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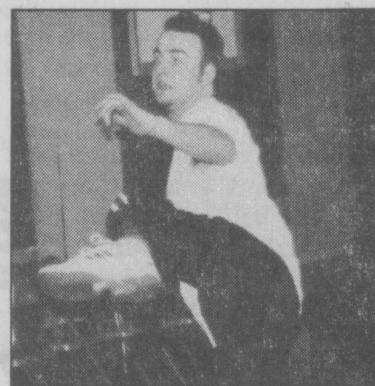
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LEFT: Several hundred state employees rallied against higher insurance costs Thursday in Charleston.

BELOW: Gov. Cecil Underwood addresses the crowd.

BOTTOM: Dr. Joseph W. Wyatt, professor of psychology, speaks with Sen. Robert Plymale, D-Wayne, after giving the senator petitions signed by Marshall students, faculty and staff.

Union fights possible insurance increases

by REBECCA CANTLEY
editor

Dr. Joseph W. Wyatt, professor of psychology, says one of the advantages of having a teacher's union at Marshall is that it enables members to directly lobby the Legislature.

Wyatt and other faculty and staff members were among several hundred state employees who rallied against higher insurance costs Thursday at the capitol building.

After the rally, Wyatt, also vice chairman of Marshall University American Federation of Teachers, gave Sen. Robert Plymale, D-Wayne, a petition signed by faculty and staff members who are against cost increases proposed by the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA).

Wyatt also plans to turn in another petition before the legislative session ends in three weeks. It is for tuition waivers for faculty and staff and their immediate family members.

The petitions were in the Memorial Student Center for three weeks in January and February.

Plymale, vice chairman of the Education Committee, is also head of a Senate finance subcommittee studying PEIA. His committee is searching for

ways to prevent an expected \$48.5 million PEIA deficit that could begin July 1.

The PEIA finance board has proposed an increase in copayments and deductibles, as well as a prescription plan that would require public employees to use pre-approved medications.

Wyatt said public employees want the Legislature to find a better solution to the problem.

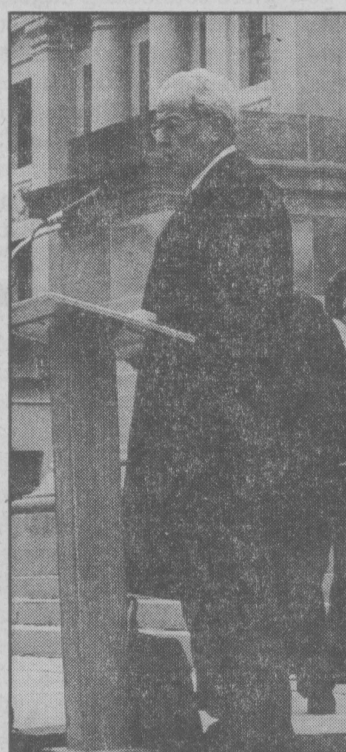
"This is the kind of situation that brings employees out to

say, 'Look, there has to be a better way to do this instead of putting it on the backs of the people who are already underpaid.'"

He said MU-AFT is lobbying the Legislature to prevent any added costs in insurance.

"The tie here with MU-AFT is that through our union we are directly lobbying our Legislature," Wyatt said. "We don't have to work through

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Professors, administrators support cause

by JACOB MESSER
managing editor

Several professors and administrators said Thursday they support the Marshall University American Federation of Teachers in its action to deliver a petition to Sen. Robert Plymale, D-Wayne.

Dr. Joseph W. Wyatt, MU-AFT vice chairman, delivered the petition signed by faculty, staff and students against cost increases proposed by the Public Employees Insurance Agency.

President J. Wade Gilley offered his support.

"That's their right," Gilley said. "I think it's very positive when anyone advocates improved faculty salaries, better funding, more scholarships and more tuition waivers. It's very appropriate. It's a good idea for them to make their views known."

Karen L. Simpkins, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, said the rally at the state capitol was necessary.

"The Legislature hasn't been getting the point," said

Simpkins, an MU-AFT member who was unable to attend the rally because of her work schedule. "This is a way to inform them. How else are the legislators going to get any feedback? There has to be a way to get through to them and reach them. If not, then why did we elect them?"

Dr. Corley F. Dennison III, Faculty Senate president, agreed.

"The legislators need to know state employees are worried about this," said Dennison, an associate professor of journalism. "Ultimately,

it's good for everyone. The legislators need to be constantly reminded that state employees are out there watching what they are doing."

Political Science professor Simon D. Perry, a former member of both the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and AFT, said, "I see nothing wrong with that. I've always been a zealous advocate of faculty interests."

Gilley said he agrees with the MU-AFT in supporting tuition waivers for faculty

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Another year, another coach

Petersen takes Minnesota job, resigns as offensive coordinator

by JACOB MESSER
managing editor

Chad Pennington does not want to say Sayonara.

Or Adios. Or Au revoir. Or Auf Wiedersehen.

The strong-armed quarterback is sick of saying goodbye.

But Pennington has to bid farewell to Tony Petersen, who resigned as offensive coordinator at Marshall to become the quarterbacks coach at the University of Minnesota.

Petersen is the fourth offensive coordinator to leave Marshall since Pennington arrived to campus in 1995.

"Marshall can't keep losing coaches like this," said Pennington, after he was told Petersen was leaving. "We're very fortunate to have a great staff. I think sometimes they're overlooked."

"We can only be so lucky so many times before all of our coaches are gone," he said. "Sooner or later, our university is not going to be able to get these type of coaches."

Chris Scelfo left Marshall in 1995 to follow former Marshall head coach Jim Donnar to the University of Georgia, where he was the offensive coordinator. Scelfo now is the head coach at Tulane.

Larry Kueck, who replaced Scelfo, left Marshall in 1996 to become the offensive coordinator at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Tim Nunez, who replaced Kueck, left Marshall in 1997 to become the offensive line coach at the University of Texas.

Now, after spending eight seasons as an assistant coach and replacing Nunez, Petersen is leaving Marshall to coach in the Big Ten.

Petersen replaces Steve Axman, who left the Golden Gophers to become the quarterbacks coach at the University of Washington.

"It was a career opportunity I needed to make in my life," said

Petersen, citing a bigger salary and bigger conference as reasons for accepting the offer. "It was a tough decision, but I thought about it for a long time and decided it was the one I needed to make."

Minnesota defensive ends coach Mark Snyder also played a role in his decision. Snyder is a former All-American safety and a teammate of Petersen's at Marshall.

"He helped me up there," Petersen said. "He is someone I can believe. He is someone I can trust."

"I can talk to him and ask him questions with the knowledge that he will answer me truthfully," he said. "It helps to have someone you know on the staff."

The Thundering Herd gained 5,212 yards — 3,504 passing yards and 1,708 rushing yards — with Petersen at the helm of its potent offense this season. Marshall was 12-1, won its second consecutive Mid-American Conference title and beat the University of Louisville 48-29 in the Motor City Bowl.

Marshall head coach Bob Pruett was not available for comment Thursday.

Petersen said he will miss coaching at Marshall and living in Huntington.

"It was hard to leave," he said. "I'm going to miss everything. It was a tough decision."

