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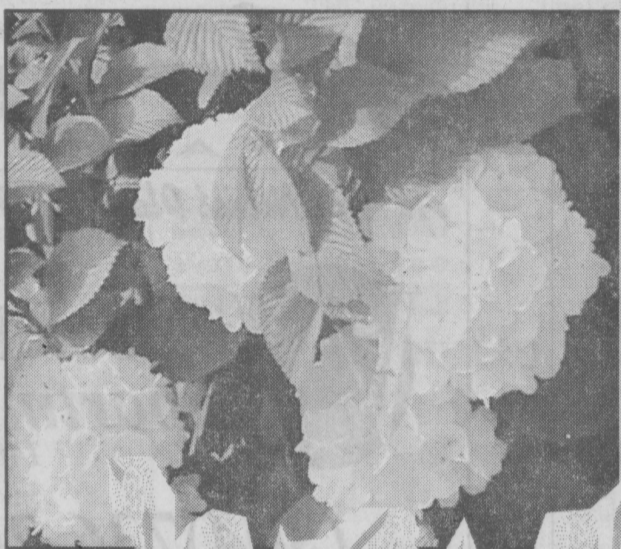
Marshall University's student newspaper — Celebrating our 100th year!

Page edited by Sherry Keneson-Hall

## Spring bloom

**FAR RIGHT:** The memorial fountain will be turned off early this year on May 10 to prepare for construction on the plaza. **RIGHT:** Blooming flowers are a sign of spring outside Old Main.

photos by Rebecca Cantley



## Rally, march to promote healing

by SHERRY KENESON-HALL  
for The Parthenon

Students, faculty and others will join together in an effort to Take Back the Night today with a rally and march for victims and survivors of sexual abuse, rape, incest and domestic violence.

Take Back the Night is an opportunity for victims and survivors to come together and share their strength, hope and experiences with the world, said Gina Mamone, coordinator and steering committee chairwoman.

The rally will begin at 6

p.m. in the Cam Henderson Center.

The public is invited to view the many information booths, which will be set up from a variety of groups such as Branches, Higher Ground and Campus Watch. There will be approximately 40 booths.

"I hope that students will look around the booths and find information that can help them to learn about different topics," Mamone said.

Four Marshall professors, Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen, Dr. Amy Hudock, Dr. Monserrat Miller and Dr. Roger Keener are scheduled to speak.

"We will then invite sur-

vivors and victims to come to the stage and share their words with the audience," Mamone said. "This rally is all about them and creating a safe space for them to do what they need to do to help them."

After everyone has had a chance to speak, rally participants will move outdoors. They will walk from the Cam Henderson Center to City Hall where a proclamation will be read.

"The rally is free and open to all," Mamone said. "I really hope that everyone will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn about healing and sharing."

IF YOU GO...

Take Back the Night

When: 6 p.m.

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## 29 years and goodbye for Ken Blue

by DEVON M. KELLY  
reporter

More than 30 people came to say goodbye to Kenneth E. Blue as the Associate Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and the Coordinator of the Center for African American Students.

Blue, a native of Morgantown and graduate of West Virginia University, will retire June 30 after 29 years at Marshall.

Blue began at Marshall in 1970 as a counselor in student affairs. He has been the director of counseling services, interim vice president of student affairs and associate dean of student affairs.

During his time as associate dean of student affairs he started a number of groups to enhance student affairs. Among those groups are the Center for African American Students, the Women's Center, International Students Office, Disabled Student Services and Educational Support Services.

Since 1993 Blue has been the associate vice president for multicultural affairs and coordinator of the center for African American students. In this time Blue has established the Black Alumni



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## She's giving up stethoscope to take up brush and canvas

by JAY MORLACETTA  
reporter

For one of Marshall's employees, the road to retirement was not always a smooth one.

Jane Fotos, a Marshall College of Nursing professor, is retiring after 18 years.

Fotos is a registered nurse with a doctoral degree enabling her to teach in the college, but she said gaining those accolades was not simple.

Fotos said in the 1950s, "The few viable career options for women consisted of teaching, secretarial/office work and nursing."

"I wanted to get into the health care profession, and nursing was the most available option," she said.

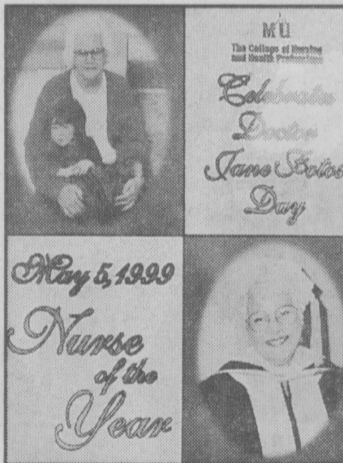
Fotos entered the Jewish Hospital School of Nursing in Cincinnati, Ohio, but was forced to leave in 1955 because she got married.

"Marriage meant automatic dismissal and forfeiture of the privilege of laboring 40 or more hours a week in return for room and board."

When Fotos moved to Huntington and applied to St. Mary's School of Nursing she was told married students were not accepted.

However, in 1964 the policy had changed and this time she was accepted.

"After a 10-year absence from nursing and with two young children, I was now a



senior student in an NLN accredited program," Fotos said.

In 1965, Fotos was graduated from St. Mary's, but her journey did not stop there.

She was soon hired as a staff nurse at St. Mary's, but then decided to further her education.

