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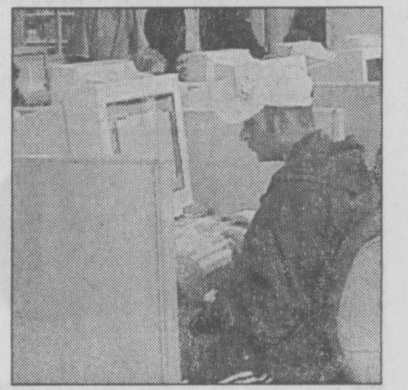
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# Senate approves new SGA senators

by **CARRIE A. SMITH**  
*reporter*

Marshall students now have three new voices in the Student Government Association.

The Student Senate Judiciary Committee had a special nomination meeting Tuesday to interview and approve the new senators.

William C. Butler II, Parkersburg graduate student,

and Dennis M. Hicks, Inkster, Mich., graduate student, will represent the Graduate College. Misty M. Skidmore, Parkersburg junior, will represent the College of Business.

Since the dismissal of seven senators in September for excessive absences, SGA has been accepting applications for the available seats.

Three seats were filled Tuesday and three more are

expected to be filled next week. The senators officially will be sworn in at Tuesday's senate meeting by Christy Johnson, chief justice of the student court.

The requirements for senators are a 2.0 grade point average and at least 12 hours of college credit.

Skidmore said as a senator she wants to keep the student body informed.

"I would base my judgments on how I feel as a student and I want to make sure they always know what is going on," Skidmore said.

Hicks said his nomination has something to do with being outgoing, talkative and motivated.

"It is yet to be determined what I will accomplish as a senator," Hicks said, "but I will voice an opinion."

Butler said the reason he became a senator was to give back to the Marshall community.

"I have been here or affiliated since 1989 and I feel I can give the benefit of my experience to others," Butler said. "I want to give a voice to older students, students in graduate school and other interested parties as needed."

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# SAPB bringing music, murder

by **AMANDA M. TULLY**  
*reporter*

If students want a change in their usual Thursday evening routine, they can find it at Thursday Night Live Thursday in the Memorial Student Center.

The Student Activities Programming Board (SAPB) will sponsor the event for students as an alternative to going to bars. The evening will include a musical performance, a murder mystery show, video games, a movie, free pool and bowling. Activities will begin at 8 p.m. and last until 1 a.m.

Musical performer Jen Cohen will kick off the events of the evening with her band.

"We wanted a female vocalist this time," said Marcie Hatfield, president of SAPB. "Jen Cohen has a relaxing, mellow style. We're trying to bring as much variety as possible for entertainment."

A murder mystery show called Comedy Capers is intended to set the mood for Halloween. Similar to the game Clue, the show will be audience interactive and participants will be provided with costumes. Prizes will be awarded to the best actor and actress, and to the person who guesses the murderer correctly.

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# Professor, others hope Perry makes informal correction

by **EVAN BEVINS**  
*reporter*

Marshall may be competing with Syracuse and Georgia for national football rankings, but as far as academics go, the schools are in two different leagues.

According to an e-mail message from Dr. Mark A. Simmons, professor of pharmacology, statements made in Interim President A. Michael Perry's letter in the Oct. 14 issue of The Herald-Dispatch implied Marshall was tied with Syracuse, Georgia and Virginia Tech in U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges" ratings.

The letter also said Marshall trailed only 10 schools and was ranked above schools such as Nebraska, Tennessee and Florida State.

Simmons' e-mail says the information was incorrect because Marshall was ranked as a "Southern Regional University," while the other schools Perry's letter referred to — schools with Top 25 football teams — are "national" universities.

Simmons said he believes the statements were an "honest mistake," but they need to be corrected.

"As a university, you have to be accurate, you have to use facts correctly," he said. "Your integrity depends on it."

The e-mail Simmons sent

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**Mark A. Simmons,**  
 professor of pharmacology

included a resolution that would require the Faculty Senate's Executive Committee to ask Perry to make an official correction.

Faculty Senate President Donna Donathan said the resolution was supported by about 20 faculty members, more than the 10 required to put a resolution up for consideration before the committee at Monday's meeting.

Donathan and Simmons spoke prior to Monday's meeting to discuss the resolution.

"We agreed that it would be appropriate to handle it informally at this time," Donathan said.

Simmons said he intended the resolution "as a mechanism by which to present the concern to the interim president through the Executive Committee with the support of the faculty..."

He said he is satisfied with an informal solution to the problem.

"Hopefully, we won't have to go forward with it (the resolution)," he said.

# 'Cutting' class



photo by JoAnn C. Elmer

Buskirk resident Melissa Whitehair receives a trim from Huntington School of Beauty Culture student Jennifer Runyon.

# Cosmetologists visit Buskirk, leave students with new looks

by **JOANN C. ELMER**  
*reporter*

At first glance Friday, passers-by of Buskirk might have thought Marshall was adding cosmetology to its list of courses.

Buskirk's lobby was transformed from a lounging area for residents to a barber shop. The Huntington School of Beauty Culture (HSBC) was invited to be part of a program sponsored by the Department of Residence Services.

Marshall students in Buskirk got free hair cuts and manicures from the HSBC's students.

It is estimated that 50-60 residents turned out to get haircuts or manicures Friday. The beauty school students also offered free styling to their customers and information about attending the school.

The HSBC students came prepared with a selection of styling products and tools for cutting and styling. The HSBC students were dressed in black smocks, which is part of the training program. Carol Adkins, director of admissions,

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Drag queen Ivana Hump will be among the performers for Gay History Month's drag show Thursday.



photos by Krista Crawford

# A walk in their shoes

Students in the Counseling 263 class presented "Take a Walk in their Shoes" Tuesday as part of a class project and a memorial for those who have died of AIDS. A pair of shoes accompanied each sign along the sidewalk near Buskirk Field.



