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Where there is smoke there is fire, page 8.

COLA dean under fire for restructuring

by JACOB MESSER
sports editor

During a Thursday afternoon meeting with faculty members and staff from the College of Liberal Arts, Dean Joan Tyler Mead announced a reorganization plan for COLA and spoke of "exasperating fluidities" within the plan.

Dr. Marc A. Lindberg, on the other hand, spoke of "betrayal," saying faculty members had little or no input in developing the proposal to reorganize the college into four divisions with 12-month administrators.

"I feel betrayed," Lindberg, psychology professor, said. "You are talking about increasing communication and cooperation, but yet the means to achieving this goal are being dictated to us rather than allowing us to have a participatory democracy in the planning and structuring process."



"I had to keep quiet ... because of the pieces of the puzzle that had to be worked out."

— Dr. Joan Tyler Mead
Dean of College of Liberal Arts

Therefore, we should suspect the plan because the very conception of it supposes a top-down process with very little feedback from the faculty," Lindberg continued. "Furthermore, this is a disenfranchisement of the faculty. When you [Mead]

were hired, you told us you were going to get us involved and you haven't. I am very disappointed."

Mead said the plan, which will go into effect the fall of 1998, separates COLA into four divisions: Division of Communications and Languages, which will consist of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications and the departments of communication studies and modern languages; Division of Social Sciences, to consist of the departments of geography, political science and history; Division of Behavioral Sciences, to consist of the departments of criminal justice, psychology, anthropology and sociology; and Division of Humanities, which will consist of the departments of classical studies, philosophy, religious studies, English and the graduate studies in humanities.

Mead said each division will have a division head, which will be an elected administrator who will

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Changes in COS defended by dean

by ALYSON WALLS
staff writer

Dr. Thomas A. Storch, College of Science (COS) dean, said Thursday he anticipates no significant changes and sees no need for worry about job loss under a plan to restructure departments into divisions.

"I want to emphasize that these will be administrative divisions," Storch said Thursday. "The academic programs as we know them will remain the same."

Storch said COS is currently organized into eight academic departments: biological sciences, chemistry, clinical laboratory sciences, computer science and software development, engineering, geology, mathematics, physics and physical science, with eight department chairpersons.

The new plan is to merge these departments into three administrative divisions, with one administrator in each. Each division would consist of about 25 faculty members, Storch said.

The new divisions would be life sciences, which would contain biological sciences and clinical laboratory sciences; the Division of Mathematics and Applied Sciences, which would contain mathematics, engineering and computer science; and the Division of Physical Sciences, which would contain chemistry, physics and geology.

"The major reason for restructuring is to better meet students' needs and make our college more modern," Storch said. "Stu-

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Dean of College of Science

dent population growth has caused an increase in the demand for math and science core courses, and we want to integrate areas of study."

Each department chairperson teaching full-time is a big advantage for students, Storch said. "We will be able to get more of the Ph.D.'s back to teaching more students," he said. "We'll have a gain in quantity of teachers and quality of instruction."

Storch said another advantage of the division system is

accessibility — keeping the three division offices open for students, parents and prospective students 12 months of the year. When people have questions they can go to the division offices and get answers, he said.

The change, according to Storch, will make the college more efficient in ways of financing operations. For example, the department chairpersons are given special stipends to maintain some administrative function during the summer. Now, COS will only have to give three stipends, so the cost will be streamlined, he said.

Storch said the idea came about after President J. Wade Gilley and others began looking at colleges with the division system already successfully in place, such as the College of Business, College of Education and Human Services and the Community and Technical College.

"Some people may have felt left out of

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More than offices

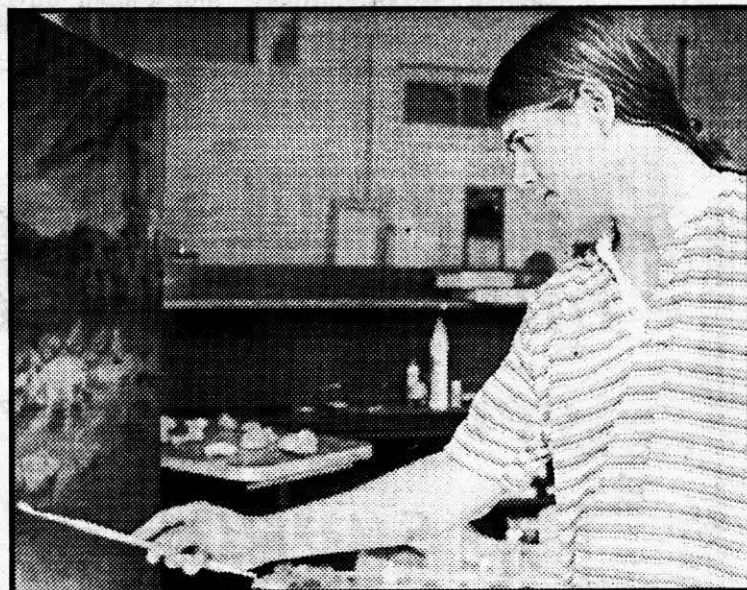


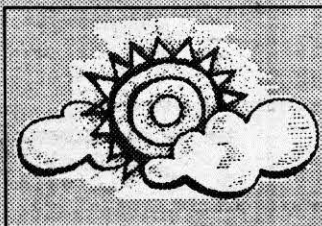
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Old Main, 3rd floor, offers a little unknown culture. Steve Pauly, graduate, Alum Creek, paints in the art studio there.

