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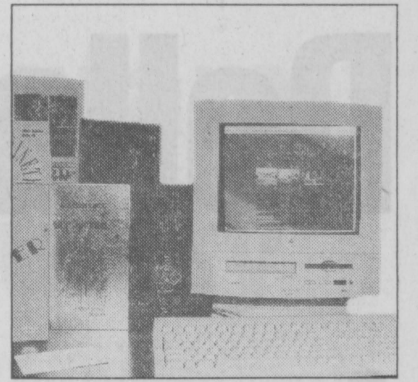
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State native to take MU post

by **JILLIAN GEORGES**
reporter

A West Virginia native has been hired as the senior vice president for development and planning this year.

Dr. J. Joe Mitchell will succeed Frank Justice as of March 1.

President J. Wade Gilley said, "We at Marshall are proud to have been able to build a strong administration and faculty by luring some of those highly qualified West Virginians back home."

Gilley added, "We are par-

ticularly pleased that Joe Mitchell and his attractive wife, Kendal, have elected to return to West Virginia and help in the continued building of a better Marshall to serve this state."

After leading the successful campaign for the John Deaver Drinko Library, Justice now has a part-time position with the College of Business.



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"We at Marshall are proud to have been able to build a strong administration and faculty by luring some of those highly qualified West Virginians back home..."

J. Wade Gilley,
Marshall president

Mitchell, a native of Greenbrier County, will be in command of alumni relations, university fund-raising communications and development offices on the South Charleston campus.

The in-state product will head a campaign to raise \$100 million for scholarships, faculty development and building funds when he arrives to campus, Gilley said.

"It was the committee's view

that Dr. Mitchell had the best qualifications to fit Marshall's needs," said Dr. Corley F. Dennison, president of the Faculty Senate and professor of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Mitchell earned his bachelor's degree in history from Hampden-Sydney College in 1964.

He received his M.S. degree in education from Longwood College in 1976. He earned his doctorate at Virginia Tech in 1986.

Mitchell, who began his

career as a teacher in 1964, has been the vice president for university advancement at the University of Northern Iowa since 1988.

He led the university's first comprehensive fund-raising campaign, which raised more than \$33 million, exceeding its \$25 million goal by more than 40 percent.

He was the coordinator of Virginia Tech's first capital campaign in the early 1980s. He also was the vice president for development at Davis and Elkins College in 1985.

Events planned to boost crowds

by **STACY TURNER**
reporter

Brian Florko wants students to trade their beers for basketballs.

Florko, director of corporate tickets and promotions for the Athletic Department, said he wants to get students involved in non-alcoholic events on campus.

Included in the events he is coordinating are men's basketball games at the Cam Henderson Center.

In an attempt to attract students to and encourage participation at home basketball games, Florko picks a different fraternity and sorority each week to take part in half-time activities.

A member of the selected fraternity and the sorority of the week participates in U.S. Air's halftime competition each week, Florko said.

"This is something new we are trying in order to get more students involved in the games," Florko said. "If it works out, we would like to expand it to all campus groups."

The halftime event is a shooting competition in which participants shoot from various points on the court, Florko explained.

Winners will be eligible for two free airline tickets at the end of the season, he said.

Other ideas for increasing student attendance include roping off a section of 50 seats near Marshall's bench as well as providing food and prizes, Florko said.

Huntington businesses such as Papa John's and WSAZ-TV donate the food and prizes, he said.

Florko said he plans to use the ideas during the rest of the home games this semester.

He started the program Jan. 14, when the Thundering Herd defeated Buffalo 82-62.

Alpha Xi Delta member Kelly A. Kirk was a participant during the Marshall-Kent State game Jan. 16.

"The program gave the sorority a good opportunity to get involved with campus life and to show their support for the Herd," said Kirk, a Coal Grove junior majoring in education.

Night shift



photo by John F. Carter

The statue of John Marshall, the namesake of the university, casts a watchful eye over students outside the John Deaver Drinko Library. The state, along with the new library, was dedicated Oct. 27, 1998.

Students to participate in ethnic, gender studies

by **KRISTA CRAWFORD**
reporter

Maura Conway and Travis Williams were chosen to represent the university as student affiliates at the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia (CSEGA).

Conway, of Huntington, is working on a project entitled "The Role of Religion in the Cohesion of West Virginian Irish-Catholic Communities." She is researching the strug-

gles of people, both past and present, in Irish-Catholic communities in predominately Protestant Appalachia. She is placing emphasis on women in those areas.

"I choose this subject because it is one that really interests me," Conway said. "It is one area that has not been studied very much and the need is there."

She added, "I am going to have a focus on women who were involved in keeping their communities together, as well

as their religion."

Conway said her thesis will cite both literature and oral histories. She said she hopes to finish it by December 2000.

"I will be using Marshall's Special Libraries to get a geographical background," she said. "I am going to be doing a lot of



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original oral histories looking at primary sources such as diaries."

Travis Williams, of Dunbar, is working on a project entitled "Giving Voice: A Qualitative Study of African-American Alumni, Alumnae, and Current Student Racial Perceptions."

He has conducted 28 interview, 14 with current students and 14 with Marshall alumni, to examine how African American students over the past 30 years have coped with

the challenges of attending a predominantly white Appalachian university.

Williams received his bachelor's degree in sociology from West Virginia State College. He is now working toward his master's degree in sociology at Marshall.

"When I came to Marshall I picked up on my own personal invisibility," Williams said. "Since I noticed my own, I wanted to know if my black

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Campus researchers searching for funding

by **JIA HENG**
reporter

Eleven researchers from the university are looking to federal funding agencies for possible future financing.

Their search is taking them to Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.

"The researchers will talk with program officers of different departments about their ideas that they have been working on, so that before submitting the proposal, they can get very personal feedback," said Kris Rhodes, grants development officer of the Marshall University Research Corporation.