**TOP:** Christy Takach, Glendale graduate student, looks at a sign memorializing AIDS victim Pedro Zamora.

**ABOVE:** The shoes will be donated to the Salvation Army.

# Orchestra to feature music from Mozart and Brahms

by **KRISTINA WISE**  
*reporter*

Featuring music by Mozart and Brahms, the Vienna Chamber Orchestra will perform at the Keith-Albee Theatre at 8 p.m. Thursday as part of the Marshall Artists Series.

The orchestra recently celebrated its 50th season as a chamber ensemble.

According to a press release, the orchestra has toured the major music capitals of Europe, North America and Japan. In 1991, the orchestra toured North America as part of an international celebration of the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death.

"Seeing a world-renown orchestra gives you the chance to see what various styles are really supposed to sound like," Cincinnati junior music education major Trisha Yeager said. "Watching them perform lets us compare our own performances as part of an orchestra to see where we measure up in the real world."



The Vienna Chamber Orchestra will perform at the Keith-Albee Theatre at 8 p.m. Thursday.

The orchestra's performance will feature French conductor and piano soloist Philippe Entremont. His tour with the Vienna Chamber Orchestra is part of a 30-city tour commemorating the anniversary season.

Entremont began his collaboration with the Vienna Chamber Orchestra in 1976. He since has won worldwide recognition for his ability to divide time between conducting and performing as a soloist.

"His dual role as a performer and a conductor is very exciting," Bob Thompson, of the jazz ensemble The Bob Thompson Unit, said.

Thompson has seen Entremont play and conduct, and he is a fan of his performances and recordings.

"His expression in the music is really something — he brings music to life," Thompson said. "There's a special quality about the way he puts himself into the pieces."

# LGBO to present drag show

by **AMANDA M. TULLY**  
*reporter*

It will be the first time for Marshall University.

"DRAG: Make-Up, Mystique, and the Making of a Movement" will add to the celebration of Gay History Month in October.

Sponsored by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Outreach Office (LGBO), the drag show will be at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theater. This is the first time LGBO has organized a drag show to celebrate gay pride.

"This is a monumental event for us, and we are looking forward to doing it again next year," said Raymie White, coordinator of the LGBO program and president of the Lambda Society.

White said the show will consist of 7-10 performers from the Huntington area. Ivana Hump, show director of the bar Stonewall on Seventh Avenue, is in

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# Government

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## Clinton speaks to students about school violence

by LAURIE KELLMAN  
The Associated Press



**WASHINGTON** — President Clinton told high school students they can be the key to lessening violence in their schools and in society at large, and asked for their help in passing new civil rights protections for homosexuals.

Violence, fear and alienation lead to schoolhouse killings, and also represent age-old fears arising from ethnic and religious differences, Clinton said today.

"If you can deal with that, you're going to have the brightest future of any generation of Americans," Clinton told a group of more than 350 young people on Capitol Hill attending a conference on violence that was spurred by school killings and stalled gun control legislation.

Clinton said expanding federal hate crimes legislation to cover crimes motivated by sexual orientation is "very, very

important," and complained that congressional Republicans are trying to block it.

"I want you also to speak up for that," Clinton said of the gay rights measure.

One hundred-thirty members of Congress, overwhelmingly Democrats, selected up to five student delegates from their districts to attend the two-day event that began today.

Republican Reps. Jennifer Dunn of Washington, Sue Kelly of New York and Connie Morella

of Maryland were the only GOP lawmakers who chose to participate, according to Laura Nichols, spokeswoman for House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo.

Asked why few Republicans were participating in the youth violence conference, John Feehery, spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, said it was a Democratic-sponsored event and "we didn't get invited."

The conference opens with a greeting from Clinton and

Gephardt and a showing of "Fight for Your Rights: Through My Eyes," a new MTV documentary. A series of workshops on existing programs to address youth violence follows, including interactive demonstrations of violence prevention methods.

On Wednesday, the participants will form small groups to identify the top five primary causes of and solutions to youth violence.

They will present their findings to House and Senate lead-

ers on the Capitol steps.

The conference ends with an Internet broadcast, moderated by Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder, of a town hall-style discussion with kids in Washington and participating schools around the country.

Panelists will include William Moffitt, president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys and William Modzeleski, director of the Department of Education's Safe and Drug Free Schools Program.

### Prosecutor to determine next step in Ramsey case

by STEVEN K. PAULSON  
The Associated Press

**DENVER** — Gov. Bill Owens says it may be some time before he makes a decision on whether to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the JonBenet Ramsey murder.

Boulder County prosecutor Alex Hunter met with the governor and a special task force for four hours Monday to review the investigation into the girl's death and decide if a special prosecutor is needed.

After the meeting ended at 9 p.m., Owens said he needs more time.

"It will be some time.

Thanks," he said, as prosecutors and the task force filed out of the state Senate hearing room.

Owens' chief of staff said the group may meet again.

Owens convened a task force to take a second look at the case after the grand jury failed to issue any indictments following a 13-month investigation.

The two groups met at the state Capitol in a Senate hearing room with Hunter and his team on one side of the conference table and Owens and his task force on the other.

Neither side would comment before the session began.

### Hillary Clinton to make Senate decision in 2000

by MARC HUMBERT  
The Associated Press

**KINGSTON, N.Y.** — Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday that she will decide after the first of the year whether to pursue her bid for a Senate seat from New York.