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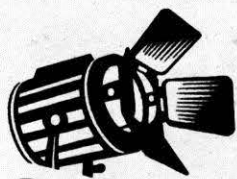
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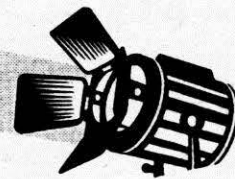
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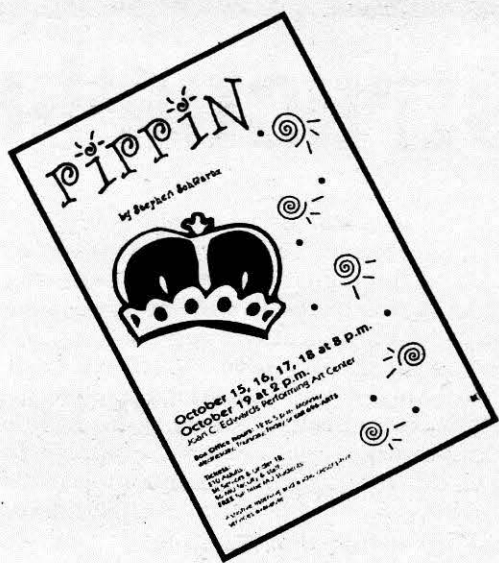


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Marshall University Theatre presents



by ALISON R. GERLACH
reporter

Sex, treachery, war, and the search for life's meaning are all brought to the stage in "Pippin," the first play in the 1997-1998 Marshall University Theatre season.

"Pippin" runs Wednesday through Sunday at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Performances are at 8 p.m., except the 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, matinee. Tickets may be purchased at the box of-

PIPPIN

fice in the performing arts center.

"Pippin," written by Stephen Schwartz and Roger O. Hirson, is a musical comedy set in the Middle Ages. It is the tale of a future king who is not quite ready to settle into his role on life. As the son of Charlamagne and the heir apparent of the Roman Empire, Pippin finds himself with both lack of purpose and political interest.

Trying his hand at soldiering, ruling the empire, sex and love, Pippin searches for his dreams.

Actor J. Herschel Jeffrey, Chesapeake sophomore, said "It's a terrifically energetic show that has a little something for everyone — war, love, treachery, war, music, dancing, plot twists, and war." Jeffrey plays Lewis, Pippin's power hungry step-brother.

Dr. Eugene Anthony, theatre professor and "Pippin" director, described the play as a "great big splashy musical" about

Pippin growing up and trying to live up to his father's image. He said "Pippin" is classic English history from a "modern, glitzy, show-biz perspective."

The Marshall production stars Jeremy F. Richter, Wheeling sophomore, as the searching Pippin and Chesapeake sophomore Joshua M. Jonatta as The Leading Player, the one who takes Pippin on his search.

Mike R. Staub, Wheeling sophomore, plays Charlamagne. Fastrada, Lewis' mother who wants him as king, is played by Amy L. Jones, Hurricane senior. Pippin's love attempt, Catherine, is played by Hurricane senior Andrea B. Woods, and Griffin McElroy, Huntington fifth grader, plays Catherine's son Theo.

"Pippin" is open to the public. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children and senior citizens. Admission is free to Marshall students and \$6 for faculty and staff.

This week's Top Five Films:

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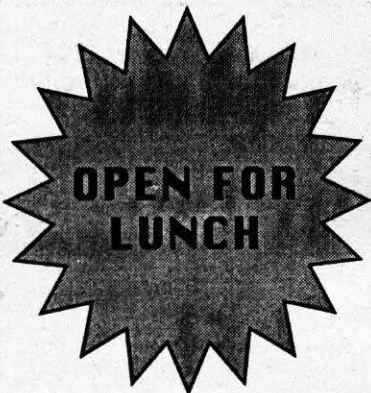
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Teen hides infant in closet

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. (AP) — For more than two weeks, 17-year-old Shanta Clark kept a secret hidden among the blankets on her closet floor: her son.

She gave birth in her bedroom, then hid the infant in the closet for 2 1/2 weeks while she went to high school each day, feeding and diapering her four-pound baby when she got home.

Tuesday, the ninth grader was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor.

