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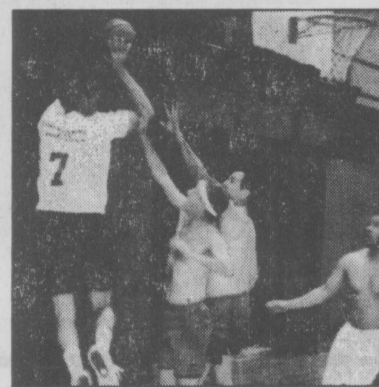
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Involvement of parents showing its effects

by **LILLIAN L. WILLIS**
reporter

When Marshall students under the age of 21 are found to be in violation of university policies regarding the use of alcohol or drugs, they must deal with the authorities on campus.

Then, they must deal with their parents.

The Office of Judicial Affairs adopted guidelines at the end of the 1999 spring semester for a policy to notify parents of students under 21 who violate drug and alcohol policies. The new policy was in response to an amendment in the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1998, according to a press release from the Office of Judicial Affairs.

Now, Marshall's policy is featured on a Web site for the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention as a sample for other schools that may be writing similar guidelines of their own, said Dr. Linda Rowe, director of Judicial Affairs.

This type of policy seems to be a growing trend, Rowe said.

"We didn't have as much to look at [as others do now] when we started," she said. "I think just Delaware and one other school had policies, and that's it. Now everyone is getting one."

She said she has been contacted via a judicial office list-serve by several institutions about the policy.

"I believe that members of the Marshall community will feel pride in knowing that we are among the institutions leading the nation in the involvement of parents in addressing the issues of substance use among college students," Rowe said.

She said the best advice she can give to the other campuses

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Department adopts new techniques

by **RYAN WHEELER**
reporter

Some things are hard to do. Like climbing a mountain, swimming the ocean and teaching a foreign language.

Although the latter may stick out in that sentence, it is definitely a task, Dr. Maria Carmen Riddel, Spanish professor, said.

That is why the department of modern languages has adopted a new approach to teaching, she said.

Students often complain about foreign language requirements at Marshall. Several curriculums call for students to take two, three or four semesters of foreign language.

The new approach is designed to make learning less tedious and more practical, James W. Hammerstrand, Spanish professor, said.

Riddel agreed, adding, "The language is much more alive."

The new approach is communicative, Hammerstrand said.

"It emphasizes four skills of communication: speaking, reading, listening and writing," he said.

The advantage for students,

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Jacobs, Beckett can be heard at 88.1

by **CARRIE A. SMITH**
reporter

Talk radio and politics may bring images of Rush Limbaugh to mind, but WMUL's call-in show with Student Government Association President Brandi Jacobs and Vice-President Rogers Beckett promises to be different.

"A Conversation with the Administration," can be heard tonight at 8 p.m. on WMUL, 88.1 FM.

The idea for a call-in radio show was part of the campaign

platform for Jacobs and Beckett.

"The purpose of the show is for students to call in and voice their concerns and opinions," Jacobs said, "and it provides students with the opportunity to talk to us one-on-one."

Tonight's show on WMUL will be the first in a series of shows. The campus radio station plans to run "A Conversation with the Administration" each Thursday from 8 — 8:30 p.m.

Nicole Walters, WMUL news director, said tonight's show will focus on the points card system.

"That seems to be a major



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concern with students," Walters said, "but if there are a variety of questions on other topics, we will just go with those."

Walters, along with April

Vitello, will host the show.

"If there aren't many calls, we will ask them questions and talk about some of the concerns that we have heard about that maybe they haven't," Walters said.

Jacobs said she is looking for any questions, comments or concerns students may have.

"If students think we are doing a good job, we want them to let us know," Jacobs said. "If they think we are doing a bad job, we want them to let us know."

Jacobs also said if students call with questions she or Beckett are unable to answer,

they will go to the person who would know and report back on the next week's show.

Shane R. Maddox, Chesapeake junior, said he thinks the show is a good opportunity for students to ask questions.

"It's a lot easier for students to call a radio station and ask their question than it is to go to the student government to find out," Maddox said.

The phone number for WMUL is 696-6640. Callers must provide their names and give the station permission to put them on the air.

Ouch!



photos by Kristia Crawford

Tyson Reitmire, New Haven freshman, receives a flu vaccination Tuesday from senior nursing student Alicia Carnefix in the Memorial Student Center.



More than 1,000 line up for flu shots

Less Marshall students will be stuck in bed from the flu this season.

Stephen W. Hensley, associate dean of student affairs, said more than 1,000 people turned out to be vaccinated for free Tuesday and Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center.

"We're very happy with the turn out," Hensley said. "Things went well until we ran out of vaccinations."

Hensley said only 1,000 vaccinations were available and when the last shot was given Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., there were still people waiting.

Because only 500 showed up for shots last year, Hensley said he thought 1,000 would be enough this year.

Students still can be vaccinated at no cost at Student Health Services beside Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Perry's correction was made before complaints

by **JACOB MESSER and EVAN BEVINS**
The Parthenon

Interim President A. Michael Perry did not need a Faculty Senate resolution to inform him of factual errors in his column that was published in the Oct. 14 issue of The Herald-Dispatch.

Dr. H. Keith Spears, vice president and director of communications, said several people told Perry about the mistakes he made in the column the day after it was published. Perry wrote a second

column retracting the mistakes two days after the first column was printed, Spears said.

However, the second column was not to be printed in The Herald-Dispatch until today. Because he did not know the interim president already had corrected his mistakes, a professor proposed a resolution asking Perry to do so in another column.

Faculty Senate President Donna Donathan said she

believes that resolution never would have gone before the senate's Executive Committee had its members known about the letter.

"Had the newspaper published the retraction in a timely manner," Donathan said, "the resolution would not have gone forward."

The e-mail resolution, written by Dr. Mark A. Simmons, professor of pharmacology, was sent to faculty Monday morning. Donathan said about 20 faculty members supported it.

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Commission discusses diversity in media

by **AARON E. RUNYON**
reporter

A meeting between the Commission of Multiculturalism and the media is usually regarded as a negative situation.

But that was not the case Wednesday.

"The commission was hoping to come together without a crisis," said Dr. Harold C. Shaver, dean of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism. "And this time we have, with the theme of understanding audiences of the new millennium."

The commission met with Leona Allen and the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications faculty,

students and staff Wednesday in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Allen, the deputy metro editor/suburban editor for The Dallas Morning News, spoke on the "Dialogue on Diversity and the Media."

Allen placed emphasis on the resentment the media receives for overlooking positive images during coverage.

"It's usually just a matter of ignorance," Allen said. "When we don't cover people with different sexual orientation or class, we're missing out on an entire perspective."

She said the lack of coverage for that perspective often comes from the lack of experi-

ences in diversity. "We are creatures of habit," Allen said. "We continually socialize with the same people and it is not until we make it a point to reach out to those we do not understand, that we will be able to accurately serve the audience."

"Our newspaper feels it is crucial to make contact with everyone that makes up our community," Allen said. "We try to provide reporters with a vehicle that allows an opportunity to meet and understand the whole community and not just part of it."

Allen said the media must work harder to cover the posi-

Please see **ALLEN, P3**

Fake guns cause scare in Smith Hall

by **RYAN WHEELER**
reporter

In April, two students walked into Columbine High School bearing guns. The two then ended the lives of 13 people before killing themselves.

A routine class exercise last week in Smith Hall may have had some people wandering what to do in a similar situation.

Peter A. Massing, art professor, confirmed rumors Tuesday of seeing students with guns in the stairwell between the 7th and 8th floors last Thursday.

Massing said a concerned student approached him and pointed out the situation in the stairwell. Massing said he confronted the two men, who he claimed were obviously students, and was told the guns were fake and were part of a class exercise.

Massing said he made certain the guns were plastic and considered the event finished.

The students were participating in a mock robbery as part of a criminal justice class.

April Russell, teaching assistant in the department of criminal justice, said the class staged a robbery to help students get a feel for the justice process.

Russell said the exercise was controlled and had pre-established boundaries.

"Those two were the robbers and that was their hide out," she said.

"The stairwell was outside class boundaries, Russell added. "It won't happen again."

The fabrications are routine in criminal justice classes. Dr. Sam Dameron, criminal justice professor, conducts mock crimi-

nal acts in his classes too. He said the scenarios are always conducted on the 7th floor in a controlled environment with several students usually observing.

