbird" comes March 3 to stage.

The Duquesne University multi-cultural dance company, The Tamburitzans, is scheduled to perform April 2.

Tickets for all events are free to full-time Marshall students with MU ID and halfprice for part-time students and faculty.

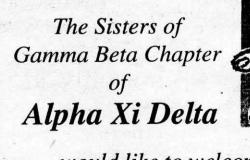
Tickets for the International Film Festival can be picked up on the night of the show at the door.

For other events, tickets must be picked up at the Marshall Artists Series office, 160 Smith Hall prior to the show

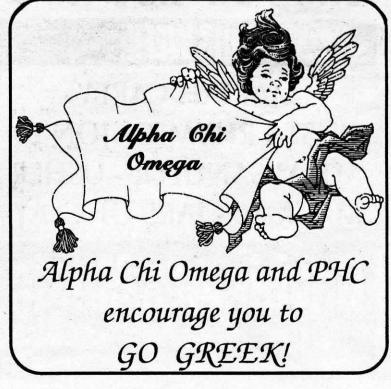
Tickets sales begin three weeks before the show date for Marshall students and two weeks before for the pub-

Events are 8 p.m. at the Keith Albee Theatre, downtown Huntington, excluding the International Film Festivals, which are at the Cinema Theatre, 1023 4th Ave., with varying show times.

For more information, call the Marshall Artists Series



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Religious beliefs topic of skeptical speaker

Jim Haught, Charleston Gazette editor, addresses skepticism in religion

by HEATHER B. KEENE reporter

Religious diversity may not be a widely discussed issue on Marshall's campus, but it does exist.

While there is seldom noticeable tension between any religious groups at Marshall, widely varying religious beliefs do exist on campus. These "beliefs" include disbelieving.

Dr. Alan Altany, associate professor of Religious Studies at Marshall, said Huntington is not an area of widespread religious diversity. "If it weren't for Marshall University, there would be extremely little religious diversity," he said. "People of other denominations such as Hindu and Muslim have moved to Huntington to attend school, bringing this diversity.'

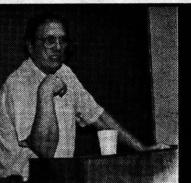
The Campus Christian Center, located on Marshall's campus, consists of six religious denominations: Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Episcopal, and the Church of Christ.

Each denomination conducts its service in the Campus Christian Center one night per week. These different denominations participate in activi-

ties together as well.

On the opposite end of the religious spectrum at Marshall is a group most students may be less familiar with.

there is little criticism but when he speaks out, he is often criticized. He admits criticizing those who believe differently than himself as well. "We



ost ardent church members doubt 99 percent of religious 'truths'."

> -Jim Haught Editor, Charleston Gazette

Jim Haught, Charleston Gazette editor, answers questions Wednesday after his presentation of "Everyone's a Skeptic."

This is the Rationalists United for Secular Humanism, or R.U.S.H. The group is made up of Marshall students who consider themselves atheists, agnostics, or rationalists.

Chad Docterman, Huntington senior and R.U.S.H. president calls himself an atheist. Docterman said if he keeps quiet about his beliefs then

criticize religion because it causes harm," he said.

At the group's last meeting, Wednesday night, a guest speaker was brought in. James Haught, editor of the Charleston Gazette, spoke on skepticism. His speech, titled "Everyone's a Skeptic" focused on a person's tendency to be skeptical of religions other than their own.

"Most ardent church members doubt 99 percent of religious 'truths'," Haught said.

Campus views vary concerning the reasons for the emergence of atheism in society.

"A person's home environment has a lot to do with the development of faith," Jerry Losh, Baptist minister at the Campus Christian Center, said. "We are in a 'me-generation'," he said. "Selfish attitudes people develop stem from home."

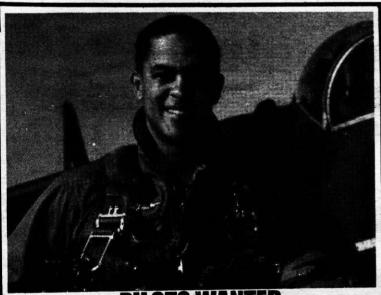
Docterman, the son of a Baptist minister, disagrees that atheists tend to come from bad homes.