Rhodes added, "And they can make sure that their proposals fit what the agencies are looking for. Or they might know something from the agencies they haven't thought of before."

Last year, the School of Medicine's Forensic Science Program received \$2 million from the Forensic DNA laboratory improvement program of the National Institute of Justice to run the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) program.

Working with the West Virginia State Police, the CODIS laboratory runs DNA analysis on the blood of convicted felons and keeps the information on a database.

Lynda Holup, biotechnology business developer of the Forensic Science Program, said the purpose of the trip is to give the officers the six-month report on the progress of grant activity.

Holup said, "The technology has changed, and this grant is important to us because it has enabled us to change from the older technology to the newer technology."

Holup said the trip also provides other opportunities.

"Through this grant, we are able to buy new machinery, hire some graduates of the program to operate the database in this new technology,"

"The technology has changed, and this grant is important to us because it has enabled us to change from the older technology to the new technology..."

Lynda Holup,
biotechnology business developer

she said. "This is an opportunity to meet face to face with program officers to talk about how the program is going, what we have accomplished and what we plan."

Dr. Don Van Horn, dean of the College of Fine Arts, will meet with the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Department of Education.

Van Horn said he and Dr. Calvin Kent organized a grant proposal for an art administration program to the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

Dr. Gary Wright, chairman of the Physiology Department, and Dr. William McCumbee, professor of physiology, will meet with program officers from the National Institute of Health to discuss their new program in cardiovascular physiology.

Dr. Mary Jo Graham, associate professor of Family & Consumer Science at the College of Education and Human Services, initiated a program about early parent-hood education.

To see which grant and program applies to it, she will meet with officers from the National Institute of Education, National Institute of Mental Health and National Science Foundation.

Rhodes said she will meet

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Dollars and Sense

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Alpha Kappa Psi combines academics with social interaction on campus

by LILLIAN L. WILLIS
reporter

Though it may go against everything students have been taught, some have found a way to mix business with pleasure.

Many students may not be aware of the opportunities available to them. Often, students go to their classes and go home, not thinking about getting involved with organizations within their majors or fields of interest, let alone both.

One such organization hopes to combine academic interests with social interaction.

Alpha Kappa Psi, national co-ed professional business fraternity, hopes to be a well-rounded organization, according to junior Emily Coffey, accounting major and Alpha

Kappa Psi member.

"We are a professional fraternity, but we do a lot of community service," Coffey said. "We do a lot of social activities as well."

Though it is a business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi is not limited to students in the Lewis College of Business. Dr. Pat Broce, accounting and legal studies professor and Alpha

"It's a good way to not only get to know other people in my field, but it's a good way to get contacts with other people as well."

Jennifer Smith,
Alpha Kappa Psi member

Kappa Psi adviser, said students are given a good opportunity for networking within their college as well as with students in other fields of study.

"It's a good way to not only get to know other people in my field, but it's a good way to get contacts with other people as well," said Jennifer Smith, junior accounting major.

Smith is involved with the fraternity for a second semester. She said she would have gotten involved sooner, but did not realize how it would help her or what it was about.

Kellie Woodward, senior, economics major, a prospective member of Alpha Kappa Psi, attended an interest meeting.

"I don't know why I haven't thought about joining before," Woodward said.

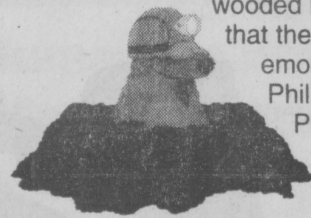
Alpha Kappa Psi is in the beginning stages of its spring rush.

Information can be obtained by contacting Clayton Tooley, Alpha Kappa Psi president, at 525-0007.

Pledge meetings are Tuesdays and chapter meetings are Mondays in the Memorial Student Center.

Rodent forecaster works today

February 2 is a sacred day, Punxsutawney Phil, the world's smallest and furiest weather forecaster gets to go to work. At Gobbler Knob, a wooded knoll just in Pennsylvania, residents contend that the groundhog has never been wrong. The ceremony was held in secret until 1966. Since then, Phil's forecast has been a national media event. Phil comes out of his heated burrow, looks for his shadow and utters his prediction. If he sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, it means spring is just around the corner. The legend of Groundhog Day is based on an old Scottish couplet: "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there'll be two winter in the year."



State briefs...

W.Va. government worse than average

CHARLESTON (AP) — West Virginia state government performs worse than most states in financial, human resources and three other management areas, according to a study released today.

The study by Syracuse University, which ranked all 50 states and some individual federal government agencies, gave West Virginia an average grade of "C-plus." Only 14 states fared worse than West Virginia.

A report accompanying the study in "Governing" magazine even complimented West Virginia.

"The greatest surprise to us was the fact that many states didn't fit the common wisdom about them. ... West Virginia, long considered a financial backwater, just earned its third Government Finance Officers Association certificate of achievement for financial reporting," the magazine said.

West Virginia's best grade was a "B" in financial management.

It received a less glowing report on capital management, human resources, information technology and managing for results.

Pilot program benefits homeowners

CHARLESTON (AP) — A pilot program may soon help more West Virginians become homeowners.

The Construction Assistance Program is currently being tested in central West Virginia.

The program is meant to produce the type of housing developments aimed at people who pay from \$300 to \$400 a month in rent, according to officials with the West Virginia Housing Development Fund.

Developers building houses that would sell for around \$90,000 or less can apply to become part of the program. The plan guarantees builders that the state Housing Fund will buy their homes for 80 percent of its value if the home is not sold after being on the market for 120 days.

The incentive encourages construction of more affordable homes, said Roger Hughes a housing specialist promoting the pilot program in Kanawha and Fayette counties.

"The big guys are not building homes in that price range because there is not enough of a profit margin there," he said. "The little guys are not doing it because they do not have the financial wherewithal to venture out."