Dr. Robert E. Grubb, chairman of the department of criminal justice, said he witnessed Thursday's event and assured it was in a controlled environment.

Last week's event sparks the question of what one should do when presented with such a situation.

"First I'd think, 'oh my gosh they have guns and they are going to shoot me,'" Rebecca Blankenship, Huntington freshman, said. "I'd probably just stand there at first, and then run off and tell the nearest authority."

Marshall Police Chief James Terry said that is a good action. No matter what, students always should call campus police (MUPD) in an emergency, he said.

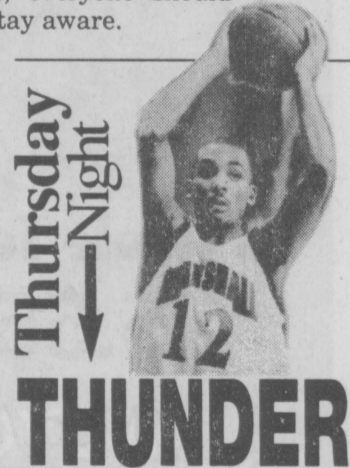
Terry suggested students should try to get a good description and then get out of harms way.

"No weapons are permitted on this campus," he said. "Not even if someone has a concealed weapons permit."

Terry said MUPD does have a contingency plan for emergency situations. MUPD would react quickly and call for assistance, he said.

"We would rely on outside agencies to help," Terry said.

While last Thursday's event proved innocent, Terry said, with all the controversy surrounding guns and schools lately, everyone should stay aware.



Marshall fans can get a look at the 1999-2000 basketball teams tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Cam Henderson Center at "Thursday Night Thunder, the season preview of the men's and women's teams." Look for complete coverage in Friday's issue of The Parthenon.



photo by Aaron E. Runyon

Leona Allen (far right), deputy metro editor/suburban editor for The Dallas Morning News, led the discussion on diversity in the media Wednesday.

George W. Bush's Web site vandalized after one day

WASHINGTON (AP) — The day after presidential candidate George W. Bush redesigned his campaign's Web site, hackers vandalized it by replacing his photo with a hammer and sickle and calling for "a new October revolution." A spokeswoman, Mary Tucker, said the campaign's more sensitive computer operations — such as its e-mail system and contribution records — were protected on other machines and weren't believed to have been compromised.

Microsoft sues retailers selling pirated software

BERKELEY SPRINGS (AP) — Two West Virginia retailers are the latest to be sued by Microsoft Corp. over allegations they sell pirated software.

A lawsuit filed early this week in U.S. District Court in Martinsburg accuses Dynamic Solutions LLC of Berkeley Springs of distributing counterfeit versions of Windows 95 and Office Pro 97.

Another lawsuit filed today in Parkersburg accuses Fanelli Boys Inc. of Parkersburg of selling counterfeit versions of Windows 98 and components of Office Pro 97.

Both companies declined to stop selling the pirated versions after being told the sales were illegal, Microsoft attorneys charged today.

An employee of Fanelli Boys who declined to be identified

said her company was unaware of the lawsuit and could not comment on it. Kevin Boles, president of Dynamic Solutions, did not immediately return a telephone message today.

Microsoft, the software giant based in Redmond, Wash., has filed hundreds of similar lawsuits across the country.

Just this year, cases have been filed in Illinois, Maryland,

Virginia, Louisiana, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, North Carolina, Utah, Oklahoma, New Jersey, Connecticut and Maine.

Microsoft contends software piracy is growing in West Virginia, costing the state millions of dollars in potential retail sales and tax revenue.

In all of its lawsuits, Microsoft seeks monetary damages and court orders demanding the businesses stop software piracy.

Microsoft officials say most pirated packages could contain viruses and cause problems.

Customers also can't upgrade their software packages — for example, from Windows 95 to Windows 98 — if they own a pirated version.

Consumers who buy counterfeit software also forfeit the right to technical support, warranty protection and upgrades.



Trial date scheduled for police beating case

BLUEFIELD (AP) — An October 2000 trial date has been set in the federal lawsuit filed by a Bluefield man whose neck was broken last year during a scuffle with police.

Robert Ellison, 22, claims he was beaten by two white officers, handcuffed, dragged 130 feet and tossed onto an ambulance stretcher, even after he complained to officers that he was injured and could not move.

Ellison, who is black, was outside a Mercer County nightclub when police responded to a fight that started at the club.

An internal police department investigation into Ellison's Sept. 17, 1998, arrest determined that Cpl. C.S. Myers and officer

D.M. Dillow did nothing wrong. Ellison was intoxicated and injured the officers as he resisted arrest, the report said.

Ellison has been hospitalized since the arrest, and recently has improved enough to be removed from a ventilator, said Ed Hill, his Charleston lawyer.

Ellison's lawsuit was filed by civil rights lawyer Johnnie Cochran Jr. and Cincinnati lawyer Brian Hurley in U.S. District Court in Bluefield. The trial has been scheduled for Oct. 17, 2000 before U.S. District Judge David Farber.

Both sides have requested mediation and have until the day before the trial to reach a settlement.

Parents sue county after child is left on schoolbus

CHARLESTON (AP) — Kanawha County school officials want to limit the amount of money they have to pay to a man whose son was accidentally left alone on a school bus last year.

Tim Watts sued county school officials after his 3-year-old son, Christian, was left unattended on a school bus on March 3, 1998.

The boy was supposed to be dropped off at his grandfather's house near St. Albans after a Head Start class, Watts testified in Kanawha County Court Tuesday.

The incident so traumatized the boy that he can't get back on a school bus, suffers nightmares and clings to his parents, Watts said.

While Watts said his son was alone on the bus for as much as 1 1/2 hours, school officials said he was alone for 15 minutes or less.

A child psychologist who is treating Christian diagnosed him with post-traumatic stress disorder, said Scott Summers, one of Watts' lawyers.

School board attorney Ben Hughes told jurors there was no question the board would have to pay for accidentally leaving Christian unattended. "The issue is how much," he said.

The trial continues today.

Company to be fined for violating 'slamming' laws

by KALPANA SRINIVASAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Citing one case in which a man's long-distance service allegedly was switched with a "signed" authorization by his dog Boris, federal regulators are proposing \$2 million in fines against Qwest Communications International Inc. for violating laws against "slamming."

The Federal Communications Commission charged Denver-based Qwest on Tuesday with illegally switching telephone service for 30 consumers without their authorization — a practice known as slamming. The proposed fines are based on customer complaints, 22 of them in

cases involving apparent forgery or falsified letters of authorization to switch service.

In one case, according to the FCC, a man reported having his long-distance service switched with a "signed" authorization by his dog. For privacy reasons, the phone was listed in the local telephone directory under the dog's name, Boris.

Last year, after Alda Hodgson learned from AT&T, her long-distance carrier, that she had been switched to another company, she received a letter addressed to her husband from Qwest.

Hodgson called Qwest to inform the company her husband could not have authorized the service to be switched: He had been dead for 7 1/2 years.

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Editor to speak about diversity

by AARON E. RUNYON
reporter

Leona Allen's visit to Huntington may have proven a contrast to the environment to her native Lone Star State.

But she embraced the culture change in a manner she would expect from any journalist.

"Students must learn to work with people with different backgrounds," Allen said. "Without that diversity, they are going to face challenges when they come from an area that is starkly different than most of the world." Allen is the deputy metro editor/suburban editor for The Dallas Morning News, which is partnering with the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications for a program called Newspapers-In-Residence.

Allen is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m. today in Second Floor Presentation Room of the Memorial Student Center.

"Diversity applies to class, age, gender, sexual orientation and the many things that make us different. Diversity means being able to tap into all of those things and not ignoring any part of the community."

Leona Allen,

deputy metro/suburban editor for The Dallas Morning News

The presentation, entitled "Accuracy and Diversity in the News Media," is sponsored by the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communications and funded by the Knight Foundation.

"The focus will be the importance of diversity as an accuracy issue," Allen said.

"The only way we're going to have an accurate reflection of the communities we cover, is by having people working in these media outlets that recognize and understand the nuances." Allen will help students gain

that recognition by presenting a message showing diversity is not only applicable to race.

"Diversity applies to class, age, gender, sexual orientation and the many things that make us different," she said.

"Diversity means being able to tap into all of those things and not ignoring any part of the community."

Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs, said Allen's visit shows the progress the university is making in regards to diversity.

"We would like to continue this type of dialog in the community," Cleckley said. "Our goal is to continue diversity education with Marshall and the community."

Allen commended the university and the School of Journalism's joint effort to provide students with exposure to that diversity. She believes it will aid the students in making a smoother transition to professional careers.

"The fact that they have brought a professional in to speak with the students on the issue is a big step," she said.

"I think the makeup of the city and the university is one where the students are not exposed to different backgrounds. Many cities have more diversity and a lot of the students are likely to work in those areas."

She also applauded the structure of the school and its attempts to provide quality experience through replication of a professional work environment.

Parent involvement

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is to not lock themselves into judgments and guidelines, but to be able to be flexible in each individual situation.

Since the beginning of this semester, Rowe said there have been about 20 notifications.

"Students say 'My parents are going to pull me out of school when they find out about this,'" she said.

"I can assure you, there have been no parents that have done that. In fact, at least one parent has called to thank (Dean Donnalee Cockrille)."

Rowe said she was against the policy in the beginning, but as she talked to more people, she realized the importance of parents in the lives of students in the Huntington community.

"Conversations with students indicate that students feel motivated to be more attentive

to campus alcohol and drug policies because they don't want to disappoint their parents or lose their parents' trust," she said.

"In some cases, the notification has opened dialogues between students and parents about responsible behavior. There has been little negative response from parents about the guidelines."

Some students don't seem to agree with the policy so much.

"I don't like it," said Mark A. Muth, Huntington sophomore majoring in business management.

"If you're 18, you're accountable for your own actions. It's none of their business."

The web site featuring the guidelines is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, and can be found at <http://www.edc.org/hecl>.

The guidelines can be found by clicking on "Parent Connection" and going to "Sample University Guidelines."

For more information, Rowe may be contacted at 696-2495.

Perry's correction

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Donathan said she did not know about the letter at the time of the meeting, so she and the committee took a proper course of action given the information they had.

It was agreed that Donathan would address the matter with the president before a formal resolution was passed.

Bob Gabordi, executive director of The Herald-Dispatch, said the letter was received Friday via fax, but he did not get the letter in his mailbox until Tuesday morning. He said the latest column will be published in today's issue of The Herald-Dispatch. The column also is printed on the Opinion page of today's The Parthenon, which received a copy of it Wednesday.

Spears said he thinks publishing the correction before today could have resolved the problem sooner.

"I guess that could have done it," Spears said. "There were some mistakes, but we realized we needed to correct them and we corrected them. I am at a loss to know why people want to seek out such things."

Both Spears and Gabordi said they did not consider the mistakes worthy of such scrutiny.

"The man was trying to say something nice about everybody," Gabordi said of Perry, who replaced former president J. Wade Gilley in August. "What he said was taken out of context."

Donathan disagreed. "They (Faculty Senate members) took what they believed to be a proper course of action," she said. "Had other information been available to them, I don't believe this would have happened."

"My feeling is that if there has been inaccurate information printed in any newspaper and someone steps forward to correct that information, then I believe that the newspaper has a responsibility to move quickly and to put that information out to the public."

Perry gives lesson in job competition

by MARISSA HAGY
reporter

Interim President A. Michael Perry spoke to a group of University 101 students Monday afternoon in an effort to connect with students on campus.

Perry's discussion with the seven students in Dr. Troy Stewart's class included the topics of technology, job competition and the importance of higher education.

Perry stressed hard work and a dedication to lifetime learning.

"If you think we're all created equal, you've got another think coming," Perry said. "But the one thing you can control is how hard you work."

Perry said West Virginia's higher education system in general and Marshall in particular are the future of West Virginia's economy.

"This state will not do well in the 21st century if Marshall University does not serve as an economic engine," Perry said.

Perry told them that keeping current with technological advances is important to the education they receive at Marshall because it will

make them competitive in a global job market.

"Competition is the life-blood of our fantastic economy," Perry said.

Perry said Marshall has a philosophy of providing the best education for the most people. He encouraged the students to maximize the potential of their educations.

"Prominent leaders and people in this community have done very well in the world," he said. "This should give you inspiration to succeed."

Perry said anyone can be successful if they have a good work ethic, even though there are obstacles along the way.

"Everyone has to break a barrier to reach a dream," Perry said.

Perry urged the students to participate in leadership activities such as student government and Greek organizations. He said involvement in these activities offers students a good life experience which they can build upon.

Perry said this discussion with students was a chance for him to interact with the student body and he enjoys meeting students and to find out about their interests.

Allen offers suggestions

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tive aspects of the community instead of showing bleak images.

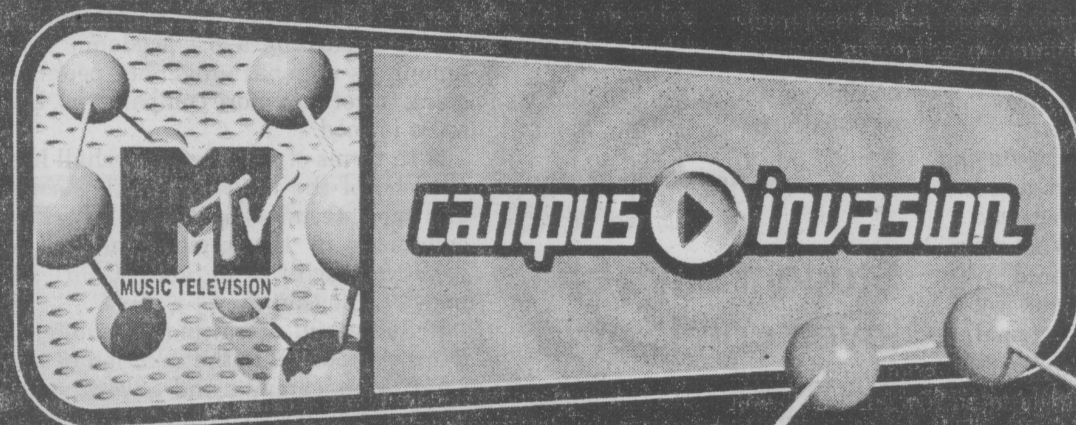
"Life is messy, but we also have to cover the other things that come along," she said. "As journalists, we must also put ourselves in the shoes of those we are covering and have empathy."

Lack of that empathy and sensitivity has led to a serious problem that has caused the public to lump media together for making

incorrect decisions, she said.

Allen gave suggestions to dealing with problems she has encountered in her experiences in 13 years of reporting. She offered examples from her years as a reporter at the Akron Beacon Journal, where she was part of a Pulitzer Prize-winning team for a year-long series on race relations.

"We took a lot of flack when bringing people to the table to work on joint projects," she said. "But people that have the same concerns and want to get things accomplished can pull together when they put personal feelings aside."



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OUR VIEW

Why mistakes were made is the real issue

When it was revealed that A. Michael Perry's column in the Oct. 14 issue of The Herald-Dispatch contained several factual errors, who would have thought such a hullabaloo would be raised?

Certainly not us.

In fact, we still do not understand it.

And you may not either. So here is a brief account of what happened, based on information we have received.

Perry wrote a column praising Marshall for its academic ranking in "America's Best Colleges," the U.S. News and World Report magazine's annual rating of schools nationwide. But in it he mistakenly compared Marshall to "national" universities instead of "regional" universities.

As a result of his misinterpretation, Perry wrote that Marshall had a higher academic ranking than such colleges as Michigan, Penn State and Virginia Tech. But that is false; Academically, Marshall is not up to their levels yet. There also were other similar errors in the column.

Monday morning, four days after the column appeared in the newspaper, Mark A. Simmons, professor of pharmacology, sent an e-mail resolution to faculty calling for Perry to make an official correction.

The resolution received the approval of about 20 faculty members, more than enough to merit consideration before the Executive Committee at its meeting this Monday.

The only problem is Perry already had corrected his mistakes in a second column written the day after the first column was published. Although it received the second column a week ago, The Herald-Dispatch did not print it until today. Had it done so before Monday, a resolution — not to mention public scrutiny of Perry — would not have been necessary.

Confused? So are we. But it is not difficult to become confused when trying to understand this comedy of errors.

In our opinion, that Perry had factual errors in his column is not a big deal. Why it happened and what can be done to prevent it from happening again is.