"I had a very healthy upbringing," he said. "Atheism is not about disbelieving. We have beliefs, our own perspectives on life, we care about right and wrong."

Yet another view is taken by Altany. He said he sees atheism as a production of improved scientific methods and rational thought. "A lot of beliefs that don't fit into scientific or rational thought are seen as untrue, a projection of fear," Altany said.



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Preparations underway for annual mountain bike race

by JIM SANDS reporter

Bicycle shops around Huntington are preparing for the week after the Beech Fork Mountain Bike Race. That is when the riders come in needing repairs done on their bikes, resulting from the race.

Last year, I broke my seat about three miles into the race," Joseph E. Remias, Wheeling senior, said. "Near the exit part of the trail, I saw guy carrying his bike out with both wheels tacoed."

Bent wheels and broken seats aside, The 10th annual Beech Fork Mountain Bike Race Sunday, Sept. 21, presents a challenging course for area riders.

"I've been out [at Beech Fork] getting ready for the race. It's not going to be easy," Michael S. Kim, Parkersburg enior, said, Kim, who has raced at Spencer and Babcock State Park this past summer,

will race in the beginner

"I still expect [the race] to be competitive," Kim said. "Everyone I know is racing in the beginner class."

The race will consist of seven classes ranging from beginners to experts, and the new "clydesdale" class for riders over 200 pounds. The beginner and female course is a 10 miles, while the other classes will ride an 18-mile course.

"I'm not going into this race cold, but it's not what I'm used to," Chris A. Way, Parkersburg senior, said. "I've been riding around Deep Creek, Md., where the trails are even tighter than Beech Fork."

"People who haven't been riding at Beech Fork might be surprised at the variety of terrain there. The downhill at the end is pretty technical, and a good bit of the course is single-track," said Remias.

've been out getting ready for the race. It's not going to be easy."

Michael S. Kim, Parkersburg senior

"This race is a big thing in this area. We've had people from all over the tri-state," Tim A. Dorcas Sr. of Huntington Bicycle Center said.

So far, about 30 people have registered but Dorcas expects

"Last year there were about 100 people. Most of them signed up on the day of the race," Dorcas said.

The registration fee is \$25 and riders can sign up the day of the race from 10-11:30 a.m. The race starts at noon. For more information, stop by Huntington Bicycle Center, 623 Hal Greer Blvd., or call 525-5312.

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Women's Center provides list of year's activities

by KELLY DONAHUE

reporter

"A Woman's View," the Women's Center's calendar of events, includes support groups, lunch bag seminars, book groups and art shows.

The center's mission is to create a campus community in which men and women can work together in a mutually respective and supportive environment. The center offers a variety of educational programs to ensure this goal, Leigh R. Tolliver, director of Women's Center, said. "It's a place for men and women to come and relax."

The Center has educational programs on date rape and sexual harassment. It is important for both men and women to come and learn how to better communicate with each other, Tolliver said. The programs are designed for both sexes.

Support groups are offered for non-traditional students and survivors of sexual assault.

The non-traditional support group is for people the age of 25 and older who are coming back to school after an extended period of time, Tolliver said. Women and men in this age group have family, job and school issues that are different from the needs of other students.

Survivors of sexual assault support group is for women only but men are encouraged to call and make appointment to meet

New members elected

by JOEY TACKETT

reporter

Fraternities had a day to show off its new

into MU fraternities

with a counselor individually, Tolliver said.

To get involved with either group students need to contact the Women's Center to meet with a counselor, she said. "It's not just a walk in."

Lunch bag seminars are another feature the Women's Center offers for students. The first seminar will be Sept. 24 at noon on eating disorders. Speakers Carla Lapelle, coordinator of Student Development, Melanie Baker, counselor for the Women's Center and a representative from Prestera Center will discuss eating disorders.

New this semester is the book group. "We are trying to get a book club together to discuss works by women about women,' Tolliver said.

The art show is another new addition to "A Woman's View" calendar.

The center will be display works by five women artists who attend Marshall. It is a great opportunity for women to come and see art created by women students, Tolliver said. " I envision it will be a really powerful thing to see."

The art show will be 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Sept. 15-19 in the Women's Center. A reception will take place Monday Sept. 15

The Women's Center is located in Prichard Hall Rm. 143 and the phone number is 696-3338 or 3112.