Economic growth closes strong in 1998

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans ended 1998 with a spending spree, giving the economy momentum as it entered the new year.

But economists wonder how long consumers can sustain the breakneck pace. Their incomes grew strongly, but they spent every bit of the increase — and more.

Personal income jumped 0.5 percent in December, the best gain in 10 months, the Commerce Department said Monday. Spending surged an even stronger 0.8 percent, the most since May.

"The basic message is the consumer is still ready, willing and able to spend," said economist Robert Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "There is nothing to suggest the consumer is beginning to turn tail."

Strong stock-market gains, low interest rates and robust inflation-adjusted wage gains are all supporting consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

"The fundamentals ... suggest continued gains," said economist Lynn Reaser of Nationsbank in Jacksonville, Fla. "In addition, many individuals this spring will be receiving tax refunds, with the child and education tax credits" effective for the first time for 1998.

But, because Americans spent more than they earned in December, their personal savings rate went negative — to minus 0.1 percent — for the second time last year. The measure of savings as a percentage of after-tax income has fluctuated around zero for four months.

And spending was bolstered in December by two factors that weren't helping in January: a last-minute surge in holiday shopping in response to discounts and very strong auto sales.

"Bad weather, less aggressive price discounting and a slow-

down in employment growth point to slower consumer spending gains in January," said Kathleen Wylie of Scotiabank in Toronto. "Further slowdowns are likely as the year progresses given the low savings rate."

For the year, Americans saved just 0.5 percent of their income, the least since 1933, compared with 2.1 percent in 1997 and 2.9 percent in 1996. But, the figure is not as grim as it appears.

It reflects the fact that prosperous Americans spent a portion of their stock-market gains and tapped their home equity during a wave of refinancing spurred by the lowest mortgage rates since the 1960s.

Income in 1998 rose a healthy 5 percent, the fourth consecutive year at or above that level, but still the smallest rise since 1993.

That included a 6.7 percent increase in wages and salaries

— the most-watched component of income — and a 23.6 percent plunge in farm owners' income, reflecting the worldwide economic slump's impact on commodity prices.

Spending jumped 5.7 percent, the largest gain since 1994.

This was propelled by a 7.5 percent increase for big-ticket durable goods, as low interest rates fueled car sales and record home sales encouraged furniture and appliance purchases.

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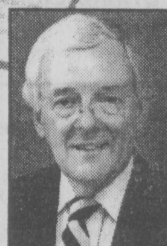
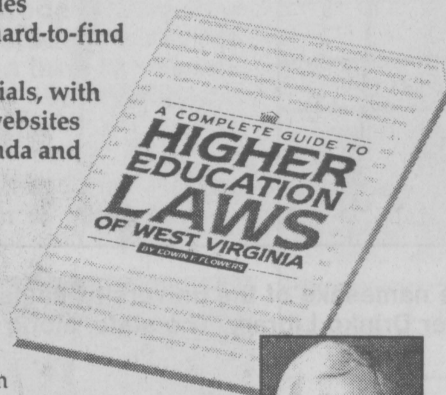
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Trip a search for funds

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with officers from the National Institute of Health and U.S. Department of Education to discuss The Gearup, a program of the U.S. Department of Education aimed to prepare students for the transition from high school to college.

Nita Sue Kent, grants editor of the Research Corporation, will meet with representatives from the FIPSE program.

"These researchers will meet their peers at the federal agencies," said Ron Schelling, executive director of the Research Corporation. "The purpose of this trip is to link up Marshall University researchers and federal researchers, and try to find a fit of research activities. We are looking at this as a possible source for future funding."

The group will also visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Endowment for the Humanities, Appalachian Regional Commission, U.S. Department of Defense and National Institute of Mental Health.

Studies being completed

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peers felt the same. Through my interviews I discovered that black students at Marshall largely felt displaced, looked over."

He said his completed thesis is in the revisionary stage.

"I am not a pessimist," Williams said. "I believe we all need to share our cultural experiences. We can't learn to get along with one another until we learn a little bit about each other."

Williams said his future includes remaining with his fiancée and pursuing his doctorate. He also hopes to do further research on racism and become a professor.

A \$250,000 Rockefeller Foundation Grant for the Humanities funds the CSEGA, which strives to help fill the void of research concerning ethnicity and gender in the Appalachia.

Applicants are required to submit a 2-3 page research proposal, a curriculum vita and two letters of recommendation. The center's advisory panel votes on the applications.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Mary Thomas at 696-3348.

Native American program an 'excellent' opportunity

by **GAYLE L. SMITLEY** reporter

Georgia State University, in conjunction with the National Student Exchange Program, is offering a five-week study program based in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The program is titled "Southwestern Native American Thought and Culture."

Three positions remain for the College of Santa Fe program, which is from June 12 until July 18.

Selected students, faculty and staff will read and study Southwestern Native American literature and culture on site.

Participants will analyze ancient myths and contemporary writings as well as arts and crafts. They also will study music and dance of three Indian cultures—the Navajo, Anasazi and Pueblo tribes.

Martha Woodward, executive director of Marshall's John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence, said the program offers students an "excellent

MORE INFO

The following is a list of program fees for the five-week study program based in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The program is sponsored by Georgia State University, in conjunction with the National Student Exchange Program.

- ground transportation, lodging and food round-trip from Atlanta to Santa Fe
- field trips and admissions fees
- fees, tents, sleeping bags and motel lodging for camping trip to Anasazi sites
- fees for Native American guides, speakers and consultants
- seminar discussions at College of Santa Fe

opportunity in the summer.

"It will give them the chance to add different facets to their education and a good experience to have on graduate college or employment applications," she said

Woodward said participants from Marshall can enroll in the

program on a non-credit basis or discuss a credit option with Georgia State University.