The first lady seemed to indicate that her candidacy was a go. "I'll be doing interviews after the first of the year," she told reporters, after saying earlier that she would begin doing one-on-one interviews with the media "when I become a candidate."

At a brief news conference, Mrs. Clinton reiterated her support for Vice President Al Gore, but also had kind words for Bill Bradley, Gore's rival for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"I have a lot of respect and admiration for Sen. Bradley," Mrs. Clinton said. "I'm very pleased that both of them have

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Hillary Rodham Clinton,  
first lady

come forward with some important ideas and positions for this campaign."

The first lady has formed an exploratory committee to investigate a possible Senate run. She and President Clinton have purchased a five-bedroom home in Chappaqua, N.Y., that will allow Mrs. Clinton to establish residency in New York.

"I am looking toward after the first of the year to make a final decision," the first lady said following a forum at a Kingston community center.

At the forum, Mrs. Clinton

blamed changes in the American workplace for "undermining economic and psychological security."

She said she was increasingly concerned about American companies decreasing pension and health benefits for employees and their families.

She said she felt such benefits were "part of the basic bargain" for Americans.

Before an audience of more than 100 local residents, Mrs. Clinton heard from business executives and laid off workers.

On Sunday night in Monticello, Mrs. Clinton spoke

of campaign finance reform.

"Now that I'm leaning so far in becoming a candidate that if I leaned any further I'd fall over, I really support campaign finance reform," Mrs. Clinton, whose supporters have vowed to raise \$25 million for her race, told about 600 Democrats at a dinner Sunday night at a landmark of the Catskills, Kutsher's Country Club.

"In the weeks and months ahead I'm going to have more to say about that because I think it is imperative that we all, as citizens of our democracy, stand up for change in the way that we finance campaigns," the first lady said.

Mrs. Clinton was the star attraction at a \$55-a-person Sullivan County Democratic Committee fund-raising dinner. It was the second such event she has headlined in three days and the third in three weeks in her adopted state.

### Judge dismisses welfare lawsuit

by MARTHA BRYSON HODEL  
The Associated Press

**HUNTINGTON** — Because a state agency changed the way it calculates eligibility for welfare benefits, a federal judge has agreed to dismiss a lawsuit filed on behalf of poor and disabled children.

But the state Department of Health and Human Resources will have to pay \$51,457 in legal fees and expenses to Mountain State Justice, a Charleston-based public interest law firm that represented the unidentified children.

The dispute centered on how the state calculates eligibility for cash welfare benefits when a member of the household receives payments from the federal Supplemental Security Income program. The program helps those who are disabled but otherwise are not eligible for Social Security benefits.

Earlier this year, U.S. District Judge Chuck Chambers issued a preliminary injunction barring the state from counting SSI benefits as household income.

By law, SSI benefits must be spent only on the needs of the disabled person, such as medicine or treatment, and not for

other household needs. However, the DHHR was counting SSI benefits as part of household income when it calculated eligibility for state welfare benefits.

DHHR spokeswoman Ann Garcelon said the state is trying to calculate how many people returned to state welfare rolls as a result of the lawsuit.

In dismissing the lawsuit, filed in December 1998, Chambers said the state has already accomplished the goal of the lawsuit.

"As a result of legislative enactments and changes in administrative policy, the issues which gave rise to this lawsuit have all

been resolved," Chambers said. The state has since changed its policy to allow most people to receive both.

Judge Chambers ordered the state to notify every household that included a child who received SSI that they might be eligible for back welfare benefits and that an appeals process was available.

On March 13, the state Legislature passed a law requiring the DHHR to exclude all SSI income when it calculates whether a household is eligible for welfare benefits.

Chambers dismissed the case last month.

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# Want to doodle for Disney sometime? Comics class to be offered Thursdays

by JAMEY L. JONES  
reporter

For students who would one day like to see their art in print, Marshall is offering a class.

Marshall's Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development is offering a class for artists of all ages who would like to gain some drawing experience.

The college has called in a college instructor and artist to teach

the class, said Sara Chapman, director of Continuing Education.

Scott Reed has worked with Disney, Dark Horse, Malibu and Marvel comics.

He is instructing the "How to Draw Comics" class in which he will introduce tools of the trade and methods of drawing comics from concept to copy.

According to his biography, Reed is a graduate from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and began his career in 1990 as an

illustrator, billboard painter, portrait artist and graphic designer.

His focus always has been in the comic art medium.

Jessica L. Markley, Williams-town junior, is not an art major but is looking forward to the class.

"I've been drawing for as long as I can remember and it's really something that I enjoy," she said. "Comic strips have always interested me and it would be really cool to learn how to draw one."

The class runs from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and continues every Thursday until Dec. 2 in Cabell Hall 113.

The class will not be conducted Nov. 25 due to Marshall's fall break. The class costs \$78.

Reed's portfolio, current biography and excerpts from his recent works can be viewed at <http://www.reedcomics.com>

More information is available by calling Annette Blake at 696-6797.

## Drag show coming up

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charge of organizing the performers, as well as performing.

Okey Napier, graduate student and faculty adviser for the Lambda Society, will present a narrative of the history of the drag community during the show.

"This drag show allows us to explore an area that hasn't been approached much before," he said. "This is something that allows us to celebrate diversity."

The drag show will represent issues that pertain to drag community history and its effect on the gay rights movement in our society.

"Many times when we have to look beyond what we're used to, there is fear," he said. "But where there's fear, there's power. Sharing stories is a way to overcome fear, and that is what we're doing."

Although the show sold out within two days after tickets went on sale, 40 tickets will be sold at the door Thursday.

More information about Gay History Month is available by calling the LGBO Office at 696-6623 or stopping by Prichard Hall 134.