Romer: Be aggressive

CHARLESTON. W.Va. (AP) - Colorado Gov. Roy Romer urged West Virginia Dem-ocrats to be aggressive in expanding the party's base, despite its political dominance in the state.

Romer, who is in his first ear as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was the keynote speaker at the state Democratic dinner Saturday, attended by about 700 party members.

Romer asked Democrats to recruit at least five new members, raise \$100 a year, call political talk shows once a month and write three letters a year to a newspaper editor.

They've been pushing us off the airwaves and we need to be more active," Romer said. "Political parties are extremely important institutions so if we believe in it, we need to act and we need to walk the talk."

Romer's visit marked the first to West Virginia by a Democratic National Committee chairman, said state Mike Plante.

Romer also passionately appealed to Democrats to place education, health care for children and protection of the environment at the top of their agenda.

"If there's any responsibility we have to God, it is to ensure that 100 years from now, those who come after us enjoy the beauty of our land as we have," Romer said.

The dinner, preceded by a \$195 per person reception, was attended by most of the state's top Democrats.

Romer has resisted appeals from President Clinton to run for a Senate seat.

The Colorado governor had been considered his party's chance to unseat best Republican Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo.

Romer said a Senate campaign next year would interfere with his objectives on both the state and national level.

His current term as governor does not expire until 1999. He is barred under Colorado law from seeking another term.

The Parthenonline —

New colors are sign to Fall's return

by PATRICIA WHITE reporter

Many people can find autumn colors in parks and woodlands, in cities, countryside's, and mountains anywhere there are deciduous broad-leaved trees.

Natures autumn palette is painted on oaks, maples, beeches, sweetgums, yellowpopulars, dogwoods, hickories and others. Neighborhoods may be planted with special trees that were selected for their autumn colors.

Beverly Fricker, auto counselor for American Automobile Association said, ' there are 31 states and 3,000 miles of scenic byways that offer a colorful drive sometime in autumn. " She also said that West Virginia has the prettiest fall foliage in the United States."

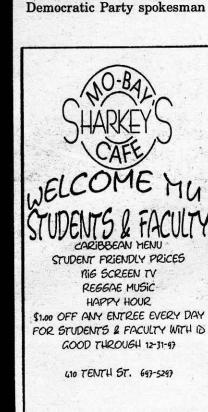
Many Americans and West Virginia's alike enjoy seeing the leaves change colors. Alex Fygetakes, Beckley, Senior said that, "he always enjoys going home in September and October. "I can see the trees high in the mountains changing bright orange and red." It makes me feel as I'm changing with the season."

Many people enjoy seeing the leaves change but, they do not know the process of the change and why that change happens. Winter is a sign that all vegetation in the temperate zones must face each year. Perennial plants, including trees, must have some sort of protection to survive freezing temperatures and other harsh wintertime influences.

Dr. Ralph Taylor, associate dean of College of Science said that, "as days grow shorter and nights grow longer and coolder, biochemical processes take place in the leaf ." This begins to paint the landscape with natures autumn palette.

"Chlorophyll, is what gives the leaves the natural green color. It is necessary for photosynthesis, the chemical reaction that entitles plants to use sunlight to manufacture sugars for their food," said Taylor.

As autumn and winter approaches fast there is a true sign that leaves will be changing colors. For the most part, the fall colors are a cou-



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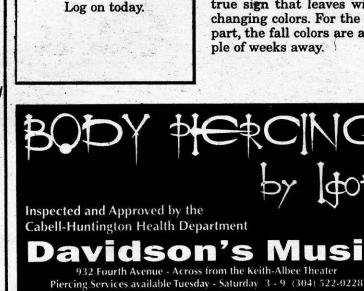
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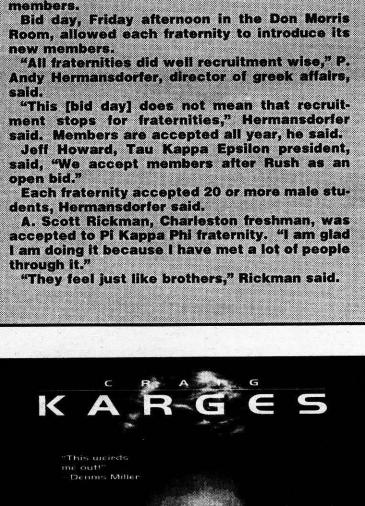
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Herd 3-0 in virtual season

The Marshall "virtual season" on NCAA Football 1998 is officially underway and the Herd is off to a 3-0 start with road wins against West Virginia University, Army and Kent University. For statistics and coverage of Marshall's first three simulated games, grab a copy of the Parthenon Wednesday!