Petersen led Marshall to the 1987 Division I-AA national championship game, a 43-42 loss to Northeast Louisiana.

He owns NCAA records for most passes in a single game without an interception with 68 and most regular season games with over 200 yards passing with 11.

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PETERSEN

Ready... set... go!

SGA races have begun

by CHARLENE CORNELL
reporter

They're off.

Candidates for the March 2-4 student government elections were announced Thursday, including three for student body president.

Brandi Jacobs, Columbus junior, is running for president with Rogers D. Beckett, Apopka, Fla. senior, as her running mate.

Jacobs is a member of the Black United Students and

is the public relations director of the Student Government Association.

Beckett is also running for a College of Liberal Arts (COLA) seat. He plays as a free safety for Marshall football and belongs to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Matt E. Ladd, Huntington junior, is also running for president. Camille Ramsey, Summersville junior, is his running mate.

Ladd is a business major and is the chief of staff of the student government. He also is president of Sigma Phi E-

pilon fraternity.

Keenan Rhodes, senate president pro-tempore, is running for president and a seat as graduate senator. Genna Moss, St. Albans graduate student, is his running mate.

Marty Hughes, Barboursville graduate student, is also up for graduate senator.

Nathanial A. Kuratomi, Coudersport, Pa.; Robert L. Phillips; and Derek Scarbo, St. Albans freshman, are other COLA candidates.

College Of Education (COE) has three running for its seats. They include Kelli Jefferies, Hurricane sophomore; Heather Richardson, Ona sophomore, and Michelle Sammarco, Burbank, Ill., senior.



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Presidents, first ladies to be 'exposed'

Students and the community can take a peek into the personal lives and personalities of American presidents and their first ladies.

As stated by the office of university relations news release, John B. Jovich, an expert on the office of the president of the United States, will present "White House Memories: The Personalities of Our Presidents and First Ladies," 7 p.m.,

Monday.

The lecture, in the Alumni Lounge of the Memorial Student Center, is free and open to the public.

"We are delighted to have such a renowned authority as John Jovich to speak at Marshall," Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of Marshall's John Deaver Drinko Academy, said. "His lecture will give an in-depth look into the Office of

the President and the women who have accompanied them."

Gould said the lecture will be informal and provide information that might not be known about the people living in the White House.

"I believe the lecture will help the audience appreciate them [the presidents and first ladies] as individuals," Gould said.

Jovich recently finished editing a book entitled "Reflections

of JFK's Assassination: 250 Famous Americans Remember November 22, 1963."

President Clinton and Vice President Gore, along with presidents Ford, Carter and Bush helped with the book, according to the press release.

Jovich has delivered more than 500 lectures on this topic to other universities throughout the nation, according to the press release.

LEARNING BY DOING

Students create local rendition of national AIDS quilt

by **CONNIE NICHOLS**
reporter

Although many have felt the comfort of a warm quilt, some have been forced to realize the discomfort of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

The national AIDS quilt, which has been displayed in Washington, D.C., is a continuing project commemorating people who have died of AIDS-related diseases, according to the Names Project of San Francisco, who developed the quilt.

The quilt is a symbol of healing, comfort and warmth, it said.

In response to an assignment given in Counseling 263, an AIDS Awareness class, the students chose to borrow from that concept by cre-

ating a local rendition of the national commemorative quilt, Carla Lapelle, who teaches the class and is coordinator of Student Health Education Programs, said.

Students researched and devised a list of famous people who have died of AIDS-related disease, she said.

Each class member then designed a panel characteristic of one of those famous people, Lapelle said.

The panels will be connected to create a quilt that will be displayed 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Feb. 22 - 25 at the Memorial Student Center, Lapelle said.

Students will offer brochures and pamphlets about awareness issues, and will be available to address questions about the quilt, she said.

"It [the class] is offered as a way to educate students," she said. "It doesn't go toward requirements for any specific degree program."

"They're taking 'it [the class] because they are interested in finding out more about it [AIDS]," Lapelle said.

The purpose of the project is to increase AIDS awareness on campus, she said.

Carla J. Blankenbuehler, sophomore counseling major, said a large number of people on the quilt are not widely recognized as AIDS patients.

"The big thing is, not all of these people are well-known as AIDS victims," she said.

One example is Amanda Blake, who played Miss Kitty on Gun-

smoke, Blankenbuehler said. She passed away and few knew the cause of death.

"They thought she died of throat cancer," she said. "But later found out she had AIDS symptoms."

Blankenbuehler said seeing the quilt brings a sense of reality to the disease.

"Anyone can get it, and when you see these people, it makes it easier to realize it could be you," Blankenbuehler said.

Other people too will be remembered on the quilt are Arthur Ashe, tennis player; Rock Hudson, actor; and Perry Ellis, designer; as well as others, she said.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Lapelle at 696-4800.



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The national AIDS Memorial Quilt is shown in its entirety. Marshall students plan to make a local rendition of this quilt with names of famous people who have died of AIDS.



This concert REALLY is 'heavy metal'

by **JAY M. MORLACHETTA**
reporter

Tubonium may be the best heavy metal band on campus, but in a different sense.

That is what John Gore, senior music education major, said about the group in which he is a member.

Tubonium is a musical ensemble that combines tuba and euphonium players. Most people know what a tuba is, but a euphonium is a slightly different version of a baritone. Both instruments are large and brass, hence the reference to heavy metal.

"Tubonium is my favorite ensemble," said Gore, who is a member of a number of ensembles at Marshall.

As a tuba player, Gore said Tubonium offers an interesting change in style allowing him to play melody.

Dr. John Mead, professor of music and conductor of Tubonium, came up with the idea to form the group, Gore said.

"He encouraged it, and it took off," Gore said.

Tubonium originated in 1994, but recently

gained university recognition as a student organization.

The money that student government offers organizations each semester helped Tubonium with travel expenses, Gore said.

The money enabled the group to travel to Washington, D.C., last year and perform.

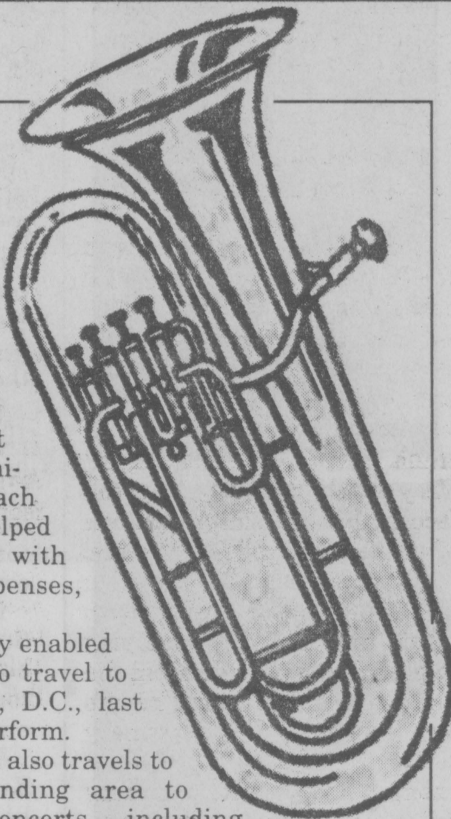
Tubonium also travels to the surrounding area to perform concerts, including appearances at local elementary schools.