Fotos enrolled at Marshall and gained her degree in sociology in 1974 because there was not a BSN program available.

However, she went on to get her master's degree in education.

In 1979, Fotos went to the University of Cincinnati to complete a master of nursing degree.

"It was the only way to become fully qualified to teach nursing in an academic setting," she said.

In 1981 Fotos returned to

Marshall to fill the position of director of continuing education.

Fotos has served as acting dean of nursing and also served on university committees including Faculty Senate.

Fotos will be receiving the "Nurse of the Year" award upon her retirement.

"I will miss the student interaction the most along with all of the wonderful relationships I have gained while at Marshall," Fotos said. "I have received only the best of opportunities while here at Marshall, and I will always remember that."

Fotos said she has seen many different nursing programs from the one at St. Mary's to the University of Cincinnati's, and Marshall's program is comparable.

"We have an excellent program, and our students work hard and are always well prepared to enter the work force," Fotos said.

Fotos has not decided what she will do now, but has a few ideas.

"I enjoy taking care of my flowers and the yard work," she said.

She also said she wants to travel with her husband and spend a lot of time with her granddaughter.

"I also think this would be a good time to take up painting," Fotos said.

## Faculty Senate examines presidential review; SGA proposals are considered

by ERRIN JEWELL  
staff reporter

The Faculty Senate was called into an executive session during Thursday's meeting.

The meeting was called to further discuss with Chancellor Charles Manning the need for a standardized system for faculty input during the Board of Trustees presidential review process.

Manning was scheduled to speak for 10 to 15 minutes, but was allocated more time when several Faculty Senate members asked questions about the review process.

After three motions were made to extend Manning's speaking time, Dr. Corley F. Dennison, Faculty Senate president, proposed a motion to discuss an agenda item submitted by the Student Government Association (SGA) and to further discuss the presidential review in the meeting.

The SGA recommendation, which proposes for the curriculum committee to include rape and sexual assault prevention information in all University 101 courses, will be discussed at a later date.

After the meeting was called into session, only members of the Faculty Senate were permitted to attend because the discussion dealt with a personnel issue. However, the senate cannot make an executive decision during a closed session.

Participation in the presidential review process is limited

to writing letters to an evaluation committee, which then reviews and summarizes the letters before presenting them to President Gilley.

Dr. Edmund M. Taft, professor of English, director of curriculum and MU-American Federation of Teachers chairman, said the faculty is very dissatisfied with the current review process. Taft questioned why the BOT has not created a standardized method to allow faculty and staff to participate in the review process.

Taft said, "In order to get a rational discussion, you must get in the views [of faculty and staff]."

Manning said the board had not created a standardized review method before Marshall faculty raised concerns about the review process because they were not aware of any problems.

"Honestly, this is the first time I've run into problems," Manning said.

Gilley said a process for students, faculty and staff to submit input about faculty and administrators should be developed, and the information should be made available for them to review. Gilley said a review system is one of the top two items on SGA President Brandi Jacobs' platform.

Dr. Ben Miller presented a report on the April meetings of the Advisory Council concerning the date of the Board of Trustees' presidential re-

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## Time of prayer set for peace

by TONDREA DAVIS  
reporter

Students and the community will pray for peace May 5 at 2 p.m. in the Campus Christian Center.

The prayer was planned in the wake of last week's shootings in Littleton, Colo., along with America's presence in Yugoslavia and the car accident last month that took the lives of four students.

Mark Plymale, Huntington sophomore who helped plan the event, said, "It's going to be a time of healing and meditation to remember what has happened to our friends and our country. We need to start the healing process."

Plymale said the vigil will

provide the opportunity for open expression.

Participants can bring items such as candles, flowers and letters to be sent to the survivors in Littleton and to the troops in Kosovo.

"We want them to know there are people out there who care," Plymale said.

He said the candlelight service may help those still trying to cope with the deaths of fellow students. "I know a lot of the fraternities and sororities are hurting right now. Maybe this will give them a time to grieve," Plymale said.

Counselors from the Marshall University Department of Counseling will be present.

The Prayer for Peace is open to the public.

## On-site testing for athletes examined

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the final story of a three-part series exploring drug availability on campus and testing policies aimed at curbing drug use by athletes. Part three deals with NCAA on-site drug testing and penalties for positive test results.

by ROBERT McCUNE  
for The Parthenon

The National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) performs on-site testing at Marshall at least once every academic year, Cindy Thomas, assistant director of sports sciences at NCAA headquarters in Overland Park, Kan., said.

"And 15 to 20 percent of those 250 schools might be selected again for repeat testing," Thomas said. A computer randomly selects schools

for year-round testing, and the school's athletic department is notified 48 hours prior to test date, she said.

Dr. R. Daniel Martin, director of the Athletic Training Program at Marshall, said, "The NCAA has the right to come on site to test athletes at a Division I school, including Marshall, one to three times a year."

The NCAA also tests before all championship contests at member schools. "Athletes have to go in assuming they are going to be tested during a championship or NCAA play-off game. In basketball, if you're in the Final Four, you know you're going to be tested. They're going to get to you sooner or later," Martin said.

"The athletic director and I will know 48 hours before

Please see NCAA, P3

## Media committee approves applicants Students fill director and editor roles

by AMY E. BROWNING  
reporter

The Committee on Student Media met Wednesday to review and approve the summer and fall editors for the student newspaper, The Parthenon and the directors for WMUL-FM, the student radio station.