That is why we are not pointing fingers at or placing blame on any of the parties involved because it is unclear who is at fault in this situation.

Instead of claiming who is right or wrong, we are offering the following advice to all those involved to keep a similar incident from occurring.

To administrators, we advise you to be more careful in your use and analysis of university rankings. It seems every organization, from U.S. News and World Report to Wal-Mart, has its annual ratings of colleges. And most are difficult to understand and analyze, increasing the chance of error in reference to them.

To faculty members, we suggest you take a more informal approach in handling similar situations. Instead of e-mailing a resolution to your colleagues, call whoever is at fault, tell them what is wrong and suggest how they can fix it. In most cases, formal action — and the public scrutiny that can result from it — is not necessary. Plus, our suggestion is a much nicer way to handle things.

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CAMPUS VIEW

Gays deserve own month to celebrate their history

I would like to respond to Jason Jackson's letter to the editor featured in the Oct. 12 edition of The Parthenon. Perhaps this young man should take a closer look at history. Upon doing this he may realize that almost every month in history has been "the male heterosexual majority month."

Jackson also wrote "the right to make the wrong decision should not be celebrated." First of all, what makes Jackson think he has the authority to decide what is a good decision or bad one? Secondly, if one chooses to cite morality for his argument against homosexuality he should also look at all of the other holidays we celebrate that are not moral.

The country celebrates Columbus Day, which may also be called "Celebrate the Guy Who Brought About the Genocide of Native Americans Day."

Would Jackson also concur that Halloween is an acceptable holiday to celebrate? Is it a good thing for kids to be running around in devil costumes at night? Is it not a bad decision to send kids out to possibly get poisoned candy?

In short, Jackson should not only open an accurate history book (if he can find one), but also open his mind. Perhaps he should reconsider his statement that Gay History Month is a celebration.

With close minded people like Jackson in the world, discrimination and hate crimes directed at homosexuals are frequent. Gay History Month may easily be considered a memorial month for the many who have been killed or harassed because they did not choose or were not born with what Jackson has termed the "right" sexuality.

I am not homosexual. But I write in defense of homosexuals because I have an open mind. I am thankful I live in a society that allows me to make my own decision about how I live my life.

— Nicky Walters,
St. Albans junior

Football games are better in person than on television

So, tell me, did you have fun at the game on Thursday night? Just think, most students could have that much fun at every home game; that is, if they actually went.

I've been to every Marshall home football game since my

freshman year, and Thursday night was the only time I've seen the entire student section full and then some.

As a student, I was ecstatic that the Toledo game was moved for national coverage on ESPN. Not only did it give Marshall great coverage and exposure to the rest of the country, but it actually gave some students an opportunity to see what a football game is really like.

Because Marshall is a "suitcase campus," I have a feeling a lot of students probably haven't even been to a game this year.

To these students, watching a game is something along the lines of watching a bunch of guys tackle each other on mom and dad's TV at HOME!

ESPN commentators said nothing but good things about the crazed students at Marshall and the support we have behind our team. Man, if they only knew! I'm glad they weren't at the rest of the games Marshall has hosted in the past.

Yeah, Thursday was great, but what about all of those other games? Obviously, we can't make up for them, but I do think students can start showing some interest.

Attending the games by staying in town would be a start, and staying for the game's entirety would be even better. What more reasoning do students need? We're ranked among the nation's football elite, we're recent national champions in Division I-AA and bowl victors in Division I-A and we're undefeated this season. Can I just ask, "Where's the love?"

Where students are concerned, our fan support is slacking-big time! Students are what make a university go round, and most of Marshall's aren't around to realize it. So please, for the next home game, try and resist the temptation of packing up your pom poms for the weekend and heading home. Trust me, going to a football game and being there, beats out watching it on TV with your folks any day.

— Jennifer L. Cottrill,
Quicksburg, Va., junior

Thumbs up to 'Kids These Days'

I am a first semester student at Marshall. As a student and cartoonist myself, I support the comics by Adam Daniels. In view of "Kids These Days," I see and gather the message as young people, young college students and their interests and characteristics portrayed by Adam Daniels.

Yes, of course, Jim Davis and Charles Schulz's characters are humorous, but humor is not always portrayed in cartooning,

realism is. With Daniels' cartoons, he applies realism to "Kids These Days." It is a reflection of Marshall students and how we relate to what he draws.

I don't believe the Oct. 7 cartoon was to promote alcohol; it was simply saying despite who we are or what age we are, elder students buy for minors. People have done it for me; I have done it for people myself. Because this is what happens with "Kids These Days."

I have no objection to Kristy Wilburn's objection to the comic strip. It is that she just may not have understood the author's standpoint.

Any person can open up the Sunday news and read the entire comic section and find no humor in the national comics. I read "Prince Valiant" and I have no objection to the violence, swords, battles and blood portrayed. I don't believe it promotes violence, as Daniels' comic does not promote alcohol or send any message of that sort.

As in any newspaper, whether they are funny or not, most readers search for a comic. It is the treat of any newspaper. Thank you Adam Daniels, The Parthenon needs your comics. You are an asset to the newspaper.

— Roy Mena-Haska,
junior

Student says she loves comic strip

I'm writing in response to the letter to the editor in the Oct. 14 issue of The Parthenon written about the comic strip "Kids These Days" by Adam Daniels.

The comic strip is meant to be funny and related to us college students — and it is. The things that Adam uses in his strip couldn't be more true. He's not hurting anyone and neither is his strip.

I'm sure we can all relate to the subjects he writes. As far as the comic strip where one guy is buying alcohol for another guy, and saying that it will influence people who read it to do the same thing, come on now, we are in college, we are all adults, and therefore think for ourselves. If we are going to let something like that sway our judgements, then I don't really think we belong here in college with other adults.

Have a little more faith in us 18- to 20-year olds, myself included. I'm all for "Kids These Days." Adam, write on!

— Angi Prince,
freshman

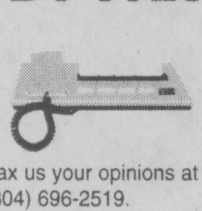
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HIS VIEW



A. MICHAEL PERRY
interim president

Perry apologizes for his mistakes in earlier column

In a recent letter to alumni and friends of Marshall University, as well as in an opinion article published by The Herald-Dispatch, I compared Marshall's academic reputation, as determined in an annual U.S. News survey, with other schools listed in The Associated Press ranking of Top 25 football teams.

As my column indicates, Marshall fares very well in terms of academic reputation as well as football prestige. Obviously, I'm very pleased about that.

At the same time, the question of apples vs. oranges comes up. On further investigation I've found that the U.S. News determines Marshall's academic reputation by a survey of respondents in 504 regional institutions in which Marshall is included. The academic reputations of most of the schools listed in The AP Top 25 football poll are determined by their peers among the 228 national universities included in the U.S. News rankings.

Thus, it would seem that Marshall's 3.4 academic reputation score may not be comparable to, say, the 3.4 academic reputation score of Virginia Tech.

I regret and apologize for that mistake. In writing the letter to alumni and in the subsequent column in The Herald-Dispatch, I was simply trying to convey several "good news" points which are still valid:

■ Marshall's football team is enjoying unprecedented success in which all of us can take great pride. It has climbed from the depths of college football to a lofty position among the nation's finest teams.

■ Marshall has done extremely well in advancing its academic stature and can be proud of earning a 3.4 academic reputation among its regional university peers. I'm not going to get into more comparisons, by our 3.4 score is good.

■ In terms of facilities, Marshall has developed one of the most beautiful, most modern and most technologically sophisticated main campuses in the region and has equally advanced facilities in South Charleston and, now, Pt. Pleasant.

■ Successful recruiting of students for the main campus, plus the addition of the South Charleston campus and several off-campus sites, have boosted Marshall's enrollment beyond 16,000 at a time when the state's high school graduating classes are in decline.

Those achievements, academic and athletic, can be traced to the dedication, hard work and innovation of Marshall's faculty, staff, students, alumni and other supporters. Despite budgets which have been substantially below those of other higher education institutions, the quality of our people has enabled Marshall to grow and progress dramatically over the past decade.

We can all be proud of that!

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Workshops to cultivate faculty, staff development

by LAURA B. TURLEY
reporter

Faculty and staff have the opportunity to attend workshops that will provide personal and professional development.

Free workshops on a variety of subjects are being offered by the Department of Human Resource Services.