"Unfortunately, this is a criminal case, but our hearts go out to her," Suffolk County Detective Sgt. John Twine said. "She tried to care for the baby as best she knew how."

Wednesday, the little boy — born five weeks prematurely and small enough to fit in a policeman's hand — was in the intensive care unit at Stony Brook University Hospital. He

was in stable condition and feeding normally, though underweight, Margaret Parker, head of the pediatric critical care unit, said.

Authorities were considering whether the baby should be put in a foster home.

The teenager said she gave birth alone shortly after noon Sept. 21. "It wasn't painful. It wasn't scary," the soft-spoken girl told reporters.

She told her mother she went into the kitchen and cut the umbilical cord with scissors. She fed the baby formula and kept him wrapped in blankets in her room. She named him Navorn.

The baby's father was a longtime boyfriend who apparently never knew the teenager was pregnant, according to police.

Neither did Stephanie Clark, the girl's mother, who found Navorn Tuesday.

Underwood supports retesting

CHARLESTON (AP) — Governor Underwood said he supports retesting all drivers who have an unusual number of accidents or traffic tickets. Testing drivers with questionable skills may cancel the need to single out senior citizens for retesting.

Use of police dogs debated after attack

CHARLESTON (AP)

— The state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is questioning the way police dogs are used after a St. Albans man was repeatedly bitten during a police chase.

David Stidham received about 40 stitches and staples after the attack Sept. 30, which resulted in his arrest on charges of marijuana possession and being in a stolen car.

Lt. John Johnson of the Kanawha County Sheriff's Department defended the German shepherd, saying he has been with the department for more than a year and is trained to detect drugs.

He said Stidham was warned the dog would attack unless he stopped running. Stidham did not stop.

The dog attacked Stidham and bit him repeatedly. Stidham was taken to the hospital before being taken to jail.

Hilary Chiz, head of the state chapter of the ACLU, said, "I think there's a potential danger to the county posed by the canine units being on call and responding to one handler only."

"These dogs are only as good as their handler. Dogs are imperfect tools and we already know officers are imperfect."

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Kissing cadets caught

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — Beneath a desk in a darkened room in the barracks, two Virginia Military Institute cadets stole a kiss.

A guard stumbled upon them, and now the freshmen, a man and a woman, must face their punishment.

VMI put the cadets on campus confinement for a month and gave them additional marching duty.

The kissing cadets, who were not identified, were caught in the barracks on Sept. 20.

They were the first known violators of the school's new

anti-fraternization rules developed when the school enrolled women for the first time in August.

The rules, among other things, forbid public displays of affection and relationships within the chain of command. Cadets must also have lights on and door shades up when members of the opposite sex are in a room.

"We're going to have these problems," said Col. Mike Bissell, the director of VMI's plan to assimilate women. "We just have to make sure they are minor and not severe."

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MU tuition costs less than other colleges

by **HEATHER B. KEENE**
reporter

The average cost of college tuition rose 5 percent this year, the same proportional increase as last year, according to an annual survey released by the College Board.

Compared to the national average, Marshall University students are paying less. Tuition costs for the 1997-1998 academic year at MU went up by about 3 percent.

Out-of-state students at MU paid \$5,878 for tuition last year. This year,

they are paying \$6,066. In-state students paid \$2,116 last year, \$68 less than the \$2,184 they pay now. Metro students, who paid \$3,948 during the 1996-1997 academic year, are now paying \$4,076. Extras, such as the student activity fee, are included in these amounts.

Tuition increases at MU can also be attributed to the rate of inflation.

"Marshall has a five-year plan that ties tuition increases to the rate of inflation, which is estimated to be about three percent," said Herbert J. Karlet, vice president of finance.

"Students won't see really wide fluctuation in tuition and fees over the next few years," Karlet said. "We are pretty much committed to our fiscal plan."

At four-year public colleges across the country, students are paying an average of \$3,111 for tuition for the 1997-1998 academic year. Students at private, four-year colleges are now paying an average of \$13,664.

The College Board's figures are based on reports from 2,808 colleges that provided information for both 1996-1997 and 1997-1998. Colleges

were asked to report the annual tuition and fees charged to first-year, full-time undergraduates.

Donald M. Stuart, president of the College Board, said families should not overreact to the tuition increases. "Almost three-quarters of the five million students at four-year institutions in the survey are paying less than \$8,000 per year for tuition," he said.

"Headlines that scream about the inflation of tuition and fees only serve to inflate the fears of American families," Stuart said.

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the process, but we are going to conduct a series of meetings throughout the semester which the faculty may attend and offer suggestions and ideas about how they want the plan to work," Storch said.

The final decision to restructure was made during the summer of 1997, according to Storch said. "The plan will officially take effect in the summer of 1998, and be fully in place when students arrive in the fall," he said. "The faculty would have a few months to formulate specifics and make a workable system."

In addressing concerns about job loss, Storch said each division would have at least two secretaries and would retain current part-time instructors.