The ensemble consists of five tubas and four euphoniums, Gore said. Most members of Tubonium are Marshall students but there are also Marshall graduates who play.

Members of Tubonium are invited to play in the ensemble by Mead, Gore said.

Musical styles that Tubonium performs include: circus marches, ragtime, jazz and classical music.

The group will travel to the University of Kentucky to perform Friday, Feb. 26 and has more dates scheduled through spring, Gore said.



Music to replace museum Muzak

by **JENNIFER COTTRILL**
reporter

Those who enjoyed the marching band halftime performance of "Appalachian Spring" may want to make the short drive to Hurricane to hear a full orchestra perform the piece.

The Seneca Chamber Orchestra is set to appear in concert at the Putnam County Museum in the Community.

The concert will include works by Wagner, Haydn, Mozart and Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring."

"The Wagner and Copland selections we will perform are much better known in their full orchestral versions," orchestra director Robert Turizziani said in a press release.

"The versions we will play represent the composers' original ideas for the pieces as they were written for chamber orchestra," he said.

Harvey Peyton, whose law firm is a sponsor of the event, said the community will benefit from the concert.

"Sense of community is important here in Putnam County," Peyton said. "This is an excellent example of the business community working with the cultural community to benefit the people living here in the county."

Turizziani said they are thankful they are going to perform in Putnam County.

"We are excited about performing in Putnam County and working with the county's premier cultural entity," Turizziani said. "The Museum in the Community is a beautiful venue for the music."

"We are grateful to the Museum for hosting and to Harvey Peyton for his generous sponsorship without which the concert would not be possible."

The Seneca Chamber Orchestra concert is 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students.

Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the museum.

The Museum in the Community is located in Valley Park, 2.5 miles east of Hurricane, W.Va. on State Route 34 (Teays Valley Road).

More information can be obtained by calling (304) 562-0484.

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'Rugrats' to help fund center

Some famous TV cartoon characters are going to help make the new campus area child care center a reality.

"Rugrats," the movie will be shown at the Keith-Albee Theatre at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. Admission will be \$2 with proceeds going to The Huntington Child Development Academy.

"We're going to have a lot of things besides the show," Dr. Laura Wyant, associate professor of training and development, said.

Klondike, Marco and possibly even Rugrats characters will be at the cinema prior to the show. Prizes such as Blizzard hockey tickets, a bicycle, beanie babies and more will also be given away.

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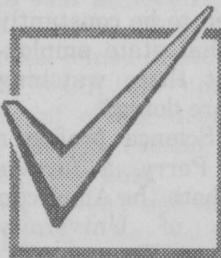
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Union lobbies Legislature

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anybody else, which is a wonderful thing.

"Some people at Marshall may ask, 'Why do we need a union?' We have Faculty Senate." One good thing about the union is that Faculty Senate has no authority to directly lobby the Legislature, but the union does."

Delbert Harless, who works in physical plant operations, said cost increases would be especially difficult for state employees because they are underpaid.

"Money wise, this could affect me a lot," he said. "I've been here for 25 years, and I should qualify for food stamps, but I don't want to do that. I don't want to be on welfare. I want to make my own way."

Dave Walker, professor of computer sciences, said benefits, such as tuition waivers, are especially needed because of low salaries.

"When I came to Marshall 10 years ago, it was a difficult decision for me because the school I left had tuition remission," he said. "I have two children, and it was hard for me to leave because of that benefit. That was the one nagging part of my decision."

Bob Brown, a national representative for the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) said proposed PEIA costs could

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Dave Walker,
professor of computer sciences

mean a 10 to 15 percent increase in the out-of-pocket health care payments an average state employee would make.

"For public employees not in a position to negotiate salaries, it's a tremendous hit," he said.

Brown said employees should have a part in solving PEIA problems.

"We expect to be at the table and be part of the solution," he said. "We have proposed a resolution in the House and Senate that calls for the creation of a committee made up of the Legislature, health care providers and public employees ..."

Members of the Legislature, Gov. Cecil Underwood and private labor unions, such as UMWA and Communications Workers of America (CWA), also attended the rally Thursday.

Union leaders expressed

"I'm not as optimistic about the tuition waivers as I am about PEIA."

Sometimes it takes two or three years of introducing something to the Legislature before it is passed.

Dr. Joseph W. Wyatt,
professor of psychology

their support, while government officials assured public employees they are working toward a solution.

"We look at you as partners and look to you for advice to reach a common goal," Gov. Underwood said.

Senate President Earl Ray Tomblin said, "Your organizations will have a place at the table. We will all stand together once and for all to solve this problem."

Sen. Plymale, head of the committee studying PEIA, said the deficit began building at least four years ago.

"It was reported by PEIA, previously, about four or five years ago, that they had a surplus when that was not exactly true," he said.

Plymale said when PEIA reported the surplus it failed to include incurred but not reported costs. Those costs occur

when health care services are given but have not yet been reported as expenses.

Counting those costs, the projected deficit may be higher, he said.

"There is already a \$9.8 million deficit in what PEIA was projecting for this year," Plymale said.

Plymale has separated his subcommittee into two sections. One will study PEIA finances and the other will work to insure the availability of quality health care at reasonable costs, he said.

Both Plymale and Brown said rising costs of health care, especially prescriptions, have contributed to the problem.

"We've allowed ... the greed of some health care providers to create labor/management problems," Brown said. "It's an outside force causing these problems."

Plymale said legislators will find a solution.

"As a committee, we're working on this and we do plan to have something resolved and completed by the end of the session," he said.

Wyatt said he is optimistic that problems with PEIA will be solved.

"I think there's a high probability that things will work out quite favorably for public employees."

"I'm not as optimistic about the tuition waivers as I am about PEIA," Wyatt said.

"Sometimes it takes two or three years of introducing something to the Legislature before it is passed."

SGA race under way

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Dennis M. Dawson, Savage, Minn., wants to serve as senator for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

College of Science has two candidates. They are Gregory J. Andrew, Valica, Fla., freshman, and Charles E. Swanson, Ona senior.

College of Business candidates are Matthew M. Powers, Huntington junior; Kristy A. Kuhn, Hurricane sophomore; and Ryan M. Gray, Bridgeport sophomore. Kuhn is up for re-election.

Regents B.A. Sen. Michele Kuhn, Hurricane junior, also is up for re-election.

Adrian Cain, Parkersburg sophomore, is running for the Institutional Board of Advisors.

Cain has been the COE senator for one semester.

Derek Anderson, Charleston junior, wants to be on the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees.

No candidate filed for the Community and Technical College seats.

Absentee voting is March 1.

The elections will include a referendum concerning the sports and recreational facility, said Jason Downey, chief election commissioner.

Downey hopes the elections run smoothly.

"I just want this to be a fair election," Downey said. "We have some very good candidates this year, some very strong candidates."

President/vice president candidates absent from the meeting were Rhodes, Moss and Ramsey.

Six other candidates for SGA positions also were not in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sorority rush is under way.

"Any woman who has ever had an interest in sorority life or been the slight bit curious about what goes on in a sorority, should give it a chance," said Christine Boggs, panhellenic graduate adviser.