The trip is led by Dr. Grant Luckhardt, program director at Georgia State University.

He will be assisted by Native American consultants, according to the homepage of Georgia

State University's Honors Program.

During the five-week session, participants will visit historical sites and museums of Native American culture and art.

A camping trip to the ancient Anasazi sites is scheduled for the fourth week. Among the sites are Mesa Verde, Chaco Canyon and Canyon de Chelly.

Program fees include ground transportation, lodging and food round-trip from Atlanta to Santa Fe; field trips and admissions fees; camping fees, tents, sleeping bags and motel lodging for trip to Anasazi sites; fees for Native American guides, speakers and consultants; and seminar discussions at College of Santa Fe

Applications and a \$200 non-refundable deposit are due by Feb. 15. More information and applications may be obtained by calling Luckhardt or Shelley Carter, assistant director, at (404) 651-2924.

Students may also visit Woodward in Old Main 230 or call her at 696-2475.

Read-In to bring cultures together

by **TONDREA DAVIS** reporter

In celebration of Black History Month participants from the graduate college's South Charleston campus will be a link in the African American Read-In Chain.

The Committee for Social Justice and Cultural Diversity is presenting the "Brown Bag Diversity Dialogue Series" on the Read-In Chain from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 8.

The Read-In is a national campaign in which participants read from the works of novice and professional African American authors. It is referred to as a chain because Read-In packets are sent to participants who then pass the information on. Created

in 1989 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English, the Read-In is designed to create a chain of 1 million readers by the year 2000.

"It's [The Read-In] a neat way for people to stay involved and remain in touch with issues related to social justice and cultural diversity," said Beth Chiparo, coordinator of alumni relations and annual giving and project coordinator of the dialogue series. "We encourage the continuation of the diversity dialogue series as a way to bring people together who may not come together for any other reason."

Dr. Frances Simone, graduate college associate professor of education and director of the West Virginia Writing Project will facilitate the bring-your-own lunch

series which will include a discussion of the readings following presentations. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

The Committee for Social Justice and Cultural Diversity sponsors other events to provide a forum for suggestions, complaints and observations while aiming to promote awareness and understanding of related issues. The committee has been presenting the "Brown Bag Diversity Dialogue Series" for three years. This is the second year the program has participated in the Read-In.

Chiparo encourages faculty, staff and students to participate as readers and or listeners.

"It's really an eye opening experience," she said.

Computer services updating MILO

by **GAYLE L. SMITLEY** reporter

Students who need to know when they will receive their loan refund checks or if they have received credit for grants or scholarships or other academic information can check out the updated version of MILO.

Computing Services is updating MILO services and student information. The update started Friday, Jan. 15.

MILO, Marshall Information Liaison Online, allows student to obtain personal information and to register for classes.

Students can view, change, add and disclose any information just as if they had talked with

personnel in offices such as financial aid, registrar or admissions. All information can be opened anytime from anywhere in the United States.

"MILO is a wonderful tool for students to go in and look at their own records and to study what they need to take in the future," Patricia Z. Gebhart, senior program coordinator of enrollment management. "It's great because when they schedule they can encounter conflicts on their screen and can plan their schedules better. I would like to see students use the resources more often."

Although students might worry about someone else reading their personal information,

students must enter their social security numbers and personal identification numbers (PIN), to access their information. If students have not changed those numbers, they are their birth dates.

Computing Services customized MILO software to increase the amount of information current or prior students are capable of obtaining. If individuals attended the university in the early '70s through 1987, they can only view their academic history. When individuals re-enroll, their records are audited and their academic history is placed on MILO.

"The last update is not only

geared toward improving what students are capable of doing, but to give us an opportunity to move toward a different realm as well," Terri Tomblin, manager of database administration in computing services, said. "Faculty members are going to be able to integrate via the web."

Computer Services is expanding MILO to include faculty members. The service will have a test run during mid-term grading to prepare for the fall semester. Faculty will be able to view schedules and student lists for classes. Students can find more information by contacting the MILO website at <http://www.marshall.edu/milo>.

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Columnists wanted

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OUR VIEW

Growth brings big concerns

One thing guaranteed about growth is that you can expect some pains along the way.

As Dr. K. Edward Grose, vice president for operations, said in a recent Parthenon article, "Growth is a good problem to have, but it is also a real challenge to maintain the quality and provide the service that everybody expects." Our university is currently faced with that challenge.

Although we are fortunate to attend Marshall during this exciting growth period, we have several concerns about the future of our university.

One, of course, is housing. In past years students have had to stay in the UpTowner Inn because the university did not have rooms for them. Given that fact, and considering population is expected to soon reach 20,000, it would seem logical that new residence hall construction should be planned. President J. Wade Gilley has stated that no such plans have been made, and, in fact, Holderby Hall may be torn down.

To ease the pains of dorm overcrowding, administrators are encouraging the construction of apartment complexes. In theory, this could mean more housing opportunities for students. However, many students cannot afford rent for luxury apartments. Building another residence hall or converting an existing building into a residence hall may be better options.

Although the university has passed policies to cap the number of incoming freshmen, these policies alone will not solve the problems of overcrowding. Freshmen are required, according to policy, to live in the dorms unless they live within 50 miles of campus. With the increase of students, another possible solution is to re-examine that policy. That way freshman who do not want to live on campus have that option.

Another concern is the number of professors versus the number of students. If student numbers are rapidly increasing, to ensure a high quality of education, the number of professors also needs to increase. As students enjoy learning in small-sized classrooms with individual attention from our professors. If more professors are not hired, the existing ones will be overworked.

These are concerns we hope the Committee on the Future of Marshall will research for students and faculty. The committee's goal is to outline a plan for the university's future. In addressing these concerns, we encourage the committee to follow through with its plans of gauging opinions.