"Other secretaries and staff would be reassigned to other office

positions, he said. "It's our goal to make certain every COS staff member, from the secretaries to the stock room workers, has a productive position under the new system."

Storch said COS pays part-time instructors, who make up 20-25 percent of the entire staff, about \$75,000 a year. "We depend heavily on part-time professors in this department," Storch said. "Usually, we have a hard time finding enough qualified people to fill the positions, and we certainly don't want to lose the qualified people we have."

Storch also said he sees more potential for instructors, under the division system, to come up with creative ways to update and refine existing courses, and develop new courses.

"The potential for advancement is greater when eight teams are cut down to three," he said. "Many more people will be working together and stimulating more discussion."

Diabetes touches some

by **ANDREA R. COPLEY**
reporter

More than 130,000 people in West Virginia have diabetes, according to a news release by the American Diabetes Association (ADA).

However, half of them will not realize they have the disease until they suffer from one of the complications: stroke, blindness, amputation, heart disease or kidney disease.

Diabetes, which is characterized by excessive urination and thirst, affects people from all walks of life, including Marshall President J. Wade Gilley.

"I was diagnosed with diabetes in 1966," Gilley said. "I was working in a lab with a certain virus. Doctors suspect that is how I contracted diabetes because my desk mate was diagnosed also."

Gilley calls himself as a "semi-diabetic" because he said he only has a partial form of the disease. Although the disease limits the pancreas' ability to produce insulin, Gilley said he has been going strong since the diagnosis.

"I've been the president of four institutions, the secretary of education for the state of Virginia, written six books, visited 31 countries, reared three kids and now have one granddaughter," Gilley said. "It's just something I have had to live with."

There is a positive side of having diabetes, Gilley said. He is more self-disciplined and controls his health with a strict diet and weight control regimen.

"I bike 40 miles a week and walk 15 miles a week," he said. "In fact, I am 25 pounds lighter now than when I was in college."

Two local events may interest members of the Huntington community who either have diabetes or who risk being faced with the disease later in life.

Walkfest '97 is set for Oct. 12 at Ritter Park shelter in Huntington. Money raised will provide patient, professional and public education, as well as support research to find a cure for diabetes, according to the ADA news release. To register, call 1-800-342-2383.

Another event is "The Right Bite" diabetic cooking school, of the Ebenezer Medical Outreach Clinic. Two free sessions will be taught from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 13 and 20.

The classes will take place at the Simms Head Start/Fairfield West Center, located at 1678 11th Ave.

For more information, call Alisha Mayo or Carolyn Frye at 529-0753.

Correction

The Department of Behavioral Medicine will also be located on the ground level of the new wing of Cabell Huntington Hospital. This was not stated Oct. 1 in a medical school construction story.

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take over some of the tasks of existing chairpersons freeing them to teach more. The division heads will be allotted six hours of release time per semester and serve four-year terms. The division heads for the inaugural year have been appointed by Mead.

Faculty members have mixed thoughts about the plan. Some think it will not work and will cause complications; others think it will save the university more money than it will cost. Many said they had a difficult time understanding the plan and grasping its feasibility and benefits. In spite of these arguments, Mead said she will proceed with the plan and announce the division heads Monday.

The main discussion aimed at the plan was its secrecy and lack of faculty feedback.

During a meeting with the 14 COLA chairpersons earlier in the day, Mead defended the secrecy involved in the organization of the plan.

"I had to keep quiet until now because of the pieces of the puzzle that had to be worked out," she said. "This plan is not meant to hurt. It is meant to help. You do your jobs so well, it is hard for you to imagine transcending to another level and changing the current policy. This is not a secret."

In the afternoon discussion, Mead said, "You are getting this all at once but I have been thinking about this for a long time."

Mead's remarks during both meetings left

some faculty members and chairpersons wondering why they were not allowed to comment on the plan.

"Dean Mead said she could not talk to us until today, but I still do not know why," Dr. Harold C. Shaver, director of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said following the noon meeting. "I would have loved to have been consulted [for input on the reorganization plan]. Up to this point, there has been no input [by the chairs]."

Dr. David C. Duke, history professor, agreed.

"Why are we hearing about this plan now for the first time?" he asked. "Why haven't we played a part in creating the plan instead of being presented a plan? We haven't had any input in this decision. That concerns me."

Although Mead was bombarded with questions and placed under the scrutiny of a few faculty members, Dr. William N. Denman, communications professor, praised the COLA dean for her efforts.

"This is not something that was just thrown out into the air," Denman said. "The dean is taking the position of leadership and giving us an opportunity to deal with a proposal that may have some importance to us. Whether you feel betrayed or not, we are overlooking the fact that we have an individual in the position of leadership who exerted leadership."

We need to talk about it instead of flushing the whole damn thing down the sewer. We're being very unkind to a woman who is trying her best to do something positive for this college."