Dr. Hal Shaver, dean of the W. Page Pitt school of Journalism and Mass Communications, said, the committee took the applications that had been submitted for the editor positions and after interviewing the candidates, they approved them.

Butch Barker, Mason junior majoring in print journalism, was approved as summer editor and Charles Shumaker, Charleston junior majoring in



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print journalism, is managing editor for summer.

The fall editor will be Jacob Messer, Madison senior majoring in print journalism. The managing editor will be Barker. Life! editor, news editor, photo editor, online editor, sports editor, wire editor and all other staff positions will be chosen by the editor and managing editor and will be announced later.

WMUL-FM also presented a slate of directors for approval.

Shaver said the selection process is different from the interviews done to choose editors.



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The student manager is required to be a graduate student, therefore class standing is important in the decision making process.

Those submitted for the positions of music director, news director, sports director, promotions director, continuity director, traffic director, production director, program coordinator, training coordinator and operations manager by Dr. Charles G. Bailey associate professor of broadcasting and faculty manager of WMUL-FM, were approved and will be announced later.

Dr. George T. Arnold, professor of



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journalism and mass communications, said "I am very pleased these people have been chosen. Jacob Messer, both academically and professionally, ranks with the best students we have ever had in this program. Along with the other individuals chosen, they are sure to do an excellent job."

Dr. Ralph J. Turner professor of journalism and mass communications, said "Butch Barker should be an effective and creative summer editor based on the work he has done for me in class. He can bring interesting ideas to the publication for the summer audience."

## Relay helps fight Cancer

The Relay for Life will be May 14 at 7 p.m. at Lefty Rollins Track and Field.

Individuals can enter the relay for \$150 and each of the team members is asked to raise at least \$100 in addition to the \$150 team registration fee.

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Anyone interested in sponsoring a team or signing up for a team may contact Margie Sowards or Sherry Kincaid at (304) 523-7989.

## Sig Ep project to improve image

by STACY TURNER  
reporter

Sigma Phi Epsilon is taking steps to better fraternity life and clean up the fraternity image.

The fraternity has decided to implement the Balanced Man Project this fall. According to the Sig Eps national development program, the project was designed by Sigma Phi Epsilon's national headquarters as a fraternity leadership program.

The project is designed as a self-paced membership experience for undergraduates based on achievement in the chapter and community.

"We have had the option to convert for about four years, but we didn't think we were ready until now," said Matt Ladd, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon. "Our chapter approved the change by 80 percent and we are ready to make the change."

"The project is a way to eliminate the potential for hazing and reduce binge drinking by redirecting the chapter's focus to personal development and graduation," Ladd said.

According to the national development program, the Balanced Man Project focuses

on four areas of development, which include mentoring, community involvement, learning by doing and brotherhood.

The project will help keep the current membership at a constant and improve recruitment, Ladd said.

P. Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs, said, "Although hazing is not a problem here at Marshall, the Balanced Man Project will eliminate the class differences of being active to being a pledge. By eliminating the differences it will reduce the chances of potential hazing."

Ladd said, "The project is a self-paced program so members won't feel the pressure to prove themselves in order to become initiated, everyone can move through the steps according to their own personal development."

The program has five challenges, according to the national leadership development. The challenges are: Sigma Challenge, Phi Challenge, Epsilon Challenge, Brother Mentor Challenge and the Fellow Challenge.

Each challenge has a objective the member must meet in order to move on to the next one.

Men officially become a "brother" when they enter the Epsilon Challenge stage, Ladd said.

The Balanced Man Project offers the Sig Eps a unique opportunity. According to the Sig Eps national program the project is designed to build a strong bond between brothers by developing individual members.

The program offers opportunities for new members, more alumni and community member involvement, organized mentoring program and year-round recruitment opportunities.

The mentor process replaces the big brother system. The members will have many different mentors giving the opportunity to create more friendships.

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**NCAA rules explained**

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come on campus. With the NCAA, the athlete ends up getting between 24 and 36 hours notice."

Once NCAA representatives arrive on site for drug testing, the institution is required to provide a squad list, from which student-athletes will be selected randomly, Thomas said. The athlete is then informed that he/she will have to appear for testing, she said.

Only 1 to 2 percent of all athletes test positive each year, Thomas said. If an athlete tests positive, the NCAA will report the result to the school's athletic director, and then he/she has the opportunity to appeal.

If the athlete loses the appeal process or chooses not to appeal, he/she will lose a minimum of one-year of competition in all sports, according to NCAA policy.

If a student-athlete tests positive for drugs during his/her season of competition, he/she will lose a minimum of the equivalent of one full season of competition in all sports, according to the policy.

This includes the remainder of contests in the current season and contests in the subsequent season up to the period of time in which the student-athlete was declared ineligible during the previous year.

According to the policy, the

athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular and post-season competition during the time period ending one calendar year after his/her positive drug test.

The athlete will not be eligible again for competition until he/she tests negative, the policy states.

Transferring to another school does not mean sanctions for a positive drug test will be lifted.

NCAA policy states if an athlete transfers to another NCAA institution while still ineligible for competition, the school from which he/she transferred must notify that institution.

If the athlete tests positive a second time for performance-enhancing drugs like anabolic steroids, he/she will lose all remaining regular and post-season eligibility, the policy states.