## Cutting a new 'do

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said. "We feel an important part of their training is that they learn to dress appropriately. Appearance is important in this profession."

Sheets were placed on the floor of the lobby and one of the tables was occupied by styling products, hair dryers and curling irons.

Regular folding chairs were used for barber's chairs. The Department of Residence Services provided portable electrical outlet boxes for easier access to the hair dryers and curling irons.

Some residents were looking for help with their beauty woes. The beauty school stu-

dents were asked to repair dead ends, frizzy hair and damaged fingernails.

The final outcomes were praised by the customers.

"I wanted to keep my hair the same length, but it needed a trim and new style," Stephanie Walker, Lewisburg sophomore, said. "It turned out really great."

Nickie Johnson, Charleston freshman, did not get her hair done, but she did get a manicure. "I think they look good, I'm happy with them," she said.

The idea to bring the HSBC to Marshall was first introduced by Shannon Dean, resident advisor in Buskirk.

"They used to come and do a similar program at my high school in Chapmanville," Dean said. "When I came to Marshall, I thought it would make a good floor program."

HSBC offers a 14-month

program to become a licensed cosmetologist and shorter programs for manicurists and skin care specialists.

Adkins said she encourages Marshall students to apply for the shorter programs.

"It would take students one summer to get the training they need to become a licensed manicurist," she said. "With this training, they can avoid the regular part-time jobs needed to pay for a college education, and earn good money with a licensed profession, while still studying at Marshall."

The HSBC is locally owned by Jack Donta.

It is open to the public and offers haircuts, coloring, manicures, facials, massages and other services at reduced rates. It is located in the former Hills Shopping Plaza along U.S. Route 60.

## Senators approved

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The senate also approved four senate associates: Brian J. Casto, Nitro junior; Archie A. Locke, Nitro freshman; Regina I. Lewis-Myers, Oak Hill senior; and Rocco S.

Rosetti, Bridgeport junior.

Senate associates help senators perform tasks, work with them on certain bills, can sit in on committee meetings and take the place of senators who are unable to attend a meeting.

Tony Ponton, judicial committee chairman, said a senate associate position is a good opportunity for those who plan on running for a senate seat.

"Senate associates can get a feel of what the job requires before they decide whether or not they want to run," Ponton said.

Locke said he plans to help the senators in upcoming functions.

"Although we can't officially vote, we still have the opportunity to supply input," Locke said.

# SCORES program to honor faculty, staff at Thursday brunch

by KIMBERLY DUMONT  
reporter

Marshall's Search Committee on Recognizing Excellent Students (SCORES) will recognize faculty and staff members whose contributions have been vital to the success of the SCORES program.

The SCORES department has scheduled a brunch to recognize five Marshall faculty and staff members from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the Big Green Room at Marshall University Stadium.

"We are on the brink of a new century," said Sherry Brooks, SCORES coordinator.

"It is important that we offer tomorrow's leaders an opportunity to begin charting their own courses into the future."

The five honorees were nominated by their peers to receive recognition for their outstanding service to the university.

The honorees are Kay Thompson, professor for the Department of Mathematics Science for the Community and Technical College; Michael Cornfeld, professor of art in the College of Fine Arts; Dr. Suzanne Desai, professor of marketing and management in the Lewis College of Business; Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter, vice president of alumni development; and Interim President A. Michael Perry.

The nominees will receive certificates in recognition of their distinguished service. They also will have trophies named in their honor during the SCORES Academic Festival.

The Marshall University Jazz Ensemble is scheduled to perform during the brunch. Guests will be entered to win door prizes, which have been

donated by area businesses, according to a press release.

Brooks said she will showcase the 2000 SCORES Academic Festival and highlight improvements that have been made to the program.

The brunch will jump start high school registration for the first SCORES Academic Festival of the 21st century, Brooks said. The SCORES Academic Festival is scheduled for March 10-11, 2000.

"SCORES is an academic festival held on campus to recognize outstanding high school students," Brooks said.

"It gives them a chance to become familiar with the campus and become familiar with the programs we offer on campus."

There are about 120 contests this year, Brooks said.

"Most academic departments on campus are represented through a contest," she said.

The festival will introduce new contests in marketing, journalism, family and consumer sciences, accountancy/legal environment, dietetics and physics, according to a prepared statement.

This year's festival theme will be "Navigation to Excellence."

Festival planners expect more than 3000 high school students from the tri-state region to participate in the festival, Brooks said.

Foodland Inc. is scheduled to sponsor the 2000 Quiz Bowl, which is part of the festival. The Quiz Bowl is a double-elimination competition consisting of 32 teams.

The winning team will receive \$1,000; runner-up teams will receive \$500.

The money is to be used toward sending the teams to the National Quiz Bowl.

## English and Math Placement Exams

Schedule: Fall 1999

Nov. 9-10, 2:00 and 4:30 p.m.  
Gullickson Hall, Rm. 18

In order to take the exam(s), students need:

- ✓ \$10.00 Registration Fee for each exam attempted (Make checks payable to Marshall University or have the correct amount in cash)
- ✓ Photo ID (MU ID or valid driver's license)
- ✓ Pencils (Calculators ARE permitted)

Students must meet the following guidelines:

- ✓ A student must be fully admitted to Marshall University or Marshall Community and Technical College.
- ✓ A Student who has received a "NC," "F," "WP," or "WF" in a developmental course is ineligible to attempt the placement exam for that dropped or failed course.

In addition to these dates, a limited number of alternate dates and times are available by calling 696-7047 and scheduling an appointment.

Information about the online Placement Exams is available at <http://web.marshall.edu/cte/>

For further information, contact Nedra Lowe at 696-3017 or Monica Shafer at 696-5229. Pre-Registration is not required.