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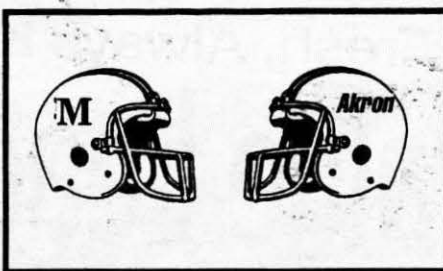
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After two wins in the Mid-American Conference against Kent University and Ball State University, Marshall takes James S. Edwards Field to face the University of Akron, Saturday at 7 p.m.

McCloud returns, plans to help Herd defense

by JACOB MESSER
sports editor

Larry McCloud will return to the Herd lineup and his middle linebacker position when Marshall plays the University of Akron in a Mid-American Conference (MAC) contest at 7 p.m. Saturday at the James F. Edwards Field.

And the Huntington senior could not have picked a better time to return.

Without McCloud anchoring the defense in its last three games, Marshall (4-1 overall and 2-0 in the MAC) has allowed 617 yards on 148 attempts — an average of 205.4 rushing yards per game.

And Akron is a rush-oriented team that tallied 303 rushing yards in a 53-14 win over Central Michigan Saturday. The Zips rank 39th nationally in rushing offense with an average of 167.4 yards per game.

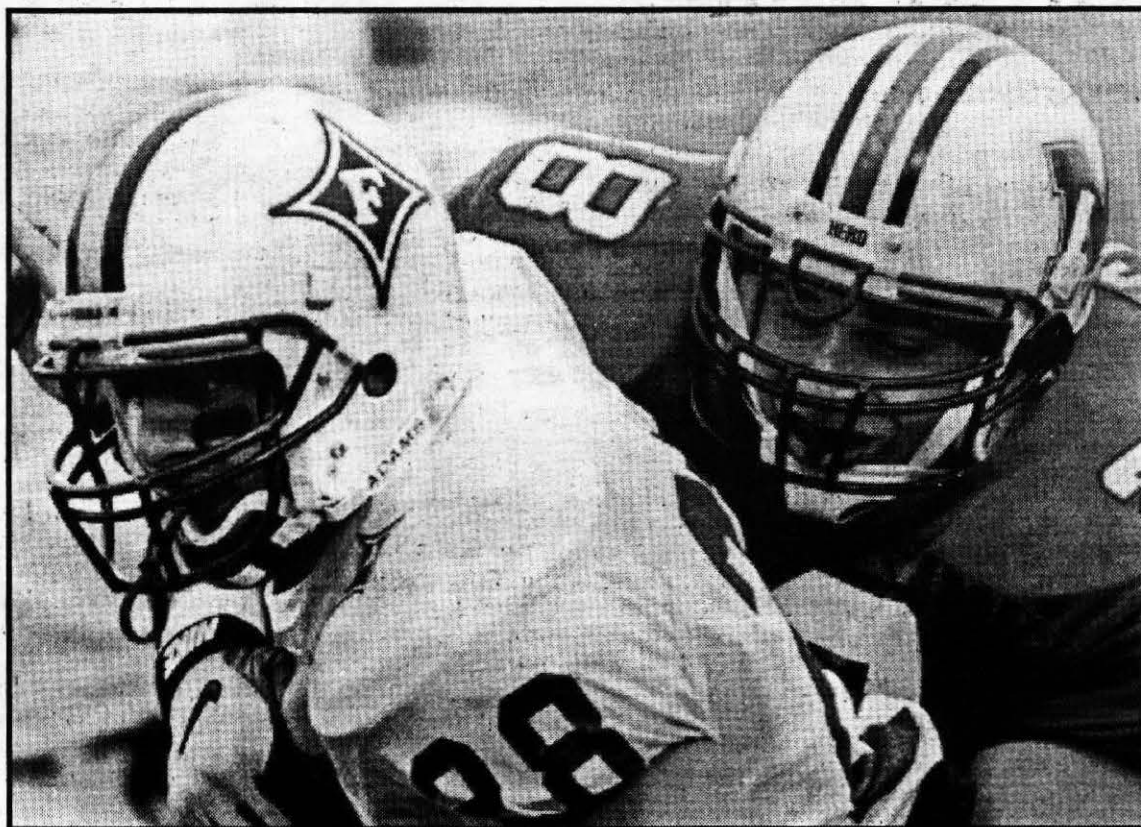
"We like to run the ball," Akron coach Lee Owens said. "If we can run the ball against a team, we will run it hard and run it often."

But McCloud has recovered from his injury and is ready to return to the field.

"It feels really good to be back," the Huntington senior said. "These past four weeks have been the most disappointing in my career. I look forward to getting back on the field and playing in the game. Now that I'm back, I think I can help the defense."

Marshall coach Bobby Pruett and the Herd players are happy to see McCloud back in action.