If an athlete tests positive a second time for a "street drug," he/she will lose the minimum of another year of regular and post-season competition. Street drugs are defined by the NCAA as marijuana, THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) and heroin.

Sanctions for positive drug tests do not necessarily affect

only student-athletes.

If a school allows the athlete to compete while declared ineligible, the NCAA can take serious actions against the school.

If the violation occurs in individual competition, the athlete's performance shall be stricken from the championship records, the points he/she has contributed to the team's total shall be deleted, the team standings shall be adjusted accordingly and any awards involved shall be returned to the association.

For championships in which individual results are recorded by time, points or stroke totals, such as cross country, golf, gymnastics, indoor and outdoor track, rifle, swimming and skiing, the placement of other competitors shall be altered and awards presented accordingly.

If the violation occurs during team competition, the record of the team's performance shall be deleted, the team's place in the final standings shall be vacated and the team's trophy and the ineligible student's awards shall be returned to the association.

**Review process sparks debate**

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view process. Miller said the date of the review "came as quite a surprise" to the Advisory Council and some members of the BOT. Gilley will be evaluated May 2-3.

The Faculty Senate also questioned why the review was scheduled so late in the school year. Manning said the late date was set because the BOT wants to conduct the review before the academic year ends and a

turnover of the board members occurs in June or July. He also said it is difficult to schedule a member of the BOT and the presidents of two SREB universities to perform the review.

Dennison also announced the officers for the next Faculty Senate term. Donna Donathan was elected president; Jeff Stone, vice president; and Glenda Lowry, secretary.

Earlier in the meeting, Gilley addressed several other items including an increase in alumni donations and the "new look" of Marshall magazine's spring issue. Gilley said four alumni donated nearly \$4 million to the institution. The donations include \$1

million from Joan C. Edwards for jazz instruction at the Jomie Jazz Center and \$500,000 to be used towards the purchase of the Keith Albee Theatre, he said. The source of the \$500,000 will be announced at a later date.

The magazine has been redesigned to feature a "slick" look and will primarily be sent to "30,000 alumni and friends" with preference to those who contribute to the school. The publication is produced by H.Q. Publishing Company, which was founded by Jack Houvouras, a Marshall graduate. Marshall's alumni newsletter, Greenline, will also be replaced by Evergreen, a new publication.

**Blue 'pillar' of university**

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Series and African American Faculty Forum. Blue has served on community boards, including

the Pretera Center and the Cabell County Board of Education Multicultural Committee.

Among the speakers at a reception for Blue Wednesday was Derek Anderson.

Anderson said, "As we prepare to try to say goodbye and commend him on 29 years of service.

"We are saddened to realize

we are losing a cornerstone and pillar of this university."

Other speakers included Dr. Sandra Clements, coordinator for disabled students; Dr. James Harless, director of admissions; Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural affairs and international programs; and Dr. Keith Spears, director of communications.

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REBECCA CANTLEY

## Paper worth \$125 ticket

Thursday ended my official duties as Parthenon editor; it was supposed to be an easy day.

All week we had planned a day of celebration. The festivities were to start at 11 a.m. with a huge chocolate cake from Big Bear. Afternoon pizza was to follow. (In case you didn't know, eating is what we do best).

But alas, Thursday was not an easy day, and our end-of-the-year celebration was interrupted by some familiar problems. One, our dummies were late. No, we're not talking about the reporters. Dummies are page layouts, and without them it's impossible to design a newspaper page.

To make things worse, several stories were not saved in the proper file which meant somebody had to re-type them, and we had no pictures for the front page. Hence, the pictures I took at the last minute.

Needless to say, Thursday didn't go off without a hitch. In fact, it was like any other day — full of obstacles with a few laughs here and there to keep you sane.

Yet, one thing was different about Thursday. It was my last day and somehow I didn't seem to mind all those troubles.

My final day as editor was rather a time of reflection — recalling good times from this semester, thinking back to my early days as a lowly student government reporter and realizing that despite all the late nights, neglected classes and tears, it was worth it.

Take last week for example. Although I doubted it at the time, working at The Parthenon was even worth the \$125 ticket I received for running four red lights on Third Avenue in a desperate attempt to get the paper to press on time. The officer who asked me to explain my actions wasn't impressed when I replied, "I'm The Parthenon editor, and I've got five minutes to get this paper to The Herald-Dispatch." Oh well, it was worth a try.

And, let's not forget last semester when we practically stayed awake for 48 hours to produce a 32-page special edition. When we finally reached a stopping point and I was ready to walk out the door, I got a phone call from then editor Robert McCune: "Rebecca, it seems page 3B was somehow overlooked." I designed a page in 12 minutes, and yes, I'm still suffering post-traumatic stress syndrome.

Indeed, I have many memories to take with me. I must say, I've never before been surrounded by so many interesting and talented people — many of which I should thank.

So, here goes ... Thank you to all the reporters, copy editors and professors who cared enough to do their best for The Parthenon. I know I expect a lot, but I hope I wasn't too hard on you.

To my staff, what a semester! From the late nights that turned into early mornings, I seldom heard a complaint. Our friendship and mutual respect enabled us to cope without launching someone from a Smith Hall window.

Years from now, I'll remember in amusement our prank phone calls to each other, the wild chair races down the hall outside our door (things got a little wild after midnight), the numerous outings to local restaurants and our one experience together enjoying Huntington night life.