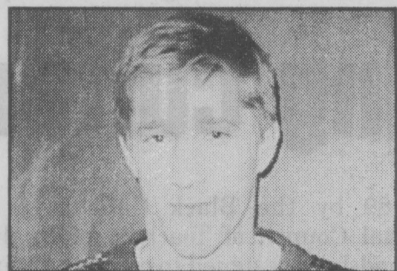
In a recent Parthenon article, Dr. Corley F. Dennison, said the committee is planning a web page, voice box and survey. Those are all techniques that should be used before the committee makes its recommendation.

We hope students take those opportunities to tell committee members their concerns about Marshall's future. Not only is it our administration's duty to ensure success, but it is everyone's responsibility to voice opinions on such concerns as we have mentioned here.

We are proud of the recent expansions, but we also see the dangers in not planning ahead.



Think before you react



GARY HALE

"So often, we do little investigating as to what things really mean. We look at the surface or appearance and we react on impulse."

Marshall needs to stop being so niggardly about things.

Are you offended? Did I just make a racial slur? Did I just earn myself a pink slip at the Parthenon office?

Before you pick up the phone, before you make threats, before you throw the paper down in disgust, grab a dictionary and look up the word. Don't call the Parthenon calling for my resignation. Don't call Hal Shaver, director of the journalism school, and ask to review my statement and possible penalties that should come my way.

Don't ask for a retraction - I stand behind what I said. Marshall needs to stop being so niggardly about things.

Now, let's be honest and take a check. Those who are steaming right now, raise your hand. Take a deep breath - it's OK. I am not a racist. I am not a bigot. I am simply a college student using my education to construct a sentence.

So what's the big deal with niggardly? Nothing. Unless of course you live in Washington, D.C., and in the name of political correctness you throw out

your education, or lack of it, in pursuit of the racist.

David Howard knows this all to well - what being intelligent can do for you. Howard, who works on a committee for the mayor in the nation's capital, was talking to three aides, two black and one white, about the budget for emergency systems when he uttered, "We'll have to be niggardly with this fund because it's not going to be a lot of money."

It wasn't long before people started to call for his resignation, claiming he made a racial slur, claiming he was a racist.

When people actually started looking up the word, they found it meant "sparingly, covetous," etc. - a far cry from what people associated the word with originally.

The apologies have been slow in coming. What's more amazing is there are still some that think Howard should stay off of his post he resigned, because the word he used was just too close to the "n" word.

This is ridiculous. Granted, Howard will think twice about using niggardly next time. But should he have to?

We are at an absurd state in

our society when we have social police listening to our every word. In the name of political correctness, some have shot themselves in the foot by overreacting. Howard made no racial slur. He is innocent.

If we are going to be so sensitive that we are going to start getting upset when someone uses a word that looks, sounds or rhymes with a racial slur, then we are in trouble. If we are going to argue out of ignorance and "shoot from the hip," we doom ourselves as the human race.

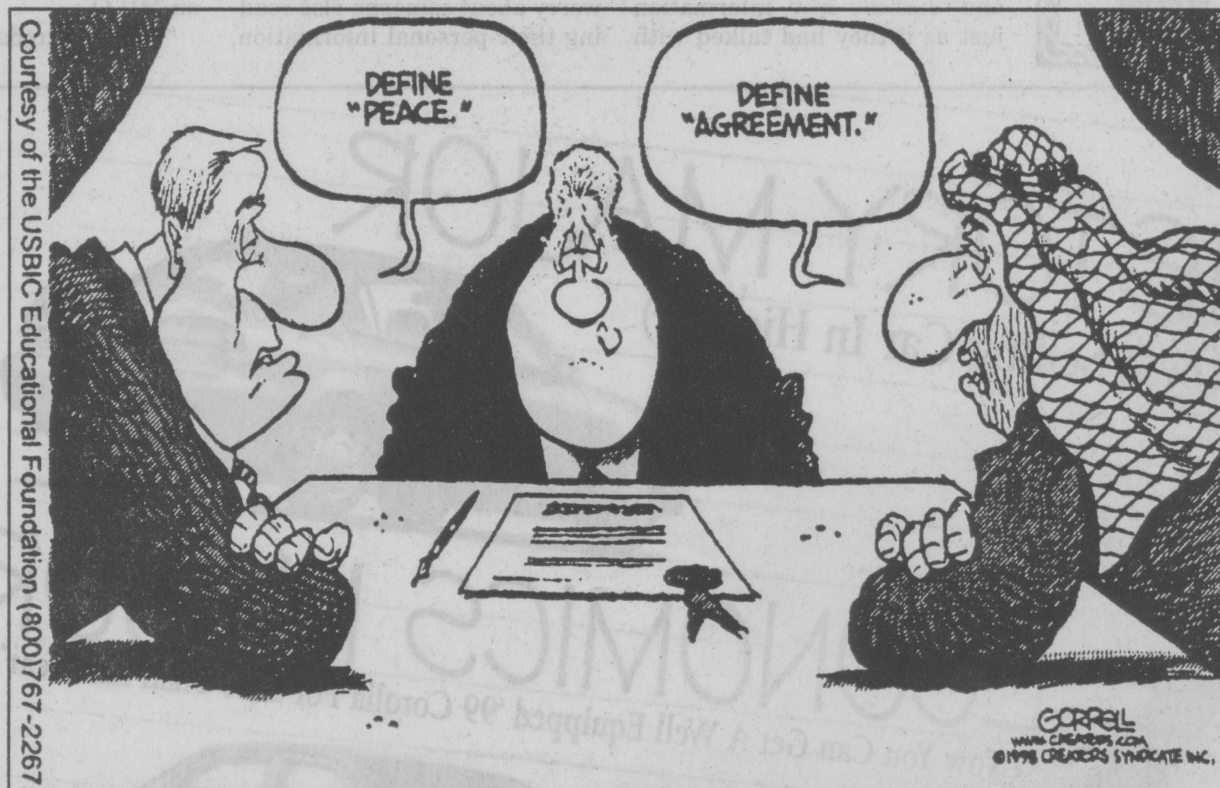
Perhaps this latest incident really shows the mentality of a lot of people. We judge and convict without a fair trial in everyday life. So often, we do little investigating as to what things really mean. We look at the surface or appearance and we react on impulse. We sometimes fail to get the other side. We fail to think.