"Getting Larry back will help us on defense," Pruett said. "Our younger guys did a good job stepping up when Larry got hurt, but we're a



Brett Hall

After a three-game absence due to an injured hand, Marshall's Larry McCloud (back) will return to the Herd lineup Saturday in its Mid-American Conference battle with the University of Akron. McCloud, a senior linebacker, was leading the Herd in tackles prior to the injury.

better team with him on the field. We're glad to have him back. His leadership and physical presence on the field are major factors in our defensive success."

Rogers Beckett, a sophomore safety who leads the Herd in tackles with 53, concurred.

"It's great to have him back," Beckett said. "His return will bring our defense to a higher level and make a lot of things happen. He's a smart player and has seen a lot of things during his three years as a starter. He brings a whole new attitude to the defense."

B. J. Summers, a senior cor-

nerback who has made 33 tackles and caused a fumble, said, "We're happy to see an All-American starter return to the lineup, especially Larry McCloud. He takes a lot of pressure off our defensive line and defensive backs. I'm happy to see Larry come back. Larry is a great tackler."

Girardie Mercer, a 6-foot-2, 263-pound sophomore nose guard, agreed.

"Having No. 28 [McCloud's jersey number] back out there is going to help our defense tremendously," Mercer said. "He brings a physical presence in the middle. When No. 28 is out there, teams notice him and try to avoid him. He's

a powerful hitter who can cover sideline to sideline."

But Owens is not pleased to see McCloud return.

"They're a totally different team with him," Owens said. "They'll be much better against the run with him. He's physical, big, quick and makes a lot of tackles."

"It will be hard to run against their defense with McCloud in the middle."

Akron's rushing attack, however, is not to be underestimated.

The team's backfield consists of several successful running backs. Junior tailback Greg Lomax leads Akron with 206 yards on 42 carries.

Mike Lagasse ranks second on the team with 145 yards on 30 attempts. Fullbacks Chris Rooney (109 yards on 23 attempts) and Jamie Reader (113 yards on 29 attempts) have combined for more than 200 yards.

Although the Herd is allowing 257.4 yards per game on the ground and Akron is a rush-oriented team, McCloud and his teammates are looking forward to the challenge.

"We need to go out there and play good defense and stop the run," McCloud said. "That's going to be their biggest threat. We need to go out there and establish a good running defense."

Mercer agreed.

"We have to stop the run," he said. "That actually plays into our hands this week because we have prepared well for it and have Larry McCloud back. If we take them out of their game plan and force them to pass, we'll be fine. Passing is not their strong suit. We need to force them to pass."

But Marshall cannot focus its defensive scheme solely on stopping the run, Pruett said.

"They have a power offense and like to run the ball, but they like to throw the ball, too," the second-year Herd coach said. "They had a big passing game against Central Michigan Saturday."

Akron quarterback Greg Gromek completed 16 passes for 263 yards against Central Michigan.

"They're definitely capable of throwing the ball effectively," he said. "We just have to do our job and try to stop them the best way we can."

"They have potential," Pruett said. "We'll have to play well to beat them."

Akron coach pessimistic about team's chances

by JACOB MESSER
sports editor

University of Akron coach Lee Owens is hoping for divine intervention when the Zips play the Thundering Herd, the No. 38 team in the nation.

"It would take an act of God for us to be able to beat Marshall," Owens said. "Unless there is a tornado or heavy rains or lightning, we'll be lucky to keep it close. We're a big underdog."

Marshall (4-1) and Akron (1-4) will meet head-to-head in a Mid-American Conference (MAC) battle at 7 p.m. Saturday at James F. Edwards Field.

The Herd's high-scoring offense strikes fear into the hearts of head coaches and

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— Lee Owens, University of Akron coach

defensive coordinators, Owens said.

"Marshall has a great quarterback in Chad Pennington," the Akron coach said, "and a pair of fine running backs in

Llow Turner and Doug Chapman. Plus, they have one of the best receiving corps in the nation."

Pennington has completed 94-of-160 passes for 1,537 yards and 20 touchdowns. The sophomore quarterback from Knoxville, Tenn., ranks fifth in the country in passing efficiency with a quarterback rating of 173.2.

Turner (56 carries for 338 yards) and Chapman (29 carries for 130 yards) have combined for 468 yards on 85 attempts.

Herd receivers have combined to catch 98 passes for 1,571 yards and 21 touchdowns. Heisman Trophy candidate Randy Moss leads the Herd and the MAC in receptions (38), all-purpose yards (749) and touchdowns (14).

LaVorn Colclough has 23 catches for 381 yards and five touchdowns.

Akron's defense has encountered several setbacks.

"We have struggled to stop anyone all year long," he said. "We're not a sound defensive unit. We haven't really had any one player step up and take charge of the defense."

In losses to the University of Nebraska, Louisiana State University, Miami (Ohio) University and Bowling Green State University, the Zips have been outscored 59-14, 56-0, 49-10 and 31-28, respectively.