I learned something from each one of you that has made me a better person. From studying together and chasing down hot stories to consoling one another over falling gpas and rising body weights (it's proven that working at The Parthenon is guaranteed to make one gain at least 10 pounds), we all have done our best, and we have a paper to be proud of.

Finally, thanks to you, the person reading these lines right now — the students, professors and staff members who pick up The Parthenon each day.

Without our readers, The Parthenon would have little purpose, and I have thoroughly enjoyed working for you.

Rebecca Cantley is Parthenon editor. Comments can be sent to her at cantley5@marshall.edu.

## Presenting ... The top ten stories of the semester

The following is a list of the top 10 stories of the semester chosen by the editors. They were chosen based upon the impact they had on readers. The first five are listed with original headlines.

**1. Four killed on U.S. 60. Students shocked by wreck.** Undoubtedly, the story with the most impact this semester was the March 30 car accident that killed two Marshall students. Jonathan Scott Hudson and Jason E. McComas, both Charleston sophomores, were traveling on U.S. Route 60 with friends when their car struck a telephone pole and tore into three pieces. The sole survivor of the accident was Chad Hively of Charleston. Nathan Shilling of Morgantown and Adam Burford also of Charleston were both killed.

It mattered not whether we all knew McComas or Hudson, all members of the Marshall community were affected by their deaths.

**2. Holderby residents spot Peeping Tom.** That was the headline on the first Peeping Tom story in the Jan. 21 paper. The reports of Peeping Toms, however, did not stop there. The most recent incident was reported by a Holderby Hall resident April 15.

Terrell McKelvy, the starting center for the men's basketball team faces charges of trespass for that alleged incident. He also

may face university sanctions under Judicial Programs. There have been six cases of Peeping Toms since the end of the fall semester. It has not yet been determined whether the April 15 case is connected to earlier reports.

**3. Vote drive underway for new fitness center.** Students passed a resolution approving the construction of a new recreational center during student government elections March 2-4. Plans for the center created debate between the university and several businesses that will be forced to move to make way for the building on Third Avenue.

**4. Aiming to achieve. One goal down, many to go for SGA president.** Brandi D. Jacobs, a junior public relations major from Columbus, Ohio, was sworn in as the first African American student body president in school history April 16. Jacobs and Student Body Vice President Rogers D. Beckett, a senior political science major, will lead student government for the next year.

**5. Athletic Department loses \$100,000 on bowl game.** The Athletic Department reported that staggering figure after Marshall beat Louisville in the Motor City Bowl. It is the second straight year the program suffered a significant monetary loss due to insufficient ticket sales,

traveling expenses and other factors after a bowl game.

The other five are (in order):  
■ According to the Vision 2020 report released April 23 Marshall's future is pretty bright. The report was the culmination of work from the Committee on the Future of Marshall.

■ After a stellar four-year career, Kristina Behnfeldt had her No. 42 jersey retired and became the only player in school history to have more than 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds.

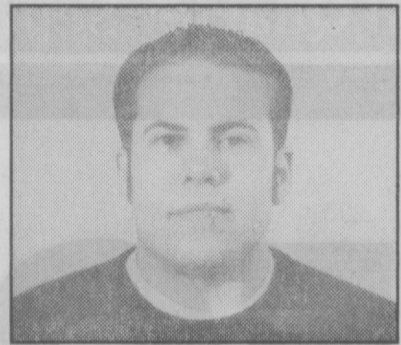
■ Marshall's men's basketball team lost a heartbreaker to intrastate rival West Virginia University Jan. 27. The Mountaineers won 85-84 on a last-second, long-range three-pointer by guard Lionel Armstead.

■ Thundering Herd running back Doug Chapman was arrested for drunken driving March 14 and was subsequently suspended from the team for one week and did not play in the annual Green and White Game.

■ Plans were furthered this semester for the opening of a child care center for students with children. The center is currently being constructed at 22nd street between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

Others top stories were the multiple coaching changes on the football staff, the beating of a gay alumnus and increases in PEIA insurance costs.

## Parthenon, purgatory — same thing



JACOB MESSER

"A place or situation of evil, misery, discord, or destruction," is one of the eight definitions for hell, according to a dictionary in The Parthenon newsroom.

But to me, like other editors of the student newspaper, there is only one definition — hell is The Parthenon.

Evil? Yeah, there is evil here. Don't believe me? Come see and hear departing editor-in-chief Rebecca Cantley after a late night when she gets no sleep and completes no homework.

I swear there have been mornings when I peeked into her office, only to see her with horns on her head and a pitchfork in her hands. No wonder her nickname is Satan.

Misery? Yeah, there is misery here. I entered The Parthenon newsroom weighing a slender 148 pounds in August.

Now, I waddle into the newsroom weighing a robust 178 pounds. Saying I am miserable is an understatement.

Talk to the other editors whose weight has increased this semester. Because we are in the newsroom so much, we get too many Big Macs and not enough sit-ups.

Discord? Yeah, there is discord here. Need proof? Listen in on one of our budget meetings or newsroom conversations.

When we are here past midnight every night, the tension among editors can be downright disturbing sometimes.

Needless to say, Tonia Holbrook and myself could not kiss our own mothers after a night in The Parthenon. Our arguments range from politics to relationships. She leaves the room crying; I leave

the room cussing.

Destruction? Yeah, there is destruction here. But I will plead the Fifth Amendment on that one. If I say something to incriminate the other editors and myself, the entire staff could face university sanctions from the Office of Judicial Affairs. Then who knows what would happen to us — certainly not our readers.