And in our failure to think we do stupid things: we harm the innocent with words or actions. In our effort to protect the right, we actually do a wrong.

People just need to be niggardly about the value of life and a human's worth. This thought alone, would end a lot of the prejudice, a lot of the hurt that really exists.

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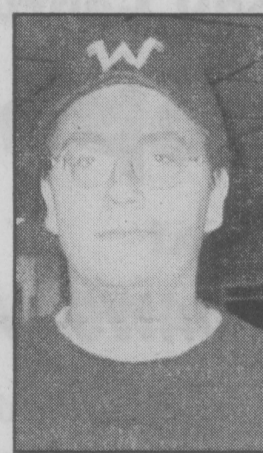
WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

In an informal survey, students were asked to give their opinions regarding the renovations made in the cafeteria of the Memorial Student Center.



"There's no mashed potatoes and gravy, water or a salad bar. They have this giant space in the middle that is used for nothing."

— Jennifer Comer,
Hurricane sophomore



"It was alright, but I don't think it (the renovation) was absolutely necessary. Waiting in line is easier and the food tastes the same to me."

— Bill Saxton,
Poca senior



"It was a little confusing at first but, once you get used to it, it's not a bad idea. I don't think it (the food) has changed much."

— Chris York,
Barboursville senior

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Marshall golf Coach Joe Feaganes inducted into Hall of Fame

by CHAD PENNINGTON
reporter

Coach Joe Feaganes is an icon for Marshall golf.

Now, he is one for all of college golf. The Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) inducted Feaganes into its Hall of Fame Thursday, Jan. 28 at the GCAA convention in Orlando, Fla. Feaganes was one of three inductees who was selected by the Hall of Fame committee.

"I was very humbled and honored to just be included with such a prestigious group of college coaches," Feaganes said. "I was surprised when I was informed back in September (about the induction)."

"For someone to still be active (and be inducted) is pretty good," former team co-captain Steve Shrawder said. "A lot of people in the college coaching ranks look at him as the dean of college coaches."

There is no surprise, however, when looking at the accomplishments of the former Mid-American Conference individual champion.

In 27 years as Marshall's coach, Feaganes has mentored five All-Americans, two Academic All-Americans and three conference champions. His 1976 team finished 17th in the NCAA.

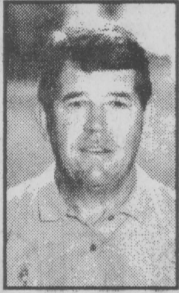
He was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year in 1992 and coached the champion U.S. team in the United States vs. Japan all-star collegiate matches in 1985.

Feaganes' contribution to golf exceeds the realm of coaching.

He served as the NCAA Golf Committee chairman from 1986-1990 and was on the NCAA Golf Advisory Committee for District III.

Feaganes is currently serving as the chairman of District IV and is the secretary of the GCAA.

Feaganes said he thinks the award is not only for himself but for the school and the players he has coached through the years. "When things like that come, you've got



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to give credit to the players," Feaganes said. "You're only as good as your players."

When asked about individual goals, Feaganes modestly stated the team's goals. We, he said, have several goals each year.

"One of the goals is to win the Marshall Invitational," Feaganes said. "Another goal is to win the conference championship and get a team back into the NCAA championships again."

Team co-captain Brian Wilkins said Feaganes puts them before anybody.

"His players are like his kids," Wilkins said. "Everything he does is for us."

Shrawder agreed. "He was a second dad," he said. "He gets self-satisfaction out of seeing his players grow and mature."

Former players Paul Bailey, Pat Goss and Jeff Moore attended the convention. Bailey is now the head golf professional at Guyan Golf and Country Club in Huntington.

Feaganes will lead his team into its first spring tournament March 8-9 at the William and Mary/Kingsmill Invitational in Williamsburg, Va.

Drugs don't matter



DAN
NEWMAN
sports columnist

a bunch of people who never donned shoulder pads in their lives (a.k.a. the voters) shouldn't have been able to by not letting him in.

Taylor's plight is eerily similar to that of Cincinnati Reds legend Pete Rose. Yes, it's wrong to try to swindle the government out of money and to gamble on sports (it was never proven that he gambled on the Reds). But, his play on the field said it all. The all-time leader in base hits-what else is there to say about Charlie Hustle. Why he isn't in the Baseball Hall of Fame yet is far beyond me and gladly, the same doesn't go for LT any longer.

The task of implementing an NBA salary cap was finally accomplished but I don't like the way it went down. In the text of the new deal, maybe they should've written something to the effect of, "Players who haven't proven themselves don't deserve a boatload of money." Instead, guys like Allen Iverson and Kobe Bryant are going to collect \$10 million checks for the next six years. There are some young players who have earned their keep (see Boston's Antoine Walker and Vancouver's Shareef Abdur-Rahim), but Iverson and Bryant certainly haven't.

Six track members place in Ikon Invitational

Six members of the Marshall track team recorded six top-ten finishes at the Ikon Invitational Friday and Saturday.

Milton sophomore Casey Batey was third in the 1600-meter run.

Aaron Trammel, Josh Bradford and Josh Sowers all finished in the top ten in field events.

Trammel and Bradford, both sophomores, finished fifth in the shot put and eighth in the pole vault, respectively.

Sowers, a Martinsburg freshman, earned 10th place in the 35-pound weight throw.