"Although we are required to follow a policy to provide ongoing training for faculty and staff, we are trying to teach about matters that pertain to many aspects of life," said Judy Blevins, training and development specialist.

One of the topics that will be covered is workplace violence.

"Although Marshall is a safe place, violence is an issue that

we need to keep everyone informed about," Blevins said.

Another workshop focus will be on the new Banner financial system.

Blevins said there are "so many people who need professional banner training."

According to the Human Resource Services Training and Development Schedule Web site, seating for the Banner training sessions is limited to 15 participants per session.

Faculty and staff who want to attend the Banner sessions should be using the system or planning to use it in the near future.

Carol Hurula, administrative secretary for academic affairs, recently completed employee orientation training, as well as

two additional sessions. She said the sessions are beneficial in many ways.

Hurula said "we were able to meet with people in other groups and actually carry on conversations with them," during the orientation.

Hurula also said she has heard of plans to teach workshops online. She calls it a "bad idea."

"It will take the personal aspect away," she said. "Through the training sessions we were able to meet with the deans and hear about the different things that Marshall has to offer."

Hurula made a suggestion to improve employee orientation.

"I would like to visit the different facilities on campus instead of simply hearing about them,"

she said. "Many of us are interested in the Fitness Center, but we do not know how to find it."

Blevins said the workshops have been successful.

"A key to the success of the program is through the recognition of the deans and directors of the program," Blevins said. "They see the importance of the development of the faculty and staff."

Registration may be done by calling Human Resource Services at 696-2593, completing a form in the HR office in Old Main 207 or by logging onto the Human Resources Web site at <http://www.marshall.edu/human-resources/td/>.

The site also provides a schedule of workshops offered this fall.

briefly...

SGA selling tickets for discounts at store

The Student Government Association is selling tickets to Charity Night at Elder-Beerman department store.

From 6-9 p.m. Sunday, ticket holders will receive 20 percent off all regular price merchandise and an additional 10 percent off sale merchandise. They also can register to win a \$1000 shopping spree or a one-carat diamond cluster ring.

Tickets cost \$5 and all proceeds go to participating charities.

"The SGA will use the money from the ticket sales to help pay for our Homecoming float," Sen. Homer Dawsom said.

Tickets can be purchased in the Student Government Office in room 2W29B in the Memorial Student Center, or by calling Mandy Hicks, senate president pro-tempore, at 696-2289.

Elder-Beerman department store is located in the Huntington Mall, Barboursville.

Psychology Clinic offering services

The Marshall University Psychology Clinic is open to the public.

Dr. W. Joseph Wyatt, clinic director, said, "We provide a wide range of non-emergency services; including therapy and psychological evaluations."

The clinic conducts psychological evaluations for a host of issues including learning disorders, attention deficit disorders and other psychological problems.

It consists of licensed doctors of psychology supervising psychology students in

training to be therapists.

About 75 percent of the clinic's clients are adults and 25 percent are children, he said.

"Because it is a training clinic and because we view part of our role as provision of services to the community," he said.

The clinic charges \$20 per therapy hour and \$100 for a complete psychological evaluation.

"That is good news to many individuals whose insurance does not cover mental health treatment," he said.

Spanish via multimedia

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Riddel said, is the use of several mediums as teaching aids. Magazines, compact discs and videos now accompany overheads and traditional methods of instruction.

Students are showing major skill and interest improvements, Hammerstrand said. "They are able to speak so much better."

While the program is drawing praise from professors, Hammerstrand said it is overdue.

"Marshall was late getting around to this," he said. "It is probably 20 years in the making. We still have a long way to go."

Some students are not seeing the communicative approach in foreign language classes.

Michelle Malone, Ironton junior, said a lot of one-on-one interaction occurs in her class.

"It (the different mediums) is available in the lab," she said.

The new approach is important, Hammerstrand said, because foreign language allows students to gain a marketable skill.

Riddel agreed. "Those who are going to get ahead are going to be bilingual," she said.

Riddel said the key for students to succeed in foreign language classes is to not look forward to how much is left to learn, but to look backward at how much has been learned.

Phi Mu leader deems food, toy drive a success

by TONIA SEXTON
reporter

The Phi Mu Fraternity said Monday's canned food and toy drive for the Huntington City Mission was a success.

Devon Kelly, vice president Phi Mu, said more than 350 cans of food, a small box of toys and \$87 were donated.

WKEE-FM radio did a live remote.

Tickets were given away for Tonya Harding's skating debut to anyone who brought more than six cans of food, courtesy of the station.

The Phi Mu Fraternity offered an on-the-air challenge for the group that donated the most cans of food.

The winner would receive a pizza party from the sorority.

The brothers of Alpha Sigma

Phi responded to the challenge and won the party.

"The turnout was not as good as anticipated, but it was a huge success," sorority president Natalie Buskirk said.

"About half the food donated came from off-campus groups including Giovanni's along 20th Street," she said.

"The cash donations did come from on campus."

"I would like to especially thank members of the Sigma Sigma Phi, Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Sigma Phi, who accepted our challenge."

All donations were taken to the Huntington City Mission Monday.

Kelly said the drive is going to be an annual event the third Monday of every October.

Phi Mu sororities across the United States are doing similar

"We felt we should do our part to raise campus awareness about the needs of the Huntington community."

Diana Gallucci,
Phi Mu treasurer

projects, she said.

"We felt we should do our part to raise campus awareness about the needs of the Huntington community," said Diana Gallucci, sorority treasurer.

Kelly said the sorority is pleased with the turnout and extends a special thanks to those who donated.

CORRECTION

Thomas Wilson was incorrectly identified in Tuesday's edition of The Parthenon.

Wilson is a professor of physics.

The Parthenon will correct errors that appear in its news columns. To report an error, call 696-6696.

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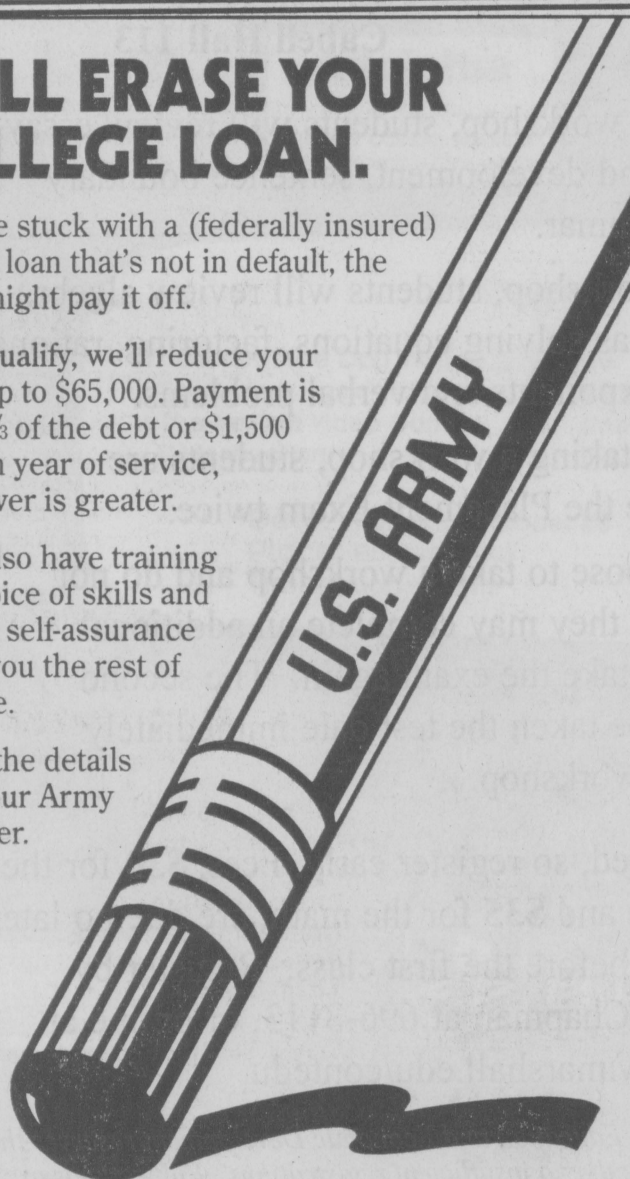
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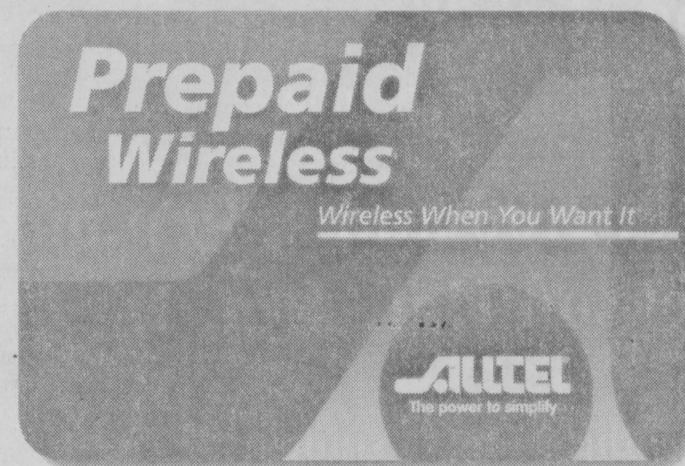
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Milestones, honors highlight Herd volleyball season so far

by HOMER DAWSON
reporter

Winning breeds success. Success for the team. Success for the individual. The Marshall volleyball team is in the midst of its most successful Mid-American Conference season in team history.