The only thing The Parthenon newsroom lacks is everlasting fire and eternal torment.

But, in all honesty, the other editors and myself chose our purgatory this semester. Why? Because working at the student newspaper prepares us for working at a professional one.

In addition to learning skills in management and organization, we experience tight deadlines, closed meetings and silent sources.

Thanks to a nationally-accredited curriculum and a highly-trained staff, we leave campus with the ability to work anywhere, whether it is The Herald-Dispatch or The Dallas Morning News.

In this case, I guess hell is actually heaven.

## Editor's column final in long history



GARY HALE

The scene was Yankee Stadium. The date, July 4, 1939. Lou Gehrig, baseball's Iron Man, strolled to the microphone and told millions of fans he felt like the "luckiest man on the face of the earth."

Today, I tap on the keyboard for one last time for The Parthenon. For me, it is the last hurrah, the last stand, the final at-bat. It has been my pleasure to work for The Parthenon for more than two years, in which I have been editor, managing editor, online editor and sports editor. I have written some pretty strong columns and editorials challenging people to rethink their stances. At times, these

created controversy. After all, I was the "right-winger, Bible thumping Christian" according to one man.

And just as Gehrig made it a point to thank those, I want to do the same. Yeah, this column is not inflammatory. And it won't fire up my liberal pals David McGee and Rick Bady, who have masterfully debated me over the years, but that is OK. Today, I want to close out a rewarding career by giving credit, where credit is due.

At the top of my list is my Heavenly Father. I give Him the glory for the things I have accomplished. Bady and McGee would argue the validity, but they cannot change the reality. He has given me the strength when my strength was gone.

Second, would be my parents. Since middle school, they have encouraged me to write and write. My father especially, taught me the art of debating. I have long since beat him in every athletic event. But I will never be able to outwit his mind — the greatest I have seen.

Who wouldn't consider it an

honor to have worked with some of the greatest journalism professors this country has to offer? Specifically, I want to thank Dr. George Arnold and Dr. Ralph Turner — the staples in the department. Their guidance and encouragement won't be forgotten. And then there is Professor Marilyn McClure — The Parthenon adviser who was always willing to put her self out when it came time to defend the editors in controversial matters. I also say thanks to Dr. Hal Shaver for being there for me with wisdom.

Lastly, I want to honor all those editors and reporters by which I have worked along side. It is a rough field, requiring long hours, but to get the truth out — it is worth it. It has been fun to be part of the team.

Now, I wipe my hands clean and close the door behind me. My column writing is finished. The page layout of this segment of my life is complete. Thank you for a wonderful experience. My day is now done. Tomorrow, will bring about a new challenge.



TONIA HOLBROOK

## Semester bittersweet experience

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.

Never have these words had greater meaning to me as they do in reference to this semester.

After four years of higher education, I can now say that I have had the college student's experience. But I didn't get it in the dorms and I didn't get it in the bars. I got it right here in good old Smith Hall 311.

Having been a commuter who lived with her parents, my life over the past three and a half years had consisted of going to class and promptly going home, knowing all along that I was missing out on a wealth of life experiences.

This semester, as news editor at the P-non, I have experienced all I thought I had missed — overall, a bittersweet experience.

I lost a lot of body fluids through blood, sweat and tears. Plus, I lost an enormous amount of sleep and any sort of social life. But I got so much in return.

Other than 10 pounds, I gained so many friends; the P-non staff, professors and other journalism students confined to this floor at unspeakable hours of the morning.

Even more, through our stories, I have learned so much about life, love and mortality — a beginning, an end and the beauty that fills the gap in between.

No one will come away from this semester without the memories of an outstanding football team, a persistent bathroom intruder and four young men whose lives ended entirely too soon. I never will.

So, when I pack up my stuff in the office next week, I'll be thinking about those we've lost, those we've loved and, thank God, those we still have to hold.

I will treasure the memories I have from this semester. Good and bad. Bitter and sweet.

Such a mix of emotions felt simultaneously could be construed as madness. So maybe I have a few issues to deal with, but this one can only be right, no matter what pains it took me through.

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## Softball team races to get in finals

by **TODD McCORMICK**  
reporter

As the semester draws to a close, spring sports are starting to heat up with Mid-American Conference tournament berths on the line.

The Thundering Herd softball team (23-19 overall, 8-8 in conference) is in a race for the final playoff spot. Wednesday the Herd swept a postponed doubleheader with Ohio University, 1-0 and 4-1.

Game one was an extra inning affair as neither team could get a runner across home plate until the ninth.

The Herd started the inning with a single from shortstop Carrie Dean. Dean advanced to second when Jeni Morris also connected for a single.

Head coach Louie Berndt sent in pinch runner Mandy Moore for Dean.

Kelli Hall hit another single to send Moore home and end the contest.

"We were fortunate enough in the bottom of the inning we got a couple people on. No outs and Kelli Hall ended up hitting a single into the gap...as long as you win it doesn't matter how many innings you play," Berndt said.

On the mound, Natasha Johnson grabbed her 11th win of the year. She struck out nine Bobcats and gave up seven hits.

Game two was another pitchers' duel until the fourth inning when Ohio's Jen Morris knocked in Becky Egelhoff for the lead.

The Herd came back in its half of the fourth. With the bases full, Hall hit a double that cleared the bags, allowing Johnson, Aimee Reiner and Dean to score.