Proctorville junior Tara Lee and sophomore Kate Shulz earned the honors for the women's team.

Lee finished third in the pole vault, and Shulz placed sixth in the high jump.

Lee recorded a mark of 8-11 3/4 while Shulz, a native of New Berlin, Wis., jumped a school-record 5-7 3/4.

The meet was at East Tennessee State University and consisted of more than 3,000 athletes.

The Thundering Herd will travel to Kent, Ohio for the Kent Invitational Saturday, Feb. 6.

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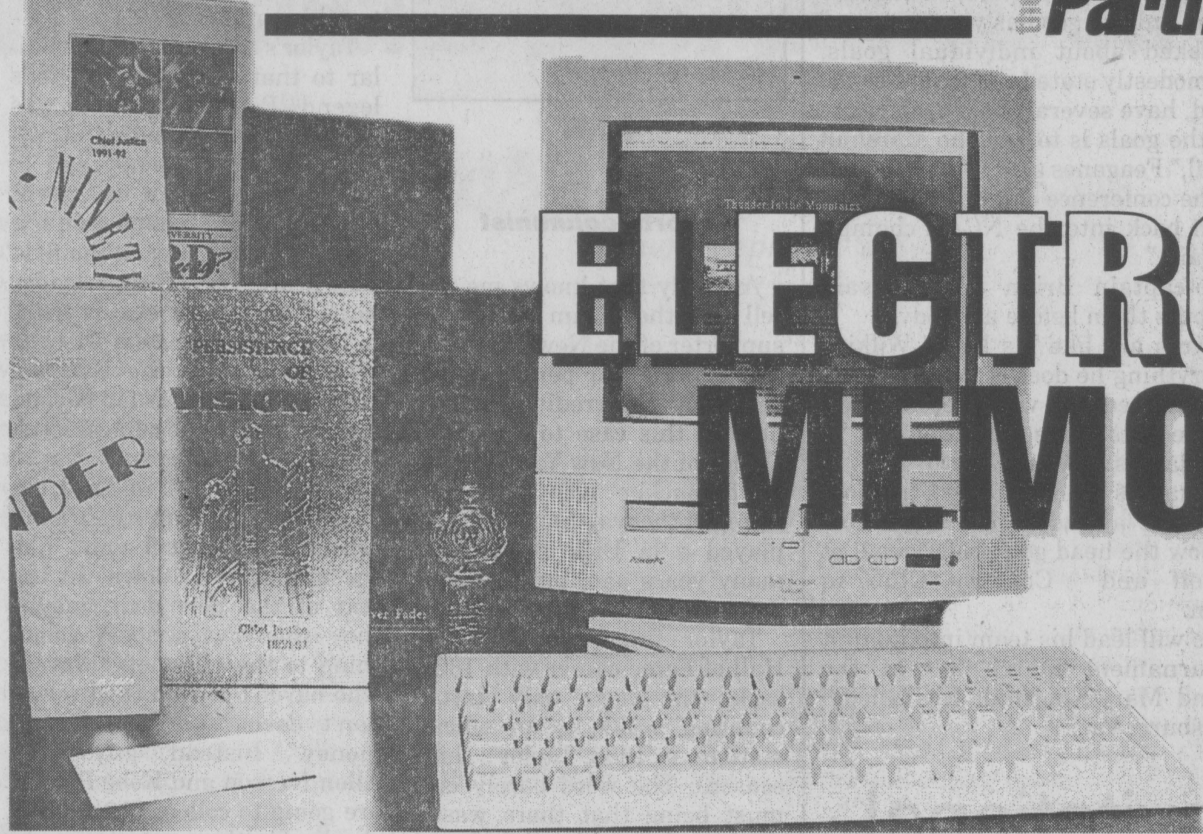
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On-line yearbook replaces 'old school' annuals

The question "Will you sign my yearbook?" may become obsolete.

As budgets are cut and student support lessens, that question will probably diminish nationwide. It already has at Marshall.

In 1995 Marshall stopped publishing a printed yearbook, P. Andrew Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs, said.

Marshall joined six of 12 Mid-American Conference schools that do not publish yearbooks. The difference is Marshall responded by finding an alternative to the traditional yearbook, Hermansdorfer said.

Marshall's first on-line yearbook, "1996-97 Year in Review," is accessible by visiting <http://www.Marshall.edu/yearbook/>, he said.

"This on-line project was the result of demands and the need to continue some sort of chronicling of the history of each academic year.

"The response has been incredible," Hermansdorfer said. "I'm just amazed ... people ... six or seven ... signing (the guest book) everyday."

Lesley R. Clements, a Marshall graduate from Huntington who obtained a master's degree in student affairs counseling, said the 1996-97 on-line yearbook has received more than 5,000 hits so far.

"Hits have come from alumni, students, faculty and there was even one from Japan," Clements said.

Interest in the first edition was enough to warrant creating a second edition, Clements, 1997-98 editor-in-chief of the on-line yearbook, said.

"Thunder in the Mountains," the 1997-98 edition, is accessible on the yearbook site beginning today, she said.

"I'm not surprised at the response it (the first edition) has gotten," she said. "The second edition should get equal or greater attention. It's a quality product ... lots of work has gone into it. When people see that, they'll respond."

"Marshall is the only school nationwide to publish an on-line yearbook two years in a row," Clements said. "Other schools from across the country have called to ask questions and get advice as they consider publishing an on-line yearbook as well."

Hermansdorfer said budget cuts are happening nationwide and Marshall is helping to set precedent for a solution.

J.S. Bragg, graphics and design editor of "Thunder in the Mountains," said the staff has learned from the first on-line endeavor and has improved upon it.

He said the new yearbook is more user-friendly. "It's easy to navigate throughout the setup and find anything you're looking for."

"It's mostly pictures, unlike the first edition which was mostly stories," said Bragg, a Pinch senior major-

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P. Andrew Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs

ing in theater and history education. "It's a more traditional yearbook format, even though it's on the internet."