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1997

Pouch leads women to second-place

by KENNEY BARNETTE reporter

Marshall's men's cross country team finished third and the women's team second Saturday, as both teams opened the 1997 campaign.

The teams competed in Athens, Ohio. The men faced competition from Ohio University, Bowling Green State University, and Rio Grande. The women ran against Ohio University and Rio Grande University.

Ohio University won the men's competition as the Bobcats had the top four finishers. Ben Myers was the individual winner, crossing the finish line after 8000 meters with a time of 25:32.

Freshman Charles Moore was the Herd's top finisher with a time of 27:43. Moore's time was good for 20th place.

Sophomore James Kramer ran a 28:01. Sophomore Shawn Bartram checked in with a 28:22. Sophomore David Lyle ran a 28:23. Freshman Casey Batey's time of 28:47 rounded out the Thundering Herd's top five.

Ohio University won the women's competition. Bobcat Julie Kline finished 5000

ishers. Ben Myers was the meters with a time of 18:17for individual winner, crossing the Bobcats.

Junior Becky Pouch was the Herd's top finisher. The junior's time of 19:01 was good for seventh place.

Junior Brooke Salmons came in tenth place with a time of 19:27.

Junior Lindsay Pinkney scored a 19:39. Senior Lisa Sopko ran a 19:41. Marshall's number five runner was junior Maureen Hackett with a time of 19:46.

Marshall will compete Friday in the Wright St. Invitational in Dayton, Ohio.

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Hall named MAC Defensive Player of the Week

HUNTINGTON — Marshall nose guard Ricky Hall was named Mid-American Conference defensive player of the week for his role in the Herd's 42-17 win at Kent.

Hall, a 6-foot-1, 269-pound junior from College Park, Ga., had eight tackles against Kent, including three for losses totaling 17

yards and one sack. He is third on the team for the year, with 24 tackles including four tackles for losses.

The game marked Marshall's first MAC game since 1968 and its first win over a conference opponent since joining the league this season.



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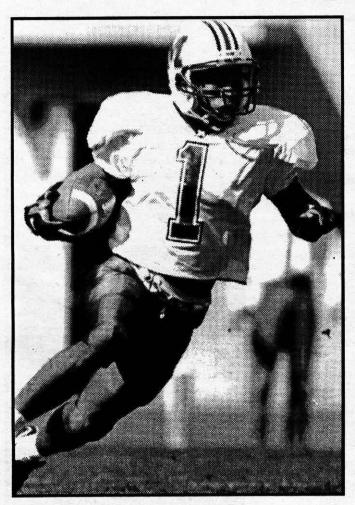


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Martin has surgery



File photo by Brett Hall

Tim Martin, former wide receiver and punt/kick returner for the Thundering Herd, underwent surgery Monday at St. Mary's Hospital to remove a brain tumor, a family spokesperson said. Amarketing representative at St. Mary's Hospital said Martin is "recovering from surgery and feels fine." Martin, who played at Marshall from 1993 until 1996, is the second all-time leading receiver in school history for passes caught (221) and yards receiving (2,886). Martin, a 5-foot-10, 175-pound, native of Soddy Daisy, Tenn., ranks fourth in school history with 23 touchdown catches.

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Herd 0-3 in tourney, Legall pleased with performance

by KENNEY BARNETTE

reporter

The Marshall volleyball team lost all three of its matches during the Radisson Invitational tournament Friday and Saturday at the Cam Henderson Center.

But Coach Steffi Legall is happy with the Herd's peformance during the two-day tournament.

"We showed a lot of heart this weekend," Legall said. "The players were tough despite the circumstances we faced."

The Herd opened the tournament Friday with a loss to Virginia when the Cavaliers swept Marshall 15-7, 15-9 and 15-4.

Junior Alisha Bable led Marshall with eight kills. Senior Ashley Lowman had 26 assists.

Cincinnati needed five games Saturday to defeat the Thundering Herd, dropping Marshall 15-11, 10-15, 12-15, 15-6 and 15-12.