And Akron is allowing 41.8 points and 545.8 yards per game.

Owens realizes the Herd, which has the highest scoring

offense in the MAC at 39.6 points per game, will try to zap the Zip defense with big plays.

"We can't stop them," Owens said. "There's no way to stop them. Marshall is too good and too skilled. Honestly, we cannot expect to be competitive on the defensive side of the ball against an offense as talented as Marshall."

Unless God throws on the pads and takes the field with the Zips, Akron could be in for a long game Saturday, Owens said.

"I just hope we can score, so we can keep it close," he said. "But like I said, it will take an act of God for us to beat Marshall."

Amen.



Greek organizations will have a chance at earning a \$50 gift certificate at tonight's men's soccer game against Western Michigan, coach Bob Gray said. The fraternity or sorority that shows the most support with its attendance and enthusiasm during the team's next-to-last match will take home the prize.

Commissioner makes apology

I want to sincerely apologize to the Huntington community, Marshall University and the residents of West Virginia for the comments I made during the Ohio/Eastern Michigan game on Saturday. I am West Virginian by birth and my grandfather and uncle were coal miners. I, in no way, meant to insult or impugn the great fans at Marshall or demean the coal mining profession. I was trying to acknowledge the Marshall fans for their loyal following of the football team at the West Virginia game.

For those who were offended I wish to make assurances that by no means were the comments meant to be derogatory in nature. My comments were preceded by remarks concerning the strong support of the Marshall fans.

The analogy I drew was in poor taste and inexcusable. As a person who was born in Wheeling and grew up across the river in a coal mining community, I am very proud of my heritage and I have a very strong affection for the people of West Virginia. My wife and son were also born in Wheeling and I have a master's degree from West Virginia.

Being very instrumental in the admittance of Marshall University to the MAC has been one of the proudest moments in my professional life. The Marshall community has done an outstanding job during this period. I am most pleased and looking forward to Marshall University hosting the first MAC Championship football game in December.

It is my most fervent hope that my comments will not detract in any manner, shape or form from the great football season the MAC is enjoying, due in large part to the reintroduction of Marshall. I hope we can all move from this most regrettable episode and put our focus back on the student-athletes for the remainder of this exciting season.

Herd fans, state residents upset by Ippoliti's 'moonshiner' remarks

by EDWARD TERRY
reporter

Jerry spent the week trying to get a bad taste out of his mouth.

His foot.

MAC commissioner Jerry Ippoliti's comments came during the televised football game between Eastern Michigan and Ohio University in Ypsilanti, Mich., in an on-the-air interview about Marshall fan support and the fact that 10,000 Herd fans attended the season opener at West Virginia University.

"They only gave them 7,300 tickets but I think those coal miners got in someplace else," Ippoliti said on the air. "The moonshine wagons were flying down there someplace."

In a news release sent out by the Mid-American Conference Monday, Ippoliti offered a formal apology to Marshall University and to the residents of West Virginia for comments he made Saturday.

This week Herd fans and state residents reacted.

Charleston Daily Mail sports editor Jody Jividen said the remarks were appalling, especially from someone in Ippoliti's position.

"He has definitely upset a lot of people," Jividen said. "What he said is the kind of thing that can only be said

from one West Virginian to another."

According to Ippoliti's statement he was born in Wheeling, his grandfather and uncle were both coal miners and the analogy he drew was in poor taste and inexcusable.

"Being very instrumental in the admittance of Marshall University to the MAC has been one of the proudest moments in my professional life," according to Ippoliti's statement. "It is my most fervent hope that my comments will not detract in any manner, shape or form the great football season the MAC is enjoying, due in large part to the reintroduction of Marshall."

"I hope we can all move on from this most regrettable episode and put our focus back on the student-athletes for the remainder of this exciting football season."

Head football coach Bob Pruett said he had not heard Ippoliti's comments and was sure that Ippoliti meant nothing by it.

"I'm sure he was not trying to be derogatory," Pruett said. "It sounds like he made a mistake and hopefully we can get by it and move on."

Not everyone was as kind as Pruett.

"I can't imagine how someone in charge of a 1-A confer-

ence could say things like that," said Danny Wells, senior sports writer for the Charleston Gazette. "He should be reprimanded in some way."

Milton senior Angela M. Vance said she was very insulted by the comments, and despite only living in West Virginia for 10 years said she still feels a loyalty to the state.

Brian P. Hall, Grayson, Ky., senior, was upset also.

"Being from this area I am definitely insulted," he said. "When I hear people make such comments about West Virginia, Kentucky or Ohio, I am insulted."

Wellsburg sophomore January M. Vargo said comments such as Ippoliti's give everyone a bad impression of the state.

"There is a lot more to West Virginia than coal miners, hillbillies and moonshine," Vargo said. "Those kind of comments make it difficult for us to overcome those stereotypes."