## English and Math Placement Exam Workshops

English and math review workshops will help students prepare for the English and Math Placement Exam. The workshops may help students to be successful in the Placement Exams so they will be able to register for a 100 level English and/or math course.

### English Test Review

Monday and Tuesday  
October 25, 26  
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Cabell Hall 113

### Math Test Review

Thursday, October 28  
Tuesday and Thursday  
November 2, 4  
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Cabell Hall 113

- ✓ In the English workshop, students will review essay organization and development, sentence boundary errors and grammar.
- ✓ In the math workshop, students will review algebra concepts such as solving equations, factoring, rational expressions, exponents and verbal problems.
- ✓ BONUS - By taking a workshop, students are eligible to take the Placement Exam twice.
- ✓ If students choose to take a workshop and do not pass the exam, they may complete an additional workshop and take the exam again. The second attempt must be taken the test date immediately following the workshop.

Enrollment is limited, so register early. Fees, \$30 for the English prep course and \$35 for the math, are due no later than five days before the first class. Register by contacting Sara Chapman at 696-3113, or online at [www.marshall.edu/contedu](http://www.marshall.edu/contedu).

The division of Continuing Education and Economic Development reserves the right to cancel any course due to insufficient registrations. Full refunds are granted only if a class is canceled. Registration for a test review workshop does not register an individual to take the placement exam. Students are not required to complete a workshop in order to take the placement exams.



### OUR VIEW

## Alcohol-free event has its advantages

Despite negative stereotypes that would have people believe otherwise, not all college students enjoy drinking beers and visiting bars.

The Student Activities Programming Board realizes that. So it is giving students the chance to have fun without the use of alcohol.

Its alternative is Thursday Night Live, which offers students entertainment acts ranging from music to magic. It also has video games to play and movies to watch, among the more than five hours of activities planned for the event.

While we cannot make students attend this week's Thursday Night Live, we certainly can suggest it. Which we do.

We think spending a night on campus instead of out on the town would be beneficial to all. Don't believe us? Just think of the advantages.

Thursday Night Live is free. Bars are not. You have to pay a cover charge to get in and then you have to pay to drink.

Also, you will not wake up with a hangover after going to Thursday Night Live. The same cannot be said after going to the local clubs. Chances are, you may even make it to class Friday morning.

Plus, Thursday Night Live provides entertainment you cannot find in bars. Sure, watching your friend puke on the dance floor is hilarious, but it can get old.

So take a break from the bar scene. Give Thursday Night Live a try.

### THEIR VIEW

## Suicide deserves serious attention

STAFF EDITORIAL

The Oracle (University of South Florida)

Suicide rates are increasing while homicide rates decline as more Americans use guns to commit suicide than to kill others.

Thankfully, Surgeon General David Satcher is making suicide prevention a top priority. But several states have discontinued their treatment systems for the mentally ill and health insurers have made it more difficult for the emotionally troubled to get help. The government and national organizations must collaborate to educate the public about the dangers of suicide and how to recognize suicide warning signs.

Kay Redfield Jamison, a professor of psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, concludes that 90 to 95 percent of the estimated 30,000 Americans who commit suicide each year had a diagnosable psychiatric disorder. Had those people received proper therapy and attention, they might not have committed suicide.

The government should recognize the severity of the suicide situation. When so many people are killing themselves, measures should be made to decrease the number of suicides. The government should begin by finding ways to encourage insurers to make it easier for the emotionally troubled to get help, and states should be given incentives to rebuild their crippled mental health programs.

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### CAMPUS VIEW

#### Student suggests The Parthenon made mistakes in Hickam coverage

As one of Marshall's Auditoria Staff, I need to point out several errors made by The Parthenon in the Oct. 12 issue. Statements by The Parthenon completely misrepresent Jamez-Morris Smith, Marshall's Auditoria manager, and how we handled the problems at the Homer Hickam speech.

The first of these errors occurred on the front page article about Hickam's visit. There, Parthenon reporter Kimberly Dumont stated that 500 people came to the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse to see Hickam, but many were turned away due to lack of seating. This is not true.

The capacity is just over 600 people. Although there were still more than two hundred people in the lobby. By fire code, we must close the doors. We then quickly made our television and audio monitors available so the crowds in the Experimental Theatre and the lobby could hear Hickam.

The theatre had more than 800 guests that night, and with just six staff members, we did our best to accommodate everyone as well as run the book signing, lights, sound and stage preparation for the event.

Also, Smith is quoted as saying to Dumont, "Sorry, you can't get in." However, Smith said this not just to The Parthenon's reporter, but to everyone whom we couldn't seat. Like others, even The Parthenon reporters need to arrive early enough for a seat, especially at such a popular event.

The Parthenon also failed to mention how poorly students treated community members. I watched a female student shove an elderly lady out of her way — saying "I don't care. I'm getting in." — as she fought for one of the last seats. All elderly and handicapped were seated.

But we later found people trying to sneak in through our catwalks and another man about to lock himself out on our roof, despite a "Not an Exit" sign. In the future I hope The Parthenon presents the facts, not editorialize or use a reporter's opinion in a news article.

I also suggest they make sure when quoting someone, they are careful to not libel or in any way misquote or misrepresent that person.

— James Kreiner, Cleveland sophomore

#### Reader clarifies his stance on homosexuality

OK, I need to clarify myself evidently, because Butch Barker misconstrued my letter and the meaning behind it. I personally don't care if people are homosexual or not. I just feel it doesn't need to be showcased or glamorized.