There will be rush tables set up in the women's dormitories and in the student center this week, with sorority members available to answer questions.

Informal spring rush is continuous open bidding where chapters can recruit new members, Boggs said.

There will be a formal tour of all sorority houses 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21.

"Women with an interest can go on the tours of the houses and get a basic taste of the members and the atmosphere of the sororities to see if they offer something for them," Boggs said.

Employees oppose hikes

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members and opposing insurance hikes for state employees. Both are among the 1999 preliminary legislative goals he developed in cooperation with the Legislative Committee of the Faculty Senate and by consultation with the Staff Council and student government, Gilley said.

The second-most important priority for 1999 is to "secure funds to fully fund the increased PEIA premiums and encourage the Legislature to resolve PEIA's financial problems in a fair and equitable manner," according to the legislative agenda. Securing the fourth year of the SB 547 Plan, which calls for a 3.25 percent pay increase per year for five years, ranks first.

Although it ranks last among the nine legislative priorities for this year, a goal to "seek legisla-

tion to enable Marshall to grant tuition waivers for employees' dependents" is included on the agenda.

Resolving both issues is paramount in providing quality education to Marshall students, Gilley said.

"The better our salaries and benefits are, the better our professors will be," he said. "The better our professors are, the better our university will be. All that leads to a better institution."

Although most of the profes-

sors and administrators interviewed Thursday supported MU-AFT's action, Dr. Bruce J. Brown was of the dissenting opinion.

Brown, a member of the Faculty Senate and AAUP, said he questions the motives of MU-AFT.

"I don't have a problem with the MU-AFT going to the rally," said Brown, an associate professor and the director of clinical lab sciences. "It's a union initiative. Whether it's good for the university remains to be seen. I think those are valid issues. They would certainly help the faculty. But it's still a question of whether it's good for the state."

"I think they're trying to polarize people one against each other," he said. "They are trying to push faculty to either join the union or not. The union has its own agenda. Their primary motive is to push for a lot of changes in the state regarding collective bargaining. Their ultimate goal is to sway people to join the union, not solve these issues."

Coach bids QB farewell

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Pennington said he considers Petersen to be a mentor on and off the football field.

"He is a great teacher of the game," said Pennington, who used Petersen's lessons this season to become a candidate for the Heisman Trophy given to the best college football player as well as the Davey O'Brien Award given to the best college football quarterback.

"Coach was never a yeller or a screamer," the quarterback said. "He would just explain what you were doing wrong. I think the players respected him for that."

"He had great knowledge of the game and could relate to the quarterbacks because he was one also."

Pennington added, "As a person, he was laid back, and he really didn't get bothered by

much. His personality was carried onto the field. It created a very relaxed environment where a player could focus much easier."

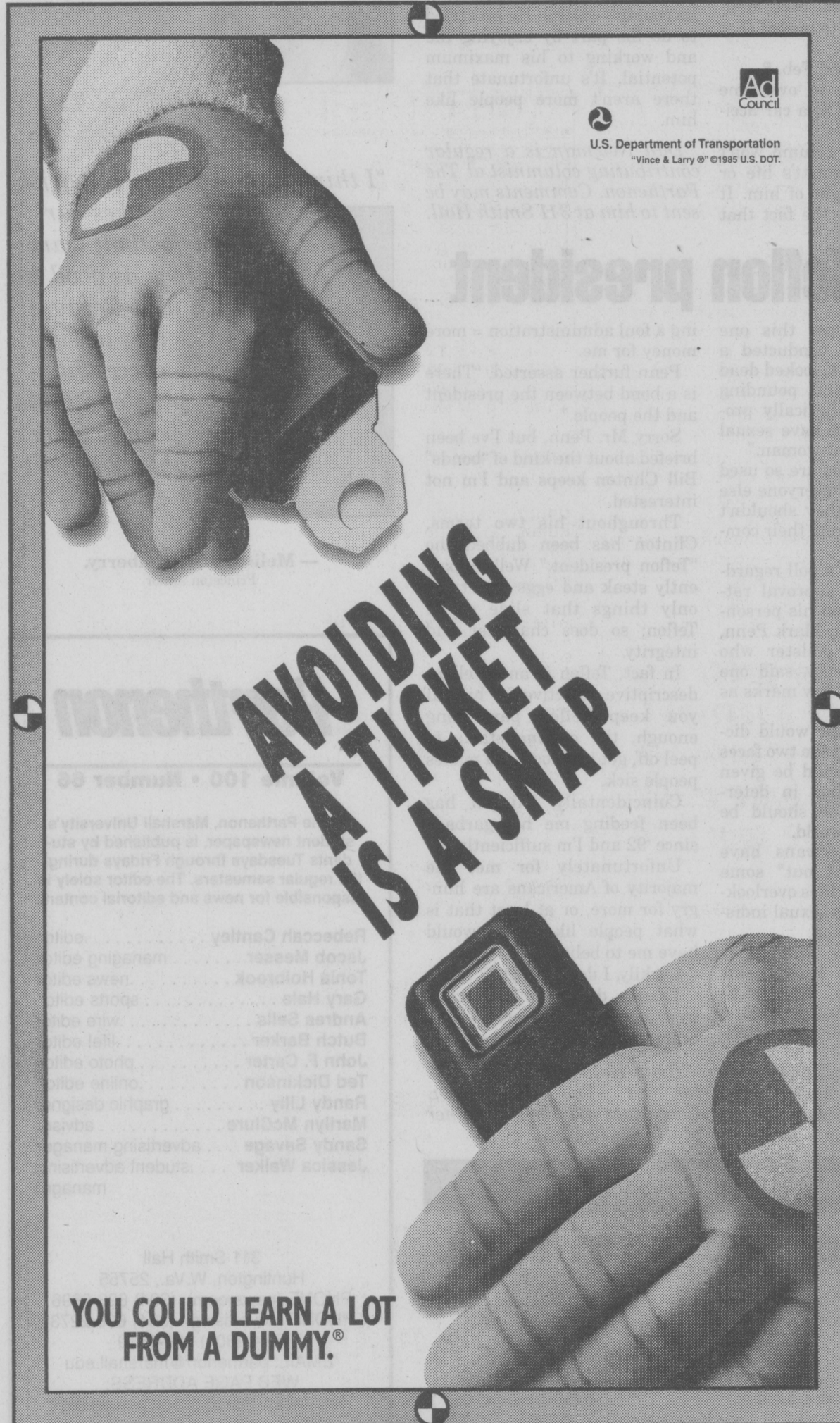
"He was like a brother to me. He was really one of the only constants in my football career. We had a very good relationship."

Petersen, 32, joined the Marshall staff in July 1991. He coached quarterbacks, tight ends, receivers and running backs during his tenure with the Thundering Herd.

He was a graduate assistant at the University of Kentucky in 1990 before returning to Marshall.

Petersen played football and baseball for the Thundering Herd from 1986 until 1988.

He was drafted for baseball by the Kansas City Royals after high school and was signed as a free agent for football by the Minnesota Vikings after college. He remained with the Vikings until the final cut of the preseason.