That would close the scoring

for the Herd in the fourth.

Nicole Corigan connected to score Hall in the sixth for the final tally.

"We were spraying hits in the one through nine positions. That's nice and we are not relying on one or two people to carry the team," Berndt said.

Sara Gulla held the Bobcats to five hits and struck out nine.

Berndt said it was a solid game for Gulla, who struggled a bit this season.

"She got away a little bit in the middle of the season. Where she went back to her old form and style of pitching versus what was working best for her at the beginning of the season," Berndt said.

This weekend the Herd closes out its regular season.

Today the team battles the Golden Flashes of Kent in a doubleheader. Saturday the team plays a tripleheader with

Akron. Game one will make up a rained-out contest in Huntington from April 9.

"It's going to come down to crunch time. In the games against Kent and Akron, we really need our best perfor-

mances from everybody. We really need to be consistent as a team," Berndt said.

The top three teams in each division make the tournament.

The Herd shares third place with Bowling Green, which has

defeated Marshall three times this season.

Bowling Green will play host to Ball State and Toledo this weekend.

The MAC softball tournament begins May 13.

## 'Build it and they will come;' Students react to proposed field

by **JENNIFER L. JOHNSON**  
reporter

The baseball team is the only athletic team at Marshall that does not have an on-campus home.

That fact along with a proposed site for a future field has many students filled with mixed opinions on the subject.

Kelli E. Norris, freshman biology major from Milton, said she thinks although the team does not have a home, it should not affect their play.

"Through high school (Cabell Midland), I never played on a home field and it did not affect our play since we were state

champions," Norris said.

The proposed site for the field is across from the football stadium along Third Avenue where the Stoned Monkey and the Inferno bars are located.

If the field is built, the two Huntington night spots may be either relocated or closed.

Susan D. Linville, freshman marketing major from Barboursville, looks at the situation from a business point of view.

"The team should have their own home. The fact that businesses will be moved or removed will happen no matter where they put the field. That is just how business works," she said.

Tasha K. Nelson, sophomore education major from Ranger, considers the building of a field as an improvement to the area.

"I think that it would be better if they had a home. If there was a field there, it would look a lot better than it does now," she said.

Joshua Gresham, Teays Valley sophomore health care management major, added a little humor. "I believe that we need a huge stadium. Why make the baseball players feel second-rate when we put football and basketball first? There would be more money brought in, and just think of the hot dogs!" he said.

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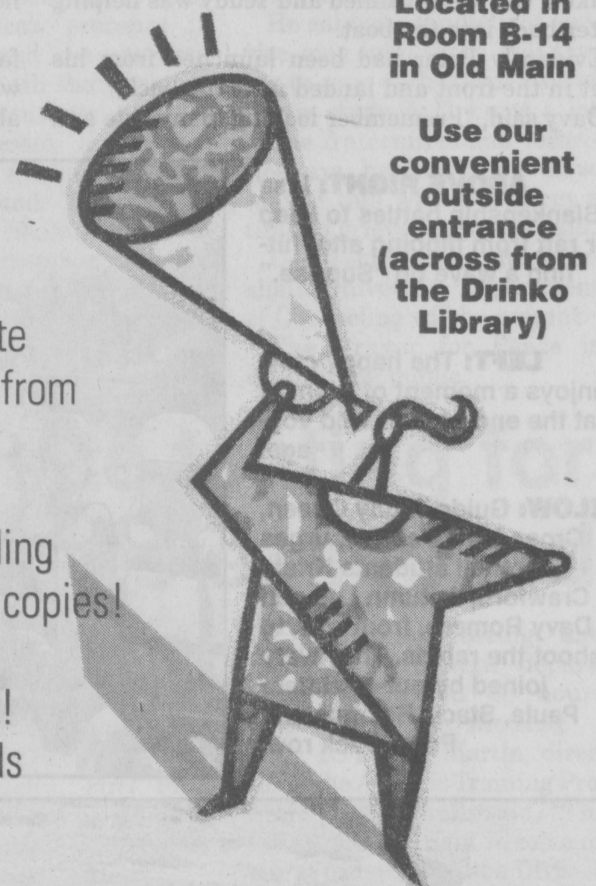
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"You become both excited and afraid at the same time. Then you crash through the wave and you high five at the end because you pulled together as a team and made it through."

# CHANCING the RAPIDS

by KRISTA CRAWFORD reporter

Our adventure began at the crack of dawn. Myself and two other Marshall students, Autumn Lee and David Romero, packed our gear in the car and took off toward the second oldest river in the world — the 500 million-year-old New River.

We were on our way to try our hand at white water rafting.

After a two-hour trip to Fayetteville we checked in at The Rivermen rafting company. It's owned and operated by the Campbell family.

We were told we had to attend an instructional meeting at 11 a.m. and we would be on the river by noon.

I was nervous. After instructions, we were handed a helmet, an oar, and a lifejacket and were on a bus to the river.

Once there, we were assigned to our boats and met the rest of our crew and our guide.

Autumn, Davy and myself were assigned to a raft with four other rafters including Paula, who was from Italy, Stacy, from California and Pete and Rasmus, both from Switzerland.

Our guide for the day was Teddy Queen. Queen, Cross Lanes senior, is a second-year guide.

Teddy said he took his first trip down the river four years ago on Bridge Day, and instantly fell in love with it.