Bable led the Herd with 19 kills. Jessica Downs and Juanita Venable each had 12 kills.

During the game, Lowman, a setter/defensive specialist, suffered a severely sprained ankle. Lowman had been filling in for an injured Nicole Frizzo, who broke her foot earlier this season and is expected to miss about four weeks.

Indiana defeated Marshall Saturday evening 15-2, 15-9 and 15-6. The Hoosiers won the tournament with a 3-0 record.

The injuries forced some changes in the Marshall game plan, Legall said.

"It really affected our strategy. We had to play a much simpler game. When you do that, the offense is a lot easier to read."

Downs, who replaced Lowman, had 21 assists.

"Jessica did an outstanding job," Legall said. "She did a good job of running the show. Jessica has never really played the position before."

During the match, Bable led all players with nine kills. She recorded 36 kills and 35 digs during the tourney and earned All-Tournament hon-

Despite her individual award, Bable was not happy. "I'm only happy when we

win," Bable said.

Legall summarized Marshall's performance.

"We faced a tremendous amount of adversity. It was a tough situation to be in. Our players were playing out of position."

Marshall plays Northern Illinois Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Henderson Center.

The game will mark the Herd's first Mid-American Conference game of 1997.

Northern Illinois will be a test for Marshall, Legall said.

"They are a very good team," she said. "Many believe they will win the conference title."



Photo by Robb Long

University of Virginia's Jessica Parsons sends a shot over the net to Marshall's Michelle Sammarco (left in white) and Alisha Bable (right in white) who rise above the net to block the shot during the Herd's match against UVA Friday in the Radisson Invitational Tournament. UVA defeated Marshall 15-7, 15-9 and 15-4. Bable earned All-Tournament honors and finished with 36 kills and 35 digs.



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Soccer team wins tourney

The Herd has returned to Huntington from Columbus, Ohio, where they won two games and captured the Ohio State/Nike Kickoff Classic championship. For complete tournament coverage, grab a copy of the Parthenon Wednesday.

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Tuesday, Sept. 16

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Women's Center — MU Women Artists' Show, Rm 143 Prichard Hall, viewing will run to Sept. 21 For more information, contact Leah Tolliver at 696-3112 or 696-3338

College Republicans — meeting, Marco's in the MSC, 7 p.m. For more information, contact Lora Kiser at 696-4091

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity -African American Greeks Speak Out, Don Morris Room in the MSC, For more information, call 523-

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Wednesday, Sept. 17

American Marketing Association — meeting, Corbly Hall Rm 464, 3 p.m.

Lambda Society — meeting, MSC Rm 2E10, 9:15 p.m.

Residence Hall Program -Health and Fitness, Twin Towers East glass lounge, 9:15 p.m. For more information, contact Jason Dodson at 696-2572

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Thursday, Sept. 18

MU Memorial Service — A memorial service for Dr. Joan Gilliland, professor of English, Campus Christian Center, 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Gilliland taught at the university for 17 years and died July 9, 1997 Members of MU and community wel-

Newman Center - Newman Student Gathering, Newman Center,

For more information, call 525-4618

Friday, Sept. 19

Newman Center - Anawim (young adults) meets - Discussion: Angel Theology, Newman Center, 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 525-4618

Saturday, Sept. 20

Football game — Marshall's Thundering Herd plays Western Illinois, home game, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 21

Newman Center — Mass of the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Newman Center, 10:15 a.m.

Smith Recital Hall — Cello-piano recital featuring Susan Tephly and Audrey Kaiser, Smith Recital Hall,

For more information, contact Dr. Leslie Petteys at 696-2337 or e-mail PETTEYS@marshall.edu

Newman Center - Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, Newman Center, 5 p.m. For more information, call 525-4618

Monday, Sept. 22

Smith Recital Hall - An introduction to the techniques of Dorothy Taubman will be presented followed by a Masterclass with students, Smith Recital Hall, 1 - 3 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Leslie Petteys at 696-2337

Have a calendar item? Send it to the Parthenon. Deadline: noon Monday By mail: 311 Smith Hall By phone: 696-6696

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And don't forget to let us know who's doing what, where it's happening, when it's happening (is it every Wednesday or just Feb. 26?), what time it's happening and a contact person.

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