Another oppressed group as Barker, the illustrious managing editor, inclines to homosexuals as are interracial relationships and families. You don't see them parading around raising a stink, because there's no need to. They are secure enough with themselves that they don't need the extra attention.

I have a friend here on campus who is white and his parents are white, but he has African American brothers and sisters through adoption. He and his family have been ridiculed and even disowned by some members of their family. However, they continue to live as a family and do not care what others think.

They don't cry that they have been oppressed and don't feel the need to publicize that their family is different than mainstream America. If you want to be different, that's fine. Just don't make a huge deal about it, when other people don't really care.

I'm not saying condemn gays, because it is not my place to judge, but don't glamorize them either.

As for Matthew Shepard, this was a terrible tragedy, as is any murder. This was especially horrible because he was so young and had his whole life ahead of him. I also disagree with the anti-gay rallies at the funeral and the jury selection.

My whole idea is keep it to yourself. Let others do the same, just don't make a big deal out of nothing, when it's not necessary.

— Jason Jackson, Huntington sophomore

#### Stop complaining about attention football team gets

I've been reading several editorials discussing the canceling of evening classes because of the Marshall-Toledo football game last Thursday.

I can understand why some professors would object to canceling their classes. This is, after

all, an institution of higher learning where the student's education should be the highest priority. And no, I don't think that classes should have been canceled just because of a football game.

But this wasn't just any game. This wasn't even just any nationally televised game. This was the ESPN Thursday night game, which is the college equivalent to Monday Night Football. The Thursday night game is the only game on television and everyone that watches college football watches this game. This was a major opportunity for publicity for Marshall University.

What does this have to do with anything? Well, like it or not, we have to be realistic and accept the fact that although this is an institution of higher learning, it is also a business.

It takes a lot of money to keep a university running. Marshall's football team has brought in a lot of money to this school, and some people should be a little more appreciative of that.

This money that the football program has brought in has helped the university to improve the level of education that it can offer to students. Do you really think that we would have the new library if it weren't for the exposure that the university has received because of the football team's success?

With this in mind, I think letting students out of class to support the football team, at one of its biggest games of the year, wouldn't kill anyone.

I think that having a sold-out stadium screaming "We are... Marshall" during a nationally televised game is great publicity for the university. Publicity means money — and that means the university will have more to offer academically, including more courses, more special programs, more full-time faculty and higher salaries.

Think about that before you start complaining about the attention the football team receives.

I think some people need to get over themselves, get off their high horse and go to a game.

— Greg Richmond, graduate student

### OFF CAMPUS VIEW

## Eating disorders can be conquered

by EVITA CASTINE  
The Daily Iowan (University of Iowa)

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa — I saw her jogging down the street with a look of sheer determination, as if she were finishing the last mile of the Boston Marathon. Her intensity was not what made me take notice, but rather her baggy T-shirt, which could not disguise her thinness.

With each painful step, her collarbones seemed to protrude from her Iowa T-shirt, while her legs seemed to defy the laws of gravity as they carried her body with each step bounding over the sidewalk.

I know everyone has seen this kind of thinness — the kind that makes you suck in your own breath. Some women look at this with envy, others with dismay. But living in a country where food is generally abundant, it surprises me how some of us can appear as if we are living in a third world country.

I cannot help but think we will have some kind of bad Karma, and the next time around we'll all have to live in a society like Somalia — a country where there is hardly any food, and one is forced to watch her or his children's organs fall out of their bellies before they die of malnutrition. In the United States, where there is little prospect of massive starvation, people often feel compelled to place it upon themselves.

Ten to 15 percent of Americans suffer from eating disorders. Some are caught in a never-ending cycle, one of depression, self-deprecation and body image distortion that often leads to death, suicide or permanent damage.

Some have disorders that are not clinically labeled, yet they struggle with issues of food every day. Disorders are progressive and eventually lead to bigger problems that cannot be solved on one's own.

Many people tend to blow off the seriousness of disorders, denying them or viewing them as things that really are not abnormal. But there is something fundamentally wrong with finding food, the substance human beings need to stay alive, as poison or as something that must be controlled in order to give one value.

Just as the success of men can be judged by the amount of assets they acquire, women are often judged merely on their appearance. We are all guilty of it. If someone asks how an old friend is doing, one may say something like, "She is doing great! She looks fabulous!" Or it may go, "She is not doing so well. She has blown up."

The important thing to do is become aware of those times when we place value on others and ourselves and change our thinking.

There are many reasons people choose to starve themselves or abuse their bodies to the point of death. The best thing an individual can do is recognize the symptoms and try to help when one starts noticing a pattern of unusual behavior, excessive weight loss or gain, mood alterations, lack of social interaction, excessive exercise and the use of drugs or alcohol to control weight. The most effective way is not to encourage them but focus on activities not involving food or weight and support them until they are ready to seek help from a trained professional.

Even if one does not know of anyone who suffers from eating disorders, there is something that everyone can do. People can change any negative views they have associated with weight or people who are overweight.

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## Fans to preview Herd hoops

'Thursday Night Thunder' offers basketball fun for all ages

by **CHARLES SHUMAKER**  
sports editor

Thursday night, thunder will strike the Cam Henderson Center.

Marshall basketball, which opened practice Saturday will have its annual "Meet the Team" night Thursday at the Cam Henderson Center beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"Thursday Night Thunder" is an evening that includes contests, autographs and exhibitions featuring the men's and women's basketball teams.

Todd Baxter, administrative assistant for the men's basketball, said the aim this season is to include more students in the basketball team's season.

"We are trying this season to bring more students to the games and get them closer and more into the games," Baxter

said. "In the past it has been hard to get the students excited, maybe because of the seating, if we can begin to get students at games regularly maybe there can be a move for the student section."