"I wanted to do it all the time and becoming a guide was the best way I could think of to do that," Teddy said.

We picked our seats, piled into the raft and with a shove we were off.

There were nine boats in our group and the guides in each boat began to get their guests familiar with the rafts. They showed them how to row, and taught some of the commands they were going to use.

As we slowly descended down the river Teddy tried to get us to relax and get to know each other.

Our rowing started to look better and Teddy began to prepare us for our first rapid, called "Surprise."

He told us with the water height at three and a half feet about sea level, there was a slight chance that we might have a swimmer. In other words, someone might get tossed from the raft.

Before we reached "Surprise" the rafts stopped at the side of the river. Those who wanted the opportunity to jump off "Jumping Rock," a 10-foot cliff, had their chance to test the water.

Close to 1 p.m., the sun was blazing and we were soon on our way to "Surprise."

And that is exactly what it was, a surprise.

We could hear it coming and the next thing we knew we were headed right for it.

As we sat and waited to hit the wave, Teddy yelled, "All forward," and we paddled to the top of it.

After a minute of yelling, paddling and getting soaked, the water calmed and Teddy was helping Peter back into the boat.

Evidently Peter had been launched from his seat in the front and landed near the back.

Davy said, "I remember looking to my side and

seeing the guy that had been sitting next to me was gone."

Our boat was the only boat of the day that had a swimmer. It was also the first of many unusual things.

Throughout the 16-mile trip our raft got stuck and we had to abandon ship to get it unstuck. We lost our guide for a minute when he tried to jump during a rapid and missed the raft when he came back down. And we somehow picked up an extra passenger.

Teddy assured us that this was a rare incident and quickly flung the slimy intruder out of the raft.

The six-hour descent down the river was a roller coaster of emotion. At times a very quiet, smooth ride, and at another times loud and extremely bumpy.

Lisa Blankenship, graduate student and a guide trainee, said that was the reason she fell in love with the river.

"At times it is so peaceful and beautiful and then you hear the water and your heart starts beating.

"You become both excited and afraid at the same time. Then you crash through the wave and you high five at the end because you pulled together as a team and made it through," she said.

Autumn said one thing that surprised her about the trip was how well teamwork helped when in a rapid.

She said the scariest part of her trip was when Stacy and she voluntarily got out of the boat to swim through "Swimmers Rapid" which was a class-one rapid that was safe for people to swim through.

Teddy explained the class ratings of waves go from one to five, one being the easiest and five being the hardest.

At 2 p.m. all the boats stopped for a quick lunch at the side of the river, but we were soon back on our way.

During the peaceful times, Teddy told us a little about the history of the river. He showed us where the Matewan movie was filmed, and where some of the old coal mines were. He showed us a rock called "Santa Claus Rock" which had a natural imprint in it that looked like Santa.

He pointed out some of the wildlife that surrounded us, like the beaver we saw along the shore.

We were told the names of all the rapids as we approached them, and were given instructions on where to swim if we fell out.

Some rapids had stories behind their names like "Stripper's Hole" which at one time took a few bikini tops off a few guests that had fallen out, and the "Meat Grinder" who's name is self explanatory.

Teddy told us The Rivermen pride themselves on the safety precautions they take. Both were taught CPR and first aid during their training.

The New River Gorge Bridge, the world's longest arch bridge, signaled the end of our journey.

We all agreed that we had a great time, took a few group photos and gave a final high five, which was done by tapping our oars together above our heads.



Photo by Whitewater Photography

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Lisa Blankenship battles to keep her raft from flipping after hitting a wave on "Surprise."

**LEFT:** The happy crew enjoys a moment of triumph at the end of their wild voyage.

**BELOW:** Guide Teddy Queen, Cross Lanes senior, urges Marshall students Krista Crawford, Autumn Lee and Davy Romero, front row, to shoot the rapids. They were joined by out-of-staters Paula, Stacy, Rasmus and Peter, back row.



Photo by Krista Crawford



Photo by Whitewater Photography

We pulled our rafts to shore and walked our soaked and tired bodies to the bus to head back to base camp.

Once back we changed into dry clothes and headed to the pavilion where a movie, pictures of our trip, hot food and cold beer were waiting on us.

Teddy told us how most of the rafters are from out of state and the country.

"It upsets me that people and students who live in West Virginia don't take advantage of the state and what it has to offer," he said.

As the evening went on, the guides made a huge bonfire by the pavilion and it was here that I met Mila White, a Marshall student, and Lisa.

Both Mila and Lisa are in training to become guides.

They told me the training was a rigorous 12-week program that included learning the history of the river, boat control skills and river rescue classes. They were in their sixth week.

Mila said the first two weeks were the hardest, and Lisa said after the twelve week program all

trainees would have to go through an evaluation. Those that "top out" are the ones that are chosen to work for The Rivermen and will be able to take guests down the river.

Lisa, who is working on a master's degree in family nurse practitioner, said she comes up every weekend to simply try to get away.

"When I come up here it is like a break from reality," she said. "Everyone here is so happy."

Teddy said it was hard at first to try to incorporate the river in with his school schedule and his job. He is a bartender at Twentieth Street Bar and Grille.

"Yea, but it was a commitment and it reaped great rewards," Teddy said. "I love sharing this beautiful state with the guests and I hope to eventually change the stereotypes of West Virginia. It should be known for its mountains and its white water."

"Because it is, in my opinion, the most beautiful state in the country."

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