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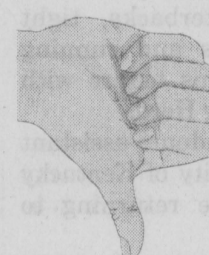
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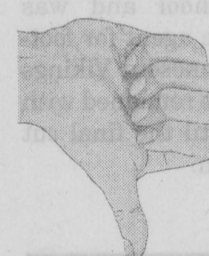
Thumbs up to Marshall offensive coordinator Tony Petersen for helping Herd gain 5,212 yards during its 12-1 season. His call-playing at the helm of the potent offense allowed Petersen to receive an offer to become the quarterbacks coach at the University of Minnesota, which he accepted. Although he is a tremendous loss to the program, we congratulate him and wish him the best.



Thumbs up to the men's basketball team for reeling off five consecutive wins at the right time. With eight days until the Mid-American Conference Tournament commences, The Thundering Herd has set itself up for a potential home game in the first round of the tourney.



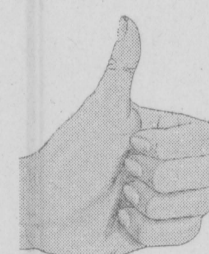
Thumbs down to those people who refuse to participate in the "What People Are Saying" section of the Opinion page. Thanks a lot for making our jobs that much harder.



Thumbs down to the person who sent Butch Barker, Life! editor, hate mail, thinking his latest column was actually a serious one. Lighten up!



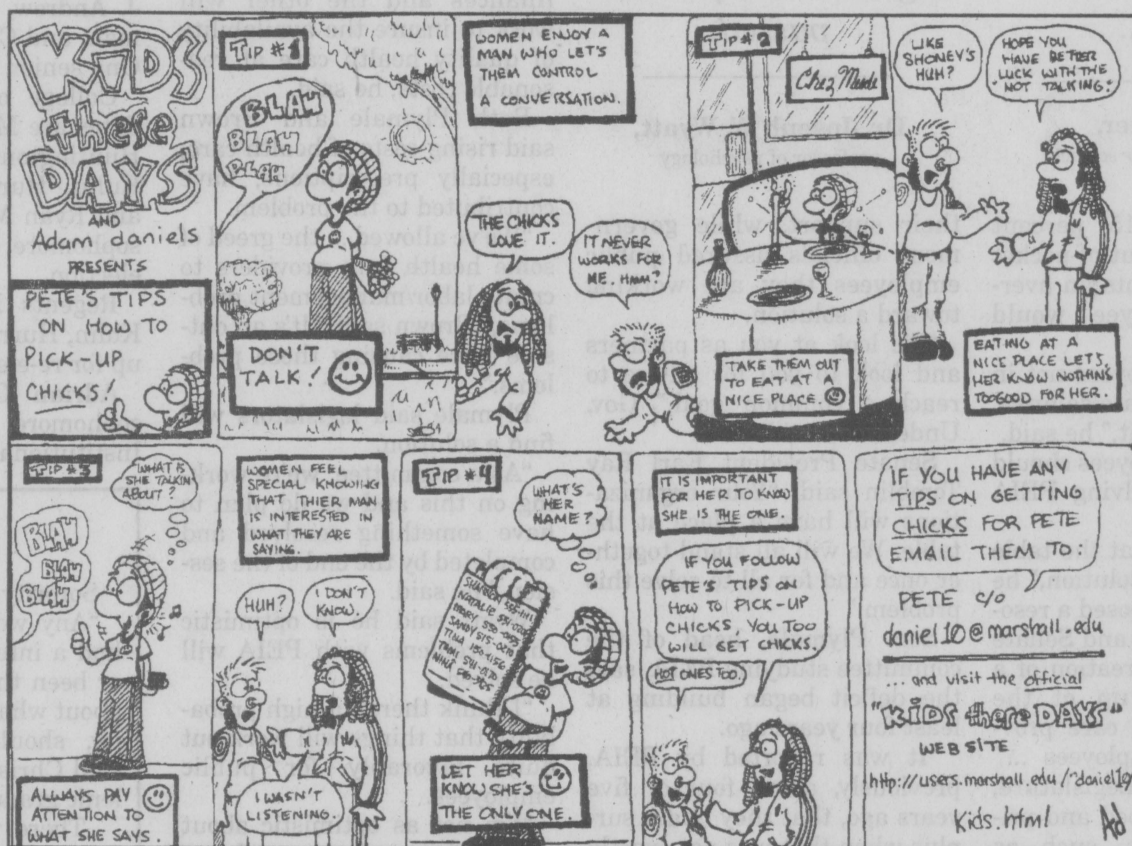
Thumbs down to the nine candidates for various SGA offices who decided the meeting announcing their candidacy Thursday night wasn't important enough to attend. This is not the best campaign strategy to use when seeking election. How many times do we have to write columns about this?



Thumbs up to the other candidates who were present Thursday. We hope they continue to attend and are serious about being an officer so they can better serve the student body.

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Friend knew life's value



DAN NEWMAN

John Bennett stands 6-foot-8 inches tall and weighs over 200 pounds. He was an outstanding basketball player in high school and at best, a decent player from 1994-1998 at the University of Rhode Island.

In 127 games on the roster, he probably didn't play in 100 of them and only started once in his final home game where he grabbed a career-high six rebounds. Most people would look at this scenario and say that the Houston native wasn't very good.

But Bennett thought he was

great. He thought this way because he was merely given the opportunity to play major college basketball. He was the rare combination of an athlete who just wanted to be a regular student like everyone else. He would talk to everyone he came in contact with, even if he didn't know who they were. He enjoyed making people laugh. He was far and away one of the most popular people on campus. For the four years we were at URI together, that's the way he was.

Bennett was also someone who always talked about living life to the fullest, wrenching everything out of it that he possibly could. Some days I would see him staring into space, smiling, and I'd think to myself that he just loved life.

John Bennett died Feb. 8.

He wasn't able to overcome injuries sustained in a car accident.

The rest of this column won't be devoted to Bennett's life or what people thought of him. It will be devoted to the fact that

we, as college students, complain and take too many things for granted.

How many times have we complained about not having a nice car or not having enough money in our wallets like some of our peers do? So what? At least we're on this planet, able to worry about these things and many others. People walk around this campus acting like just because they go to class, they are deserving of a B or perhaps an A if they stay awake. This is not so. People need to work for things in this world.

This is the way that guys like John Bennett made their mark. He wasn't worried about what he couldn't control. He just tried to do his part by enjoying life and working to his maximum potential. It's unfortunate that there aren't more people like him.

Dan Newman is a regular contributing columnist at The Parthenon. Comments may be sent to him at 311 Smith Hall.

Folks sticking to Teflon president



TONIA HOLBROOK

A wise cast member of the movie Grease said the only man a girl can trust is her daddy; pearls of wisdom from an ageless cult classic.

Well, maybe Chelsea should reconsider that bit of advice, considering her daddy took it upon himself to keep the nation in the dark about his White House exploits. This, a nation full of people he is supposed to represent to the rest of the world.

Then again, it's pretty difficult for a girl not to love her daddy for the way he is. However, since he's no relation to me, I don't feel at all obligated to trust the man.

But according to a Gannett News Service article featured in Thursday's Herald-Dispatch, a USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup poll reported that 68 percent of those Americans polled still trust President Clinton.