For the Thundering Herd (12-7 overall, 6-2 MAC), the team's success is just part of the story.

Some of the team members are having record setting seasons.

Based on her performance last weekend against the Miami RedHawks and the Northern Illinois Huskies, outside hitter Wendy Williams was named co-defensive Player of the Week in the MAC.

The award came after Williams, a junior from Hamilton, Ontario, averaged 5.38 digs and 0.38 blocks per game.

In the team's win against Miami, Williams posted 22 digs and two blocks while coming up with 21 digs and one block against the Huskies.

"Wendy has phenomenal court awareness and instincts," head coach Steffi Legall said. "It is frustrating for our opponents when they get by a good block and she is there waiting."

The player of the week honor was the team's first



WILLIAMS

"I was really excited to be the first winner for Marshall. Hopefully I can keep it up."

Wendy Williams,
junior outside hitter

since joining the MAC in 1997. Williams said she feels good about the award.

"I was really excited to be the first winner for Marshall," Williams said. "Hopefully I can keep it up."

Along with the MAC award, Williams recently set a Marshall single-match record with 37 digs and is leading the conference with 4.39 digs per game.

Although she is happy about her accomplishments, she comes back to the team's success.

"The season is going really good, we have some new freshmen who are great," said Williams. "Right now our goal is to finish in the top four and host a first round game [in the MAC tournament]."

Williams isn't the only player who is setting records.

In the match versus Northern Illinois, senior Jessica Downs recorded her

1,000th career dig, becoming the fourth player in Marshall history to reach the milestone.

Downs, one of the team's three seniors, was expected to play a large role in the team's success this season.

A knee injury, compounded by shin splints, has lessened her role thus far, but it is still an important role.

"Her status is match-to-match, but when she is needed she has come in and played the back row well, playing defense and passing the ball," said Legall.

Senior setter Nicole Frizzo is closing in on a milestone as well.

With ten matches to go, Frizzo needs 197 assists to become the first Marshall player to reach 1,000 assists for four consecutive seasons.

Legall said she has been happy with her team's individual play.

"Jessica DeGraaf has been

great on offense and blocking, Julie Fisher has been a steady player all season, and Nicole [Frizzo] has been as steady as she needs to be," Legall said. "Our two freshmen who have played all season [Sara Boyles and Heidi Kuethe] have also been very consistent."

The team will need all of its individuals to come out strong this weekend, as Marshall concludes a four-week road trip against Western and Central Michigan.

The Broncos are 8-0 and leading the MAC Western Division. Western Michigan has lost just one game in those eight matches.

"We haven't played them [Western Michigan] yet, but they have been beating everybody in just three games," Legall said. "They seem to be the best team in MAC."

"Our strategy against them will be similar to our match at Miami: serve aggressively and try to keep them off their game."

Marshall returns home Oct. 29 in a rematch with the Miami RedHawks at 7 p.m.. The Herd then faces Bowling Green Oct. 31 at 3 p.m.

Six of Marshall's final eight conference matches will be at home in the Cam Henderson Center.

FSU's Warrick could play against Clemson, pending judge's decision

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Peter Warrick will have to wait until Thursday to see if a judge approves a plea agreement that will allow the Florida State star to play this weekend.

Warrick's lawyer postponed a hearing today after the university's president expressed concern about the plea.

The agreement would allow Warrick to play for the No. 1 Seminoles on Saturday against Clemson and go to jail next year.

Warrick was a leading Heisman Trophy candidate until his arrest on a felony grand theft charge. The wide receiver had hoped to have his case reduced to a misdemeanor in county court today.

Warrick's lawyer, John Kenny, asked for the postponement so he could speak with school officials.

The agreement would require Warrick to spend 30 days in jail, donate to charity clothing he acquired in three trips to a Dillard's store, pay \$295 in court costs, stay away from the department store and serve a year's probation.

"I don't feel very good about somebody having a sentence hanging over them and playing," Florida State president Sandy D'Alemberte told the Tallahassee Democrat.

Warrick was suspended Oct. 7 and has missed the Seminoles' last two games.

"I think he's suffered enough," Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke said. "He deserves to be on the football team and I can't wait for his return."

Florida State does not let athletes compete if they have been charged with a felony.

"It is my understanding that the president and the athletic director will certainly confer on this before any announcement is made," D'Alemberte spokesman Frank Murphy said today.

Warrick and former teammate Laveranues Coles were charged with buying more than \$400 of designer clothes Sept. 29 for \$21.40 from a store clerk, who is also charged. A security camera recorded the transaction.

"They wanted the 30 days to offer a misdemeanor," Kenny said Tuesday. "That's pretty standard when looking at felony cases. They worked very hard to look at Mr. Warrick not as a football player."

Warrick could have avoided jail time, but not if he wanted to have a shot at playing again this season.

"He looked at the options of going to trial to prove it was a petty theft, but those are not viable options when Peter wants to make himself available to the university as quickly as possible," Kenny said.

"The judge still needs to accept it."

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/etc/>

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
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- ✓ 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.

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.

Focus the key against winless Bulls

by JEROD SMALLEY
reporter

The national television lights have gone out and the cameras have left the stadium.

The Herd now falls back to earth.

No. 15 Marshall (6-0 overall, 3-0 Mid-American Conference) defeated Toledo Thursday night 38-13 in front of a nation-wide ESPN audience.

Now the team faces a different kind of challenge: Staying focused on its opponent each week.

That problem begins Saturday as the Herd travels to Buffalo for a noon meeting. The winless Bulls (0-6 overall, 0-5 MAC) are the most recent addition to the MAC.

However, the rest of the MAC

has not been kind to its newest member.

Buffalo has been soundly defeated by most of its MAC opponents this season. Last week, MAC West Division leader Western Michigan rolled up 45 points on the Bulls, winning 45-17.

Buffalo has been led this season by wide receiver Drew Haddad. He leads the MAC in receptions per game with more than seven catches per contest.

The Bulls running game improved last week as sophomore Derrick Gordon carried 30 times and gained 97 yards in a losing effort.

The Buffalo game is the first of a three-game stretch in which the Herd plays several of the lowest-rated teams in the

conference. Matchups with Buffalo, Northern Illinois and Kent, each of whom is rated among the bottom of Division I — A football teams, take place in the next three weeks.

Against Toledo, Marshall had a 21-3 first half lead. But it was the third quarter when the defense failed to stop Toledo from moving the ball and the Marshall offense couldn't pick up any points, when Marshall fans worried.

But the Herd picked it back up in the fourth quarter, scoring three times to preserve the victory.



GRACE



CHAPMAN

Marshall running back Doug Chapman said the Herd made a few changes in practice.

"We don't feel as a team that we played the best we could last week," Chapman said.

"We've been trying to work out the kinks this week, so we can come a little better this week."

Marshall senior quarterback Chad Pennington, impressed the ESPN broadcast crew of Mike Tirico, Kirk Herbstreit and Lee Corso with his smart and controlled play.

Pennington has thrown for more than 1,900 yards and

17 touchdowns this season. His completion percentage of 64.5 leads all MAC passers, and is rated second in the country. Pennington ranks fourth nationally in total offense.

The Herd quarterback said Buffalo is not an opponent to overlook.