Baxter said the event is intended to attract people to the teams and make it a more intimate environment for getting to know the players and coaches.

"There will be numerous contests and events to let the audience see the players and get to know them," Baxter said. "We want to get more people involved in Marshall basketball this season."

For this season's event, Baxter said there will be a 10 minute AAU game between the Kentucky team and West Virginia team followed by a ball handling exhibition. After the exhibition the annual media three-point shoot-out will take place followed by several contests for the audience to participate in.

Baxter said after the contests are over, the men's and women's basketball teams will be introduced along with the coaches from the teams.

"Coach White will take the men's team through several drills for the audience to watch and then the team will

have a short scrimmage," Baxter said. "There will be another slam dunk contest and three-point contest by the men's team this year as well and there should be some exciting players in both competitions."

Although Baxter said the event will include a lot of younger kids, Marshall students will also have their chance at winning prizes.

"We want to begin to make this an intimidating place to play and this event is a good way to get people ready for the season," Baxter said. "The players have a blast at this and it's a great way to get the players and fans pumped up."

Tickets are free to Marshall students with a student ID and are \$5 at the door for the general public.



## WVU hopes QB's return will turn season around

by **JOHN RABY**  
The Associated Press

West Virginia quarterback Marc Bulger should be ready to start Saturday's home game against Temple, coach Don Nehlen said Tuesday.

Bulger sat out the Mountaineers' past two games with a broken index finger on his throwing hand. But the school's career passing leader took 25-to-30 snaps in practice Monday night and didn't seem to have any trouble.

"He didn't throw the football a whole heck of a lot, because we don't throw it a lot on Monday. He took snaps, handed it off, threw three or four passes and, knock on wood, did pretty good. Did better than I thought he might," Nehlen said at his weekly news conference from Morgantown.

"So we'll know a little bit more as we progress. But it looks like he's going to be OK to play. We're going day to day. If he can play, fine. If he can't, then he can't. Not much I can do about that. Go with what you have."

Complicating matters is that backup Brad Lewis turned an ankle in a 62-16 victory over Rutgers on Saturday. Nehlen said the injury was not severe.

His concern for now rests with Bulger.

"His arm has got to be well rested. But is he going to be able to throw accurately enough?" Nehlen said. "If he can, he'll play. If not, we'll just go with Brad again. That ankle, he's 80 percent healthy right now. He could go out there and play. He may not be able to run all over."

In his two starts, Lewis has completed 58 percent of his passes (26-of-45) for 310 yards and four touchdowns. He ran for another score against Rutgers.

Temple's game last Saturday with Miami was postponed due to Hurricane Irene. The game was rescheduled for Dec. 4.

Nehlen is 12-1 against Temple, which has never won in Morgantown. West Virginia is a 17-point favorite for Saturday's game.

Nehlen said it would be insane for the Mountaineers to peek past the Owls (1-4) to next week's showdown at Miami.

"We're 2-4. If a team that's 2-4 looks ahead, they all should be put in some zoo," he said.



**BULGER**

## Students urged to dress 'funky' for run

by **MIKE KLUG**  
reporter

on Oct. 30.

The DAWG, WGGG 93.7 radio station, located on Fourth Avenue, is the featured sponsor of the race, along with the support from local businesses and campus groups.

"We want everyone to run and participate," Tom Lovins, director of intramural sports and fitness activities said. "Wear your funkier uniforms."

Sharon Stanton, assistant director of intramural sports and fitness activities, said 32 people have signed up for the race, but she wants the total to reach 200.

"Since the race is held near Halloween this year, there will be a prize for best costume," Stanton said. "We hope that we will have a lot of people dress up."

Recreational sports gradu-

### Intramural sports standings

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ate student Becky Goldman is in charge of tallying the points for the President's Cup season. The total points, thus far, are for the fall manager's meeting, track and field, team tennis, volleyball, and golf.

"We encourage all of the teams to keep participating and to play on," Lovins said.

### Men's soccer faces tough ACC test

Marshall's men's soccer team plays at the University of Virginia (7-5-1, 1-3-1 ACC) tonight in Charlottesville. The Cavaliers have been one of the top teams in the nation during the 90's and won four consecutive national titles between 1991-1994.

The Herd (4-8-1, 2-2-1 conference) finishes its season on the road against Florida International, Jacksonville, Akron and Buffalo before playing in the Mid-American Conference Tournament Nov. 4-7.

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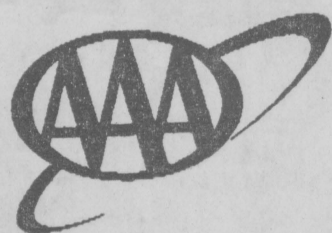
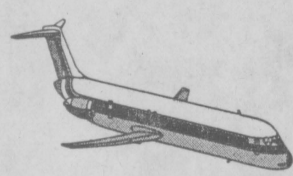
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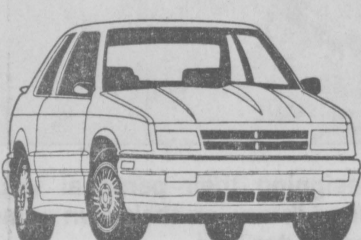
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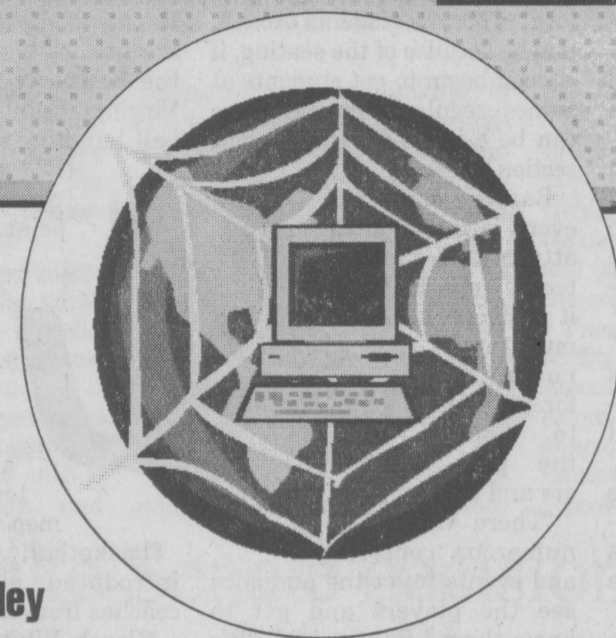
Thursday in Life!