Wow! Let me get this one straight. This man conducted a nationwide telecast, looked dead into the camera and, pounding on his desk, emphatically proclaimed he did not have sexual relations with "that woman."

Maybe Americans are so used to being lied to by everyone else that they figure they shouldn't expect any more from their commander-in-chief.

Granted, this is a poll regarding Clinton's job approval ratings and not on his personality flaws. In fact, Mark Penn, the presidential pollster who conducted the survey, said one poll showed he got low marks as a person.

My idealistic logic would dictate that neither of the two faces of Bill Clinton should be given special consideration in determining whether he should be leader of the free world.

Penn said Americans have "carefully thought out" some "formula" that justifies overlooking Clinton bent to sexual indiscretion and deception.

Penn states this "formula" is based on Clinton keeping his commitments to Americans about the economy, balancing the budget, education and welfare reform.

First of all, I don't think for a second Americans have thought about any such formula other than good economy + overlook-

ing a foul administration = more money for me.

Penn further asserted, "There is a bond between the president and the people."

Sorry Mr. Penn, but I've been briefed about the kind of "bonds" Bill Clinton keeps and I'm not interested.

Throughout his two terms, Clinton has been dubbed the "Teflon president." Well, apparently steak and eggs aren't the only things that slide off of Teflon; so does character and integrity.

In fact, Teflon is an excellent descriptive adjective for him. If you keep Teflon pans long enough, the coating starts to peel off, get into food and makes people sick.

Coincidentally, Clinton has been feeding me his garbage since '92 and I'm sufficiently ill.

Unfortunately for me, the majority of Americans are hungry for more, or at least that is what people like Penn would have me to believe.

Luckily, I don't buy it.

Thanks, daddy, for being cast-iron; a metal that doesn't deteriorate under any pressures.

Tonia Holbrook is news editor at The Parthenon. Comments may be sent to her at 311 Smith Hall.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

In an informal survey Thursday, students were asked how they felt about Tony Peterson's recent decision to resign as Marshall's offensive coordinator and accept a job at University of Minnesota. He is the fourth offensive coordinator to leave the program in four years.

"Something must be working, we've been winning. Why wouldn't other schools want our coordinating staff?"



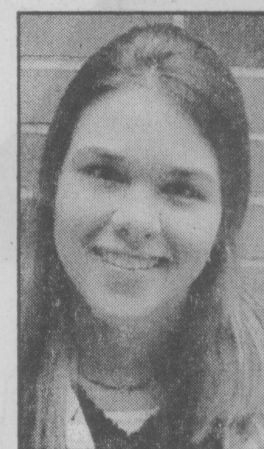
—Monica R. Murdaugh, Huntington sophomore

"It's good because it shows we are hiring the best possible people to coach our teams and we should keep it up."



—William L. Baker, Huntington freshman

"I think him getting a better job makes our football team look as good as it is. Because they are so successful, people in these positions are able to benefit from it."



—Melissa L. Rotenberry, Princeton senior

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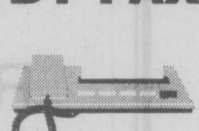
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Miami men's teams in trouble

by JENNIFER L. JOHNSON
reporter

One of the Mid-American Conference's most successful athletic programs is facing a deadline that will determine if a number of men's teams will continue.

Miami of Ohio has until April 16 to get financial support from fans and former athletes or men's golf, tennis, soccer and wrestling will be eliminated. Miami has won a total of 40 MAC championships in those sports.

Cutting the sports would help Miami comply with federal Title IX requirements of equity between men's and women's athletics.

The Miami University Report estimates that it would cost \$1.4 million annually to keep the men's team, comply with Title IX and balance the budget.

Sherry Mansfield, administrative assistant for the National Collegiate Athletic Association, said, "Cutting men's sports is never what we recommend to stay in compliance with Title IX."

One solution the Miami University

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Sherry Mansfield,
administrative assistant for the NCAA

Report suggests is "to create a permanent endowment of at least \$13 million, plus increase the amount of annual revenue from student fees by \$700,000 a year or alternatively, create a larger permanent endowment."

U.S. Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, wrote a letter to Miami trustees contending the university already is in compliance with two of the three Title IX requirements.

The NCAA and the Office of Civil Rights requirements:

- Participation opportunities of male and female students must be substantially proportionate within one percent to the school's enrollment, or

- Schools must show they have been adding programs over the years and must have plans to continue adding, or

- If enough women are interested in starting a team, the school must add one unless there are no competitors.

Gary Richter, assistant commissioner for communications for the MAC and former sports information director at Marshall, said, "This is all a sign of the times. With financial considerations and trying to stay in compliance, you can't point fingers—especially at Title IX. If they can raise that much money in a short time, then maybe the government should hire them!"

David Ridpath, assistant athletic director for compliance at Marshall, said, "Staying in compliance with Title IX affects everyone. With football having so many scholarships it is hard to find a women's sport to equal the numbers."

In recent years, Marshall added women's soccer with up to 25 women able to participate.

"The crew team is just a club sport for now because it is trying to see if there is enough interest in the sport. Some schools have upwards of 100 members on crew teams," Ridpath said. "From Marshall's perspective, anytime a sport is dropped at another school, it hurts."

Ridpath explained that the dropped team looks to other conferences with stronger programs to host the sport.

The NCAA Certification Process checks for compliance every five years and will soon check every ten years.

Using the guidelines for the Office of Civil Rights, the certification process scrutinizes Title IX, gender equity and minority enhancement. Marshall's next check-up is scheduled in about a year and a half.

When asked about her thoughts on the situation, women's tennis coach Lori Mercer said, "I feel bad for the teams (at Miami) because they have been so successful with 40 conference championships between them. I don't think that the intent of Title IX was to make less men's sports."

Golf team digs hole and aims to get out of it

by CHAD PENNINGTON
reporter

Trying to get out of a bunker is hard enough when playing one round of golf.

For Marshall, getting back to the NCAA tournament may require a few great sand shots.

"I was disappointed with our play in the fall and I think the players were, too," coach Joe Feaganes said. "We've kind of dug ourselves a hole, but we have a lot of spring tournaments to get ourselves back into the thick of things."

Junior A.J. Riley said, "I thought we had a lot of opportunities we didn't take advantage of."

The team will begin spring season March 8 at the William & Mary/Kingsmill Invitational in Williamsburg, Va.

The Herd finished in the top 10 in its three fall tournaments, including a sixth-place finish at the Xavier Invitational in Cincinnati.

Although Brian Wilkins is the only senior, the team has plenty of experience, Feaganes said.

Returning players also include juniors Jimmy McKenzie and Sam O'Dell.

Wilkins had the third-lowest stroke average during the fall at 76. The team's media guide said McKenzie and O'Dell had the first- and second-best stroke averages at 74 and 75.37.

Riley and sophomore Brian Perry complete the top five, averaging 76.50 in fall tournaments.

Out of eight districts in the NCAA, Marshall competes in District Four which includes the Mid-American Conference, Big Ten and schools in Kentucky.

Although Marshall will play in the MAC tournament, the winner is not guaranteed a spot in the national tournament. Feaganes said finishing high in every tournament is important.

"We know we can get there," Riley said. "We have to be more consistent and keep low scores all the time."