Student organizations, a year in review, sound and video are included in the current edition, Hermansdorfer said. The staff, which consists of several students and three advisers, is pleased with both editions, he said.

"We're learning ... getting better ... and it's a good thing," Hermansdorfer said.

Clements said the goal is to add more each year. The site's guest book has a sign-up sheet for those interested in volunteering and an area for suggestions for future publications. All feedback is encouraged and welcomed, Clements said.

The staff has considered offering CD-ROM versions of the on-line yearbooks. That would give students an opportunity to purchase their own copies of yearbooks published during their years at Marshall,

RIGHT: This 1995 issue of Marshall's Chief Justice yearbook was the last. Lack of student participation and interest contributed to its demise.

BELOW RIGHT: "Thunder in the Mountains" is Marshall's new on-line yearbook. P. Andrew Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs said work on the 1998-99 edition has already begun. The 1997-98 edition will be ready for viewing today.

BELOW LEFT: Interest in the Chief Justice began declining in years prior to 1995.

Hermansdorfer said. "It will depend on demand, though," he said. "If enough students are interested, it's a possibility."

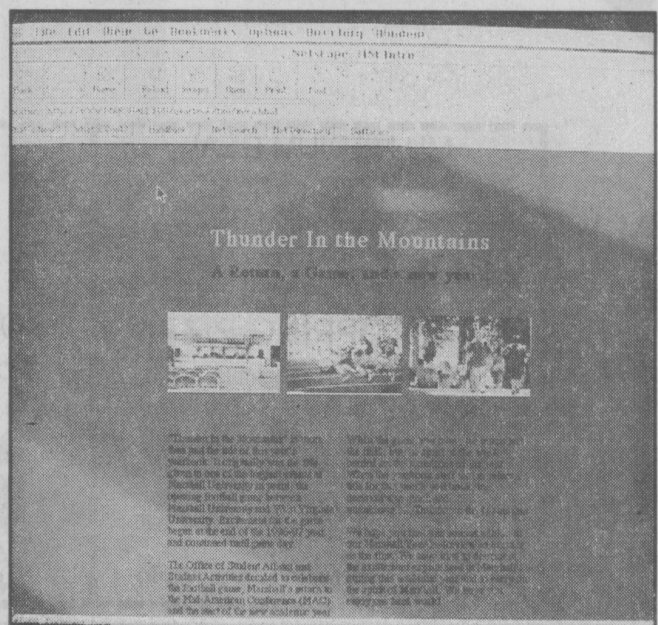
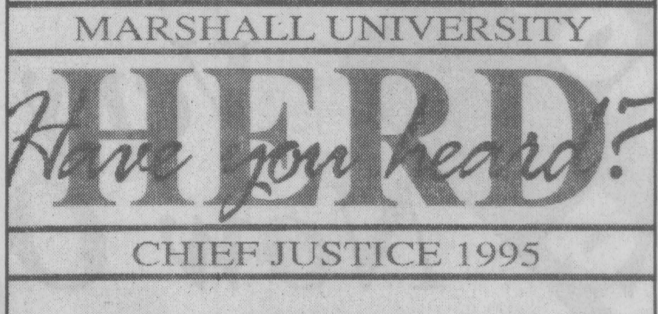
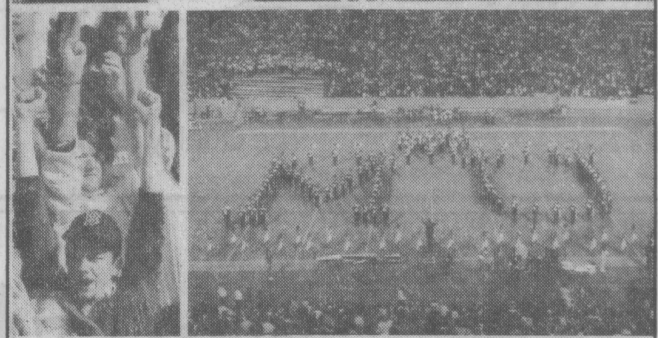
Bragg said buying the disc has its advantages. "You can access the yearbook without being on-line," Bragg said. "It's quicker and you'll have the memories regardless of how long past editions remain accessible on the web page."

Both Clements and Bragg volunteer, along with other students, to publish the on-line yearbook.

"We're always looking for new people to help," Clements said. "They (volunteers) get experience ... and an educational boost."

"Later they can say they were part of the first ones to help get the yearbook on-line at Marshall," she said. "It's so exciting ... groundbreaking. It's been an educational process for me ... one I couldn't pass up."

Information on "Thunder in the Mountains" is available from Hermansdorfer at 696-2283 or in room 2W38 of the Memorial Student Center.



Happenings...

*your entertainment guide for activities and events at and outside of Marshall.

On Campus

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3, 1999

Philosophy Club weekly meeting, Balcony of the Memorial Student Center, 7 p.m. For information, call Todd Seabolt at 696-3537.

Student Organization for Alumni Relations (S.O.A.R.) meeting, Erickson Alumni Center, 9:15. Food and drinks will be provided.

Women's Center presents "Relationships: Do you get what you need?", 143 Prichard Hall, noon. Guest speaker will be Joanie Ward.

THURSDAY, FEB. 4, 1999

Campus Light Baptist Ministries, Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge, 8 p.m. For more information, contact Dave Greer at 529-1545.

"Prime Time," the weekly meeting of Campus Crusade, basement of Memorial Student Center, 9:11 p.m.

In Huntington

TUESDAY, FEB. 2, 1999

Tae'bo and Yoga classes at YWCA, 633 5th Ave., 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Call 525-8181 to register.

THURSDAY FEB. 4, 1999

Friends of the library used book sale, fourth floor of Cabell County Public Library, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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