Pittsburgh sophomore Jill M. Georges said the incident

affected her differently because she is not from West Virginia, but she is familiar with the frequent stereotyping of the state.

"My friends at home started making jokes about the state when I told them where Marshall was," Georges said. "The people here are no different from anyone else. If anything, they should be proud of their heritage."

Pruett agrees.

"We're proud of being coal miners," Pruett said. "I'm not offended. My dad and members of my wife's family were coal miners."

Herald-Dispatch sports writer Tim R. Stephens said he expects some to accept the apology, but others will not. He looks forward to seeing the reaction at Saturday's home game vs. Akron which Ippoliti and his wife are scheduled to attend.

"If he is introduced at Saturday's game vs. Akron he will probably get some boos," Stephens said. "I'm sure someone will bring a sign with references to his comments."

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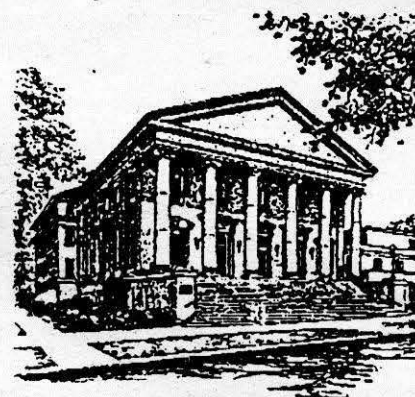
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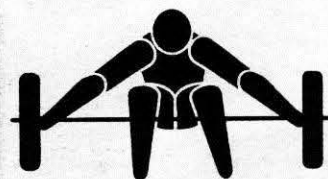
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Smoking has been called a dirty habit. Traces of the habit can be seen on the campus grounds and at building entrances.

Cigarette butts litter the campus, especially in heavy traffic areas like the Memorial Student Center and the bridge at Smith Hall. Instead of discarding their cigarettes in the urns provided, many students and faculty simply throw their butts to the ground.

"They'll sit right next to the cigarette urns and flip it on the ground," Les Cavender, roads and grounds lead, said.

Near a hot spot, an area of heavy use for cigarette butts, there is seldom an issue of distance from a cigarette urn.

"From the farthest point, you're 75 feet from an urn," Andy Sheetz, supervisor of roads and grounds, said.

All hot spots have at least two urns. The urns are usually quickly filled.

The problem has gotten worse in recent years.

With the banning of smoking inside buildings, the smokers have gone outside. The butts accumulate around the entrances.

"You can come out here at 10:30, and they're all there," Rusty Derton, roads and grounds second lead, said.

The worst of the hot spots is the Memorial Student Center plaza. Students sit on the walls or the picnic tables and throw their butts on the ground or put them into spaces that are difficult for the grounds workers to reach.

The plaza must be cleaned thoroughly every morning, or the mess quickly gets out of hand, Sheetz said. In addition, if the drains aren't cleared of cigarette butts every morning, the plaza will flood during a hard rain, which occurred several times last semester.

Another hot spot is the bridge to the entrance of Smith Hall. The butts are tossed to the ground or thrown beside the bridge.

The cigarette litter accumulates quickly because there is not enough time or money to clean the bridge daily. Instead, the bridge is cleaned three times a week, but the used cigarettes continue to accumulate.

Cleaning up the butts usually involves using a leaf blower to get the cigarettes into one pile and then using a dustpan to put the butts into a trash bag.

Other butts must be removed by hand from hard to reach places, such as drains and the corners of planters.

The areas near the entrances of all the buildings are hot spots for cigarette butts. Many students, faculty and staff either throw their butts directly to the ground or into the mulch around the trees and bushes. The latter act has caused at least one fire on campus.

"I had to put 10 gallons of water on one mulch bed that had burned," Cavender said.

The mulch bed fire occurred on the north side of Harris Hall and destroyed one bush and will force the removal of three

others, Sheetz said.

Mulch fires are just the beginning. When the leaves begin to fall, if the weather remains dry, it could cause a larger fire.

"It can be a real serious problem, as dry as the weather's been," Sheetz said. "I'd say you're 99 percent sure you'll see another fire this year," Derton said.

The cleanup must be done constantly and quickly. If the butts are left in one place too long, cleanup takes longer to complete. "We can't stop; we have to continue doing this every day," Derton said.

Cleaning up the cigarette butts is also expensive. It forces the roads and grounds departments to hire additional help for cleaning and attending to other duties, such as picking up trash, cutting grass, and picking up dead leaves. This added expense means higher tuition for students, Sheetz said.

He said he doesn't want to tell students and faculty to stop smoking, he just urges them to be more responsible when they discard their cigarette butts. Neither are his ground workers complaining about the amount of work they have to do. "I realize that we're here to serve the students," Derton said.

"We put a lot of effort into keeping the campus looking nice, and I don't think they know it," Derton said.

story by Russel C. Smith
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-Les Cavender,
road and grounds lead