Feaganes said the team's first goal is to be competitive.

"Our other goals are to win the Marshall Invitational, the MAC championship and qualify for the NCAA tournament," he said.

Soccer team invades racquetball courts

by TODD MCCORMICK
reporter

Voices can be heard echoing from the racquetball courts at the Cam Henderson Center, but the people on the courts aren't playing with racquets.

The racquetball courts are one of the training sites for

Thundering Herd women's soccer team.

The team is already thinking about the coming fall's competition said Teresa Patterson, head coach.

"We've really been hitting the weights. Since we were a group of 18-year-olds one of our weaknesses was strength," Patterson said.

son said.

Patterson has been adding in some skills work during practices and she said the team has been trying to use a variety of resources on campus.

The team will be using the racquetball courts, Marshall Stadium and Gullickson Gym.

Two non-conference oppo-

nents on the schedule this coming season are NCAA tournament teams from this past season. The University of Kentucky and Wright State both made the national tournament on at-large berths.

After posting a record of only four wins, one tie and 13 losses, in the program's first year program, the team is ready to improve, Patterson said.

"They're really motivated ... We've been training them everyday. They go do squats and run the stadium steps in the Henderson Center."

The team has signed seven recruits to raise the squad to 24 players.

New players are from Ohio Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina and Colorado.

Patterson looks for the recruits to make an impact.

"This is great class. These kids decided to come to Marshall over Big Ten schools, SEC schools and other MAC schools. It's nice to see that they see the foundation here and the direction we can go."

Spring practices consist of five competition dates with eight opponents.

Marshall will play Georgia Southern, Georgia State, Wheeling Jesuit College, Duquesne University, Radford and will host Morehead State, West Virginia Wesleyan and Northern Kentucky.

Patterson's expectations are high for the team in the fall.

"We've a lot to prove. We were the team with so much potential this year and we just talked to our kids about turning that potential into results this spring."

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Student Affairs Dean
Head Football Coach
Student Government President
Student Representative

Tom Lovins
Dr. Donnalee Cockrille
Bob Pruett
McKenzie Howard
Brandi Jacobs

Recreational Sports is asking that all professors announce the Open Forum meeting to their classes and encourage participation. It is important for students to get involved in support of the referendum. Faculty and staff are also encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions contact Sharon Stanton, Assistant Director of Recreational Sports, at 696-2943

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Change of plans...

Marshall University Gospel Choir's concert honoring Black History Month has been rescheduled for Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. at the Campus Christian Center.

Admission to the concert will be free to Marshall students and the public.

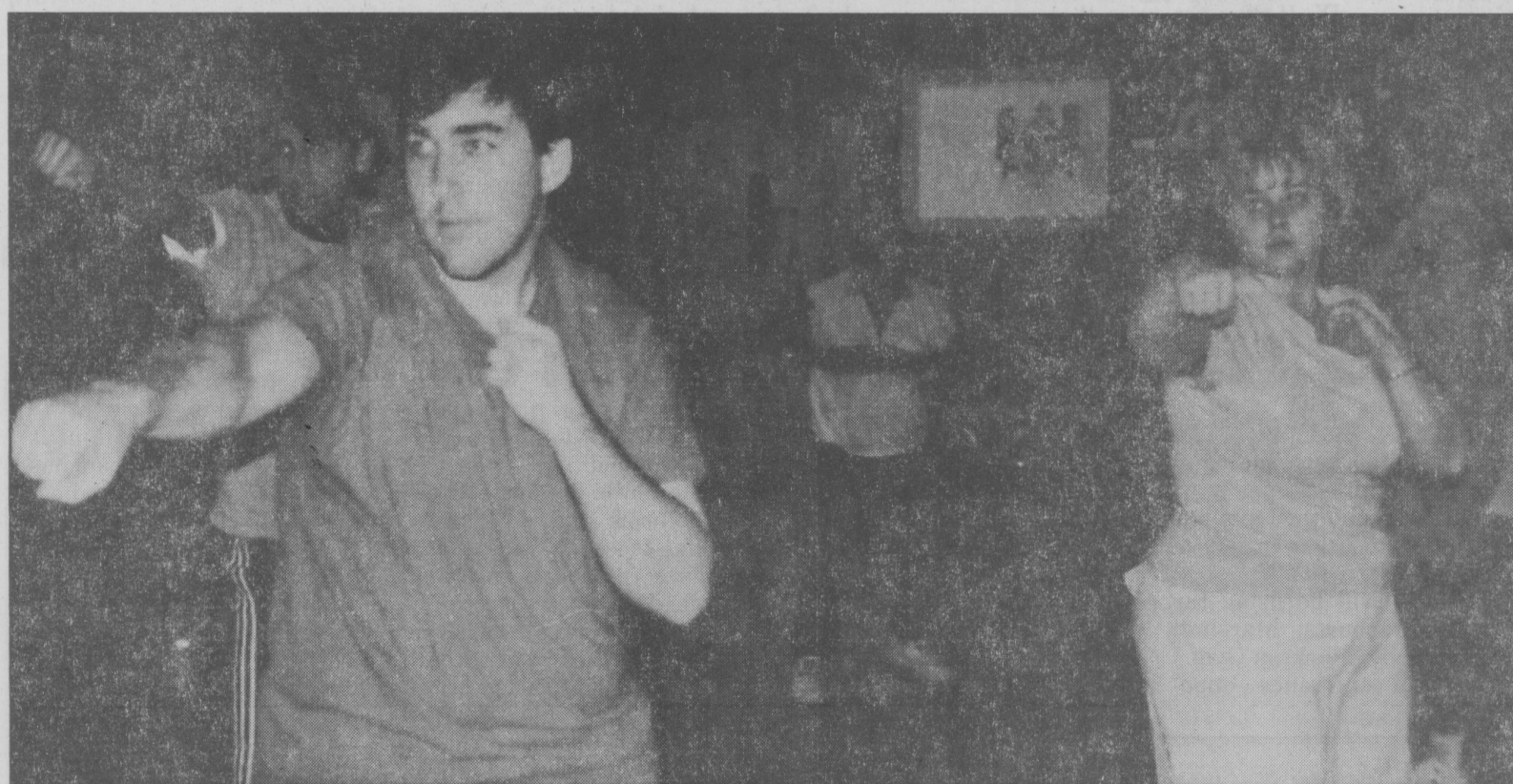
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Kicking away those annoying winter pounds



Tae-bo offers unique workout

ABOVE: Matt Marcum, Tae-Bo instructor and Marshall sophomore, demonstrates a Tae-Bo kick. Marcum is also certified to teach the Korean martial art, Tae Kwon Do.

The Tae-Bo workout is taking the nation by storm, and Marshall sophomore Matt Marcum is the first to teach classes in the Huntington area.

Classes are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. and Sundays from 3-5 p.m., costing \$6 a session or \$5 a session for Y.W.C.A. members.

Some may have seen the Tae-Bo infomercials or Web site featuring Billy Banks, a martial arts expert and personal trainer who invented and introduced it as a form of exercise to celebrity clients in 1989.

According to the official 'Billy Bank's Tae-Bo Web site, Tae-Bo "blends your own hidden strength with the ancient arts of self-defense, dancing and boxing combined with today's great music."