"Games like this are scary. Pennington said. "We have to keep everybody focused and ready to play."

Herd linebacker John Grace said Marshall, a 44-point favorite Saturday, cannot lose focus.

"They haven't won a game, we haven't lost a game. But it could all change Saturday," Grace said. "We have to be prepared to stick it to them and not get relaxed."

Offensive tackle Mike Williams said the team's goals are the same every week.

"Each week, we come out and try to play a perfect game. It's no different this week, and it doesn't matter who we are playing," Williams said. "If we go out and execute they way we think we can, I don't know if there is anybody who can beat us."

Marshall holds the series advantage over Buffalo, 2-1. The last meeting between the teams was in Huntington in 1964. Marshall defeated the Bulls that year 14-12.

The game will be broadcast by Fox Sports Pittsburgh (Century Cable channel 20).

Marshall returns home to face Northern Illinois Oct. 30 for homecoming.

World Series more than just this year's champ

Yankees and Braves battle for 'team of the decade'

ATLANTA (AP) — There it is, engraved right on the ring Atlanta Braves general manager John Schuerholz proudly wears: "Team of the 90s."

To him, the Braves already own that title. No debate needed on the team of the decade, not even if the New York Yankees take home this World Series trophy.

"To answer that question for the 1,442nd time, we don't need to do anything," Schuerholz said. "We've won more games than any team, we've won 100 games three years in a row, we've won eight straight division titles."

"If you choose any criteria except one narrow criteria — World Series championships — we lead it," he said.

Of course, that's not such a narrow category. Not to the Yankees.

"Aren't we the team of the century?" New York GM Brian Cashman said Wednesday. "World championships, that's the goal."

Fittingly, the clubs that had

the majors' two worst records in 1990 get a final chance to make their cases starting with Game 1 Saturday night at Turner Field.

Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, MVP of the AL Championship Series, probably will start for the Yankees. The Braves can pick from any of their Big Four of Tom Glavine, John Smoltz, Greg Maddux and Kevin Millwood.

For Atlanta, it's an opportunity to win that elusive second World Series title. The Braves beat Cleveland in 1995 — prompting them to put that boast on their rings — but have nothing else to show for eight straight trips to the NL Championship Series.

For the Yankees, it's a chance to win their record 25th title and third in four years. That recent run began when they beat Atlanta in six games in 1996.

"We've got another shot at them," Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones said.

The Braves earned their fifth trip to the World Series in the 1990s by beating the New York Mets 10-9 in 11 innings Tuesday night in Game 6 of the NLCS. The Yankees beat Boston in five games in the ALCS.

Atlanta took a day off Wednesday while New York's practice at Yankee Stadium was rained out. That gave extra time for the Yankees to talk about — or turn down — debate about the top team in the last 10 years.

"Players don't worry about it," catcher Joe Girardi said. "There are a lot of different players on both teams."

True, a lot has changed for the Yankees since 1990, when they went 67-95 with a starting lineup that included Oscar Azocar, Steve Balboni and Bob Geren, plus a rotation that had Tim Lary, Chuck Cary and Andy Hawkins.

The Braves were even worse that season at 65-97. That was the year they traded Dale

Murphy and could only hope that young Glavine and Smoltz would blossom.

Overall, Atlanta is a major league-best 925-629 in regular-season games during the decade and the Yankees are next at 851-702. Oh, their interleague record against each other? Appropriately, 5-5.

The Braves have won titles in the West and East in the 1990s and became the first NL franchise to reach five World Series since the Dodgers in the '50s. The Yankees have gone to the playoffs for five straight years, their best stretch since going to the World Series from 1960-1964.

And now, with no slight intended to Toronto for its championships in 1992-93, it's all come down the Braves and Yankees. At stake, a trophy and a title — Team of the Decade.

"I hope we win another World Series," Schuerholz said. "At least it would put an end to that question."

Students showed they can be fans



CHARLES SHUMAKER
sports editor

Last Thursday I stood in the student section and listened to the 6,000-plus students yell everything from "hey Toledo, you're our — to put it nicely — female dog," to "Beer is the best" and "I love Jack Daniels, he's my dog."

It was a nice feeling for one half of a game — since the place cleared out after that — to have that many cheering students at a game.

Standing is not required, but it is highly recommended. To the people who always want others to sit down at the games, too bad. Cheering means standing if you're a student and if you didn't know that by now, you should.

More importantly, though, for the first half of the football game, it actually felt like a football game. The air, the smell, the cheers and finally, the student fans. About 6,400 of them in fact, almost 2,000 more than the season average for students.

For all the students and teachers who have complained about getting out of class or not getting out of class, relax. Everyone knows college is about a degree and not football or basketball or drinking.

These are things some people choose to do, not something they have to do. We don't even have to go to class, but we do — and if there is another game during class time, you better believe I won't be in class.

For the hundreds or even thousands of students who may have skipped class Thursday to help fill the student section, shame on you, don't you know school comes first?

Well, school should come first, but people make choices. The administration did the right thing by not canceling classes, coming from a guy who didn't have class at that time anyway. But at any rate, what would we look like if we got out of school for the football team? We would probably look like an athletic school and not an academic school. Do you think West Virginia needs another slap like that?

I don't. We play football here and we play basketball, there is a volleyball team and two soccer teams, along with a tennis team, track and cross country teams, and two rugby teams. Baseball and softball come in the spring and the golf team makes up the Herd as well.

Before I get called a hypocrite for not going to every game, it isn't whether I go or you go, it's whether the teams have support from the students — their peers and their friends.

Amen to Jennifer Cottrill for her letter on the Opinion page today. Students, do us all a favor and make Marshall less of a suitcase college and more of a rowdy crowd campus.

Next time, instead of going home to watch the game on television, get off your duffs and bring mom and dad to the game. Then, maybe take them to the bars afterwards, even buy them a drink. College isn't all athletics, but it sure is a nice feature.

So give me one more chance to say thanks to all the students who skipped a class, left a class or ditched a date to go to the game, because for the first time in my nearly two years at Marshall, I felt like we as students had some school spirit.

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briefly...

The Marshall men's golf team wrapped up its fall schedule with an 11th place finish at the University of Louisville Intercollegiate Tuesday.



O'DELL

Marshall was led by Hurricane senior Sam O'Dell, who shot four over par led the Herd with his eighth place finish. As a team, the Herd shot 616 for the tournament, which was won by Notre Dame with a score of 593.

The Herd begins its spring season March 6 when it plays in the Wolverine Invitational in Beaufort, S.C.