Wednesday, Oct. 20 1999

Page edited by Jia Heng, Stephanie LeMasters and Gayle Smitley

# Weaving Web page



story and photos by Stephanie LeMasters, Jia Heng and Gayle Smitley

## Students, others show their style through web designs

We live in a technological age and a part of that age includes computers.

Computers connect people living in different countries and even a few blocks away.

Having access to computers means that any individual can imprint their personal style on the Internet — through web page design.

Once web design was only done by computer nerds, but today almost everyone can have a personal web page.

At Marshall, everyone who receives a Hobbit password and username is able to design a personal web page on the university's computer system.

There are 3,720 personal web pages on Marshall's server.

Introduction to Computers in the Classroom (CI 102) is an introductory course on computers and computer programs offered at Marshall.

The course provides students with the basic information to begin designing their web pages.

Dale Blevins, CI 102 instructor who has been teaching web design for about nine years, said that the

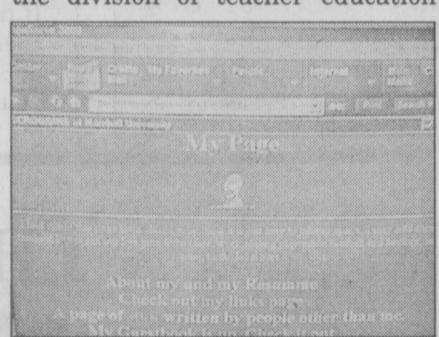
course never gets boring.

"I would hope that every student would enjoy web design; it should not be a chore — it should be enjoyable," Blevins said. "Computer technology is changing so much and so fast that I am constantly learning something new to teach."

Blevins taught himself to design web pages by looking at other people's pages.

He said that having a specific idea and theme for the page is very important.

Dr. Carl S. Johnson, professor in the division of teacher education



Designers can use any graphics or pictures on their pages, even Homer Simpson.

and human services, is the author of the textbook used in the course.

Johnson said in the beginning designing a web page can be frustrating. But once you get the hang of it, it can be fun.

"Web page designing helps students take away some of the fear related to computers and of learning," Johnson said. "(It's) being able to do something well and that many other people are doing."

Johnson said that anyone who wants to design pages can use Netscape or Front Page 97 or 98.

When designing the page, Johnson recommends including a resume.

"I know some people who have gotten jobs because they have their resume on their pages," he said.

Brian Endicott, Louisa, KY junior, designed his page while taking CI 102, but updated it on his own after the course ended.

"It (CI 102) helps make students internet aware and say, hey, come to my Web page and learn about me," Endicott said.

Jonathan Angove, Bluefield, VA junior, said he also enjoys working

*"I would hope that every student would enjoy web design; it should not be a chore — it should be enjoyable."*

Dale Blevins, instructor

with his own Web page.

"I designed mine so I could have a place to put my opinions about things and because I enjoy working with computers," Angove said.

Angove designed the Alpha Kappa Psi's (AKP) Web page to help members receive information.

AKP is a co-ed business fraternity. "It was an efficient way to get information out to everyone," Angove said. "It was challenging, but at the same time I enjoyed it."

Regardless of computer literacy, anyone can design a Web page.

All the designer needs is dedication and patience, patience, patience.

MU web pages are available at [web.pages.marshall.edu](http://web.pages.marshall.edu).

## Top 10 mistakes when designing a Web page

### 1. Using frames

Splitting a page into frames is confusing for the users; frames break the model of the web page.

### 2. Gratuitous use of bleeding-edge technology

Using the latest technology may turn users away if it fails to work when they visit your site. Do not brag about using the latest technology on your page to attract more users.

### 3. Scrolling text, marquees and constantly running animation

Too many moving images are overpowering. A page should not attack the user's senses.

### 4. Complex URL's

A URL should contain a readable directory and file name that explains your Web page information.

### 5. Orphan pages

Every page should have a link to your homepage and an indication of what web site the pages belong to.

### 6. Long scrolling pages

All critical content should be on the top portion of the page because most users do not look beyond the initial screen.

### 7. Lack of navigation support

Pages should have a strong structure so they are easily navigable. Do not presume the users know as much about using the site as the designer does.

### 8. Non-standard link colors

Links to pages that have not been seen are blue and previously seen pages are purple or red. Colors should not be changed.

### 9. Outdated information

Maintain current information on the page and even remove entire pages if the information is not relevant.

### 10. Overly long download times

Download time should not exceed 15 seconds because users generally lose interest in your site.

Information provided by Useit.com.

## Things to decide before designing a page

- What type of graphics to use
  - pictures
  - icons
  - clickable images
  - dots and dividers
  - background patterns
  - colors and link colors
- How to gather links
- How many links to use
- How to gather materials
- How to organize links
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Marshall students can begin designing their personal web pages through Hobbit at the Drinko Library, on their own computers or at the other university computer labs.