Marcum, an acting/ directing major, began teaching Tae-Bo classes at the Huntington Y.W.C.A. earlier this year.

"Classes have picked up quite a bit," Marcum said. "We keep gaining more and more students, and we now have about 20 to 25 students per class. They love the results they see and are surprised with the increase in energy they have after a session."

"It's an awesome workout and people really enjoy it," he said.

Marcum said the Tae-Bo classes he conducts are similar to the classes taught by Billy Banks, but Marcum focuses more on self-defense than an aerobic workout.

While Tae-Bo may be an effective exercise tool, it should not be confused with Tae Kwon Do, the dominant Korean form of karate.

Dr. Chong W. Kim, division head of management and marketing, has practiced Tae Kwon Do for 46 years and has earned an 8th degree blackbelt in the art. He also instructs students at Master Kim's School of Traditional Tae Kwon Do, and

teaches a similar class through Marshall.

Kim said "[Bank's] appears to have used Tae Kwon Do and tried to modify it to make it more interesting to the public."

"Tae-Bo offers none of the traditional aspects of Tae Kwon Do, which is thousands of years old," Kim stressed. "[Tae-Bo] is a popular tool for fitness and has been modified to fit contemporary Americans. I cannot offer a critical evaluation of Tae-Bo because I don't know it as well as traditional martial arts. I can't give a positive or negative statement."

But Kim said, "Once you branch out from tradition, you lose some of the mental aspects of martial arts, which are equally as valuable as the physical aspects."

Marcum also said there is a difference in Tae Kwon Do and Tae-Bo.

"Tae Kwon Do is a very traditional martial art which takes years of training to learn," he explained. "Tae Kwon Do students learn specific blocks, kicks and punches, and are required to spar with partners. Tae-Bo is much more laid back than Tae Kwon Do. It is set to music and provides aerobic exercise."

Although the Tae-Bo web site states there is currently no "authorized Tae-Bo certification program available," Marcum said he believes he is qualified to instruct Tae-Bo classes because he is "certified to teach Tae Kwon Do."

"I began taking karate lessons when I was four years old, and I earned a black belt when I was 15. I have competed on the tournament circuit, won the Battle of West Virginia and retired when I was 16 in order to teach."

Marcum said he teaches "a mixture of movements from Bank's videotapes and individual moves from experience" in his Tae-Bo classes.

"I use some traditional moves and modify others," he said.

The web site also states that the "video tape exercise series is copyrighted and is intended for private use only. Using the name 'Tae-Bo,' the Tae-Bo Video Library, or any sequence of moves from the tapes without proper written consent is a violation of Federal Law and actionable in a court of law."

Marcum said the moves he teaches are "not the same sequences of moves" as Banks' videotapes, and said he teaches a "completely different workout."

"Obviously, if you take a martial arts class all different types have similar moves," he said. "When you boil it down they all contain some of the same elements."

He said although "Tae-Bo is more than likely a term [Banks] coined himself," he and the Y.W.C.A. are "not trying to bank off of his ideas. We call our classes 'Tae-Bo' for name recognition only."

"We haven't had anyone dissatisfied," he said. "Other schools in the tri-state area are also teaching Tae-Bo. The Charleston Y is teaching it, and there's a man in Cross Lanes who teaches it. We are the only place in the Huntington area to offer it."

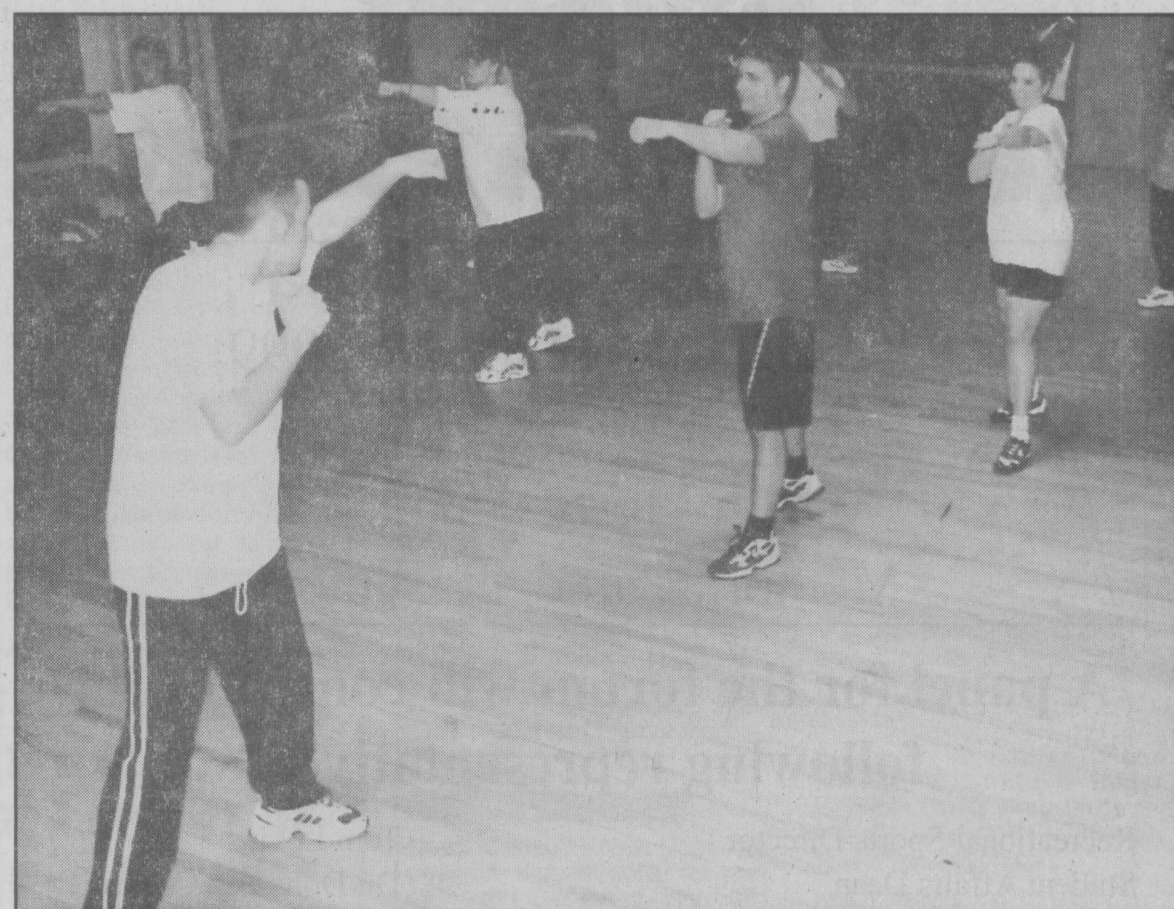
Marcum said he enjoys participating in the classes and plans to continue teaching.

Banks' videos may be ordered directly from the Tae-Bo web page or from the Tae-Bo infomercials.

RIGHT: Instructor Matt Marcum leads his class through a series of warmups.

ABOVE LEFT: Tae-Bo students get in sync as they follow Marcum's lead through a series of punching techniques.

BELOW: Marcum demonstrates proper Tae-Bo punching movements to his class at the Huntington Y.M.C.A.



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