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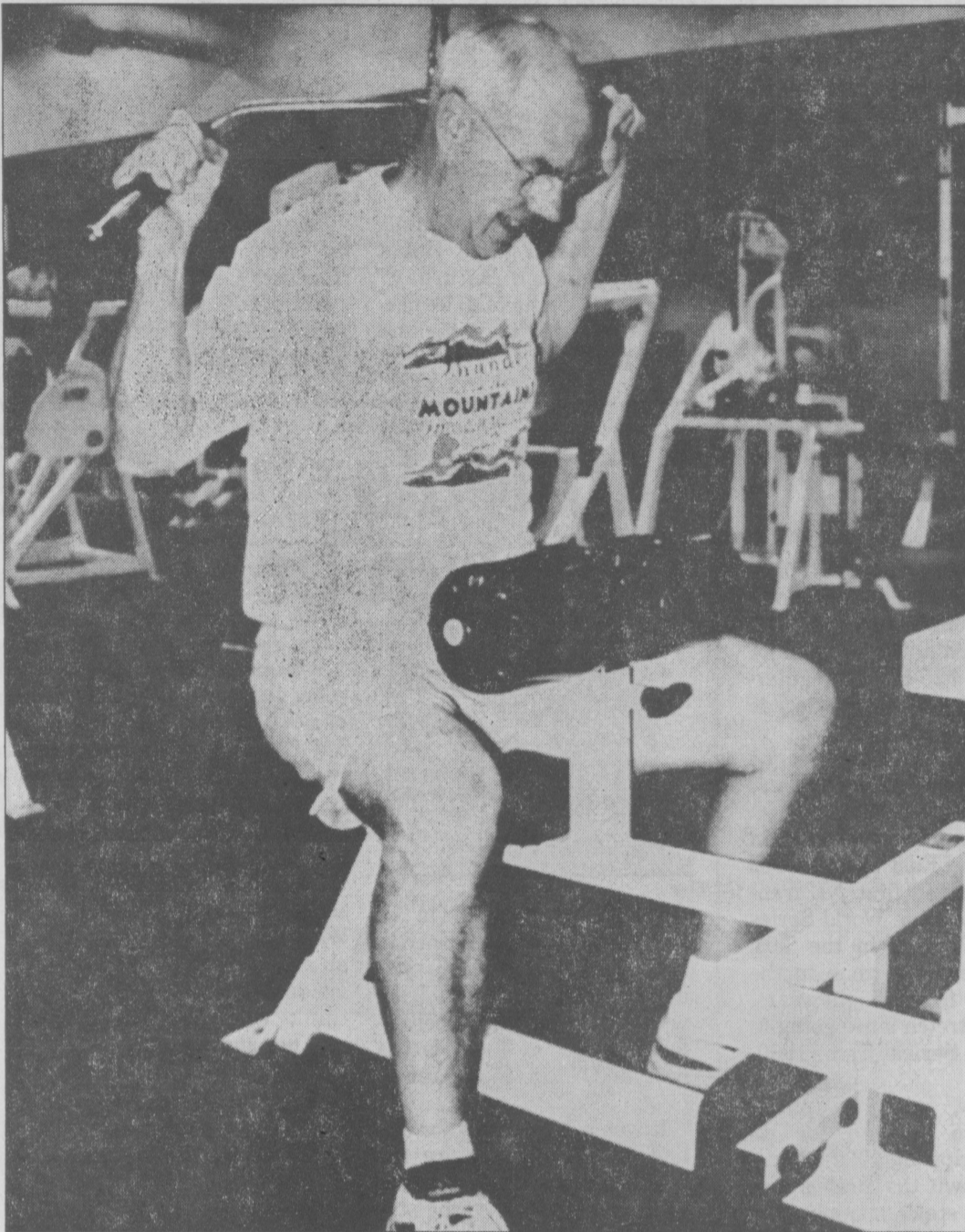
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Next week in Life!



Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president of operations, works his upper back by doing pull-downs.

Shaping Minds and Bodies

Story and photos by
JOANN C. ELMER



Perry Chaffin (left) and Dr. Harold Shaver spend many hours on exercise bikes.

Many Marshall employees take time for a mid-day workout

If you are looking for your professor and he or she is nowhere to be found, you might check the gym on campus.

Some of Marshall's faculty, staff and administration keep in shape by spending their lunch breaks in gym shorts and tennis shoes.

Whether in the fitness center or on a basketball court, some university employees are taking advantage of the availability of campus facilities.

A small group of Marshall employees sweat through their lunch break in a heated game of basketball every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

They have been nicknamed the "Noon Basketball Association."

"It's not bad for old man basketball," said 52-year-old Dr. Robert Angel, professor of special education.

Angel has been playing with the team for 24 years.

The noon-time basketball game has been a tradition for many faculty and staff members since 1969.

It was started by a group of professors, including Charles Gruber, professor of history.

"I like to keep in shape and playing basketball is not nearly as boring as the fitness center," Gruber, 56, said.

The consensus of the players is they play the game to stay in shape and for the fun of competition.

Dr. Tony Williams, professor and chairman of educational leadership, and Dr. Carl Johnson, professor of teacher education, agree that playing

basketball three times a week is a good workout.

Williams, who has been playing with the team since 1970, said the afternoon game is a good way to develop camaraderie. He also said the games can become tiring.

The employees play full-court and half-court games, depending on the amount of people who show up.

Sometimes, there are not enough people for a full game so the men play with smaller boundaries or invite students to join.

The games can get competitive, but Gruber said the players are good about fair play and looking after each other.

"We've had our share of injuries," Gruber said, "but there are very few and they are very minor."

Gruber broke his hand three years ago, on a lay-up attempt.

Many of the players use the basketball game to relieve stress and take a break from the daily demand of the university.

"It's definitely a good release," Gruber said.

Dr. Frank Gilliam, professor of biological sciences, agreed.

"Playing basketball with these guys is a good way to make friends," Gilliam said. "I used to run quite a bit, but this is a fun way to get exercise."

Gilliam, who said he enjoys the basketball game, said the fitness center in Gullickson Hall might be used more if membership were free to staff and faculty.

The cost to faculty, staff and administration is \$18 for a three month membership.

But that has not deterred others from using the fitness center.

Mike Simpson, assistant coach for the women's basketball team, said he comes to the fitness center because he needs to keep up with the players.

"When you're running with a bunch of 18-22-year-old girls, you need to be fit," Simpson said.

At 46, Simpson said he works out for job performance and to stay in the best shape possible.

Senior Vice President of Operations Dr. K. Edward Grose works out three days a week or more when his schedule permits.

"I've worked out all my life to stay in good shape," Grose said. "I don't do it to bulk up, just to stay in good health and not get fat."

Students in the fitness center notice the good physical fitness of the employees like Dr. Nicola Orsini chairman of the department of physics.

"I'd hate to have to compete with Dr. Orsini," Scott Vance, Ironton, Ohio, graduate student, said.

Orsini is a frequent visitor to the fitness center.

"He's in here almost every day and despite some injuries, he won't let up on his routine," Vance said.

"I'd also hate to run against those two guys," Vance said, pointing to Perry Chaffin and

Dr. Harold Shaver on the exercise bikes.

Chaffin, director of audits, has worked out three times a week for the past two years.

His main goal is to feel better and get in better shape.

Shaver, dean of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, began working out 20 years ago to lose weight.

"I used to run all the time but a few years ago I injured my Achilles tendon," Shaver said. "Now, I use the bike machines and treadmills to keep up my routine."

Shaver, 61, exercises at least three times a week, doing aerobic and abdominal exercises.

At one point, Shaver thought about not continuing to exercise, but decided otherwise.

"I once thought that I wasn't getting older and it wasn't going to help me anymore," Shaver said, "but then I decid-

ed I wasn't going to give in.

"The exercising has made my life better and sometimes it just feels so good."

Unlike the "Noon Basketball Association," Shaver says he likes the monotony of a daily workout routine.

He runs three miles every time he has a chance, whether on the street or a treadmill.

Despite his strict conditioning, Shaver remembers how hard it was to first start exercising.

"I ran down my street and back and really thought I was going to die," Shaver said. "After time, it just became easier and easier."

All the employees agree that people should not wait until they are older to get in shape.

So if students are looking for a challenge to the 50-yard dash or a game of one-on-one, you might not want to seek out these guys.

They may be way out of your league.



LEFT: Mike Simpson, assistant coach for the women's basketball team, works out not only to stay in shape but to be able to keep up with the players.

RIGHT: David Mills (left), professor of history, Robert Behrman (center), professor of political science, and Carl Johnson (right), professor of teacher education, play during their noon game with two students.



Happenings...*

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

On Campus

THURSDAY, OCT. 21, 1999

LGBO, drag show, Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre, 8 p.m. Contact: 696-6623

Thursday Night Thunder, basketball event, Cam Henderson Center, 7:30 p.m.

Campus Light, meeting, Campus Christian Center, 9 p.m. Contact: 696-3057

Campus Light Baptist Ministries, meeting, Memorial Student Center room 2W16, Dave Greear at 529-1545

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, meeting, Memorial Student Center room 2W9, 9:30 p.m. Contact: 696-3193

Campus Christian Center, Improv night, lobby of Campus Christian Center, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Jim McCune at 696-3054

FRIDAY, OCT. 22, 1999

Habitat for Humanity, meeting, Campus Christian Center, 12:30 p.m. Contact: Jim McCune at 696-3054

MU Anime Society, showing episodes of slayers NEXT, Memorial Student Center Don Morris Room, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 24, 1999

Department of Music, Jason Webb's senior recital, Smith Music Hall, 3 p.m. Contact: 696-3117

Committed to Christ, Homecoming kick-off concert, Campus Christian Center, 6:30 p.m. Contact: 697-4084

MONDAY, OCT. 25, 1999

Lions Club, meeting, Memorial Student Center, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Sarah Cavendish at 697-9421

Committed to Christ, Bible study, Campus Christian Center, 8 p.m. Contact: 697-4084

Committed to Christ, choir practice, Campus Christian Center, 9 p.m. Contact: 697-4084

Residence Hall Programs, "Get Up on Your Politics," Twin Towers East, 9:15 p.m. Contact: 696-31963

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