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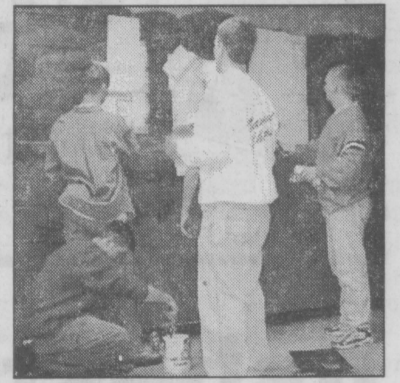
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Overhaul possible for higher education

by **STEFANIE FRALEY**
reporter

The state recently asked the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, in Boulder, Colo., to study West Virginia's college and university system.

Now, its findings are President Dan Angel's biggest concern and the Legislature's current debate.

The Legislature is now drafting the NCHEMS report into a bill that will modify the college

and university system in West Virginia. The bill's first draft may be completed this week.

"The major concerns are will we keep our community and technical college or not, how many places they're going to offer master's degrees and what kind of peer groups we are going to be compared with," Angel said.

In the Jan. 6 draft, the agency recommends the following tasks be completed within the next six years:

■ Improve quality and accessi-

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Dan Angel,
president

bility of graduate programs, focusing on those related to the future education, economic and social needs of the state.

■ Focus university and college missions so that each will have distinct points linked with the revitalization of the state.



ANGEL

■ Create a leadership policy that holds the institutions and the higher education system accountable for accomplishing their missions.
■ Implement a new finance policy that would provide adequate funding for institutions to ensure their competitiveness with other institutions, to serve and renew essential human

resources and provide incentives for institutions to enhance competitiveness with peers and to contribute to state priorities.

Tuesday, Angel was a guest on "Legislature Today," which airs on state-wide public television. While speaking with reporter Beth Vorhees, Angel said, "Traditionally, higher education says we do three things: We do teaching, we do research and we do service. Well, now we're going to have to do eco-

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Recruits to be a BIG help for Herd

by **JACOB MESSER**
Lifer editor

After three starting linemen on both offense and defense completed their eligibility this fall, Marshall desperately needed its recruiting class to bolster its front lines on both sides of the ball.

The Thundering Herd certainly did that with the signing of nine linemen Wednesday, the first day high school seniors and junior college transfers could sign binding letters of intent.

"We felt like we had to emphasize getting linemen and we did," Marshall recruiting coordinator Dave Johnson said. "That was something we felt was important."

Marshall didn't just get linemen. It got big, athletic linemen. The average size of its front line recruits is 6-foot-5 and 288 pounds.

"We're losing some athletic kids on both sides of the ball," Johnson said. "You're talking about Ron Puggi. You're talking about Giradie Mercer. You're talking about Mike Guiliams. You're talking about Jason Starkey. Those guys are big, they move well and they are very athletic."

"We wanted to get guys in that mold — big, athletic, tough competitors. We had to get guys who could maintain the athletic level at those positions. And there's no question that we did that."

The most notable prospects are Josh Blakey and Toby Bullock III. Blakey, a 6-4, 304-pound defensive tackle from Lexington (Ky.) Henry Clay High School, chose the Thundering Herd over Kentucky, Cincinnati and Louisville. Bullock, a 6-5, 285-

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Sporny's solution

Fumes no longer make professor ill

by **ANDREA COPLEY** and **CHARLENE L. CORNELL**
The Parthenon

Throughout his career, visual arts professor Stanley Sporny has spent much of his time around toxic substances.

Due to unventilated facilities, the fumes made him nauseous and dizzy.

"I was getting sick," Sporny said. "I couldn't breathe and my brain would shut off."

Now, he is marketing his own line of non-toxic art supplies.

"This stuff is harmless," he said. "Using my materials, you're not making it someone else's problem. It's not going out in the atmosphere and choking up someone else."

Sporny wanted non-toxic products to clean brushes and colorwash paintings.

"With the colorwash, if you put it on a big painting you have fumes coming off the surface," Sporny said. "Most professional artists work on more than one painting at a time, so it is always there."

So, he went on a mission. "I had to be a detective," he said. "I don't know how many people I called looking for stuff. I found one that was great, but it was made from animal fat. I thought it would be a better sales pitch if it was a renewable, vegetable resource."

Sporny found the substances he was looking for to adapt them into a solvent and a hand cleaner. He actually makes the light medium, heavy medium and time extender himself.

The hand cleaner is based on the cosmetic industry, Sporny said. It removes paint and prevents "alligator hands."

The solvent is not a true solvent because it doesn't evaporate, Sporny said. It's



photo by Terri Blair

Visual arts professor Stanley Sporny has developed his own line of non-toxic products to use in the painting process.

based on food processing chemistry.

Sporny claims it is safe to drink two quarts of the solvent without becoming sick.

The light medium is a thinner oil; the heavy medium is used to finish paintings; and the time extender keeps paint from drying out.

"The products are healthier and more archival than what anyone is using these days," he said.

With a personal investment of \$500, Sporny created the company SCS four years ago along with his wife, Laure Williamson, an adjunct drawing and painting faculty member at Shawnee State University.

Sporny says the company, which he runs from his base-

ment, broke even last year. SCS ran one ad in "Art Calendar," a business magazine for artists.

"People have called from all over the U.S. asking about it," he said. "We are nationally known."

Painter Beatrice Findlay is one of his customers. She lives in Alhambra, Calif.

Sporny spoke with her on the phone after she had been using his supplies. "She said, 'I'm well again. I'm better now and want some more of this stuff,'" Sporny said.

Sporny received a \$5,000 PROMISE (Program for Maximizing Initial Submittal Evaluations) grant through the West Virginia High

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Words of hate cause concern

Defaced fliers test Marshall's gay community

by **BUTCH BARKER**
editor

In the past three days, members of Marshall's Delta Lambda Phi have put their brotherhood to test.

Jonathan R. Sutton, president of the social fraternity for gay, bisexual and progressive men, is certain he and his brothers have passed. "We're not going to let anything stop us," said Sutton, a graduate student from Lexington, Ky. "It's important that we all stand together and others know that we're here to stay."

Sutton said they plan to achieve those goals and, with the help of Marshall's gay community and campus officials, plan to take action against a recent attack on the fraternity to recruit new members.

This is the first incident the fraternity — West Virginia's only fraternity for gay and bisexual men — has faced since its June 19, 1999, introduction to campus.

Raymie White, co-coordinator of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Outreach Program, said a flier posted by the fraternity in Smith Hall was discovered defaced Monday.

Since then, several others have been found and turned over to the LGBO office.

The fliers, which included the fraternity's purpose and a list of activities, were covered in handwritten derogatory comments.

Copies also have been sent to Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs. Chief Jim

Terry, director of public safety; Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president of

multicultural affairs; and David Harris, director of

equity programs, have been contacted and a meeting among them, the fraternity and himself has been scheduled, White said.

David P. Fonda, Huntington junior and the fraternity's vice president said despite the group's strength, the university has to come through and help.

"We're trying to emphasize that if this college stands for multiculturalism and diversity, then sexual orientation should be a part of that."

Cockrille said the university will react as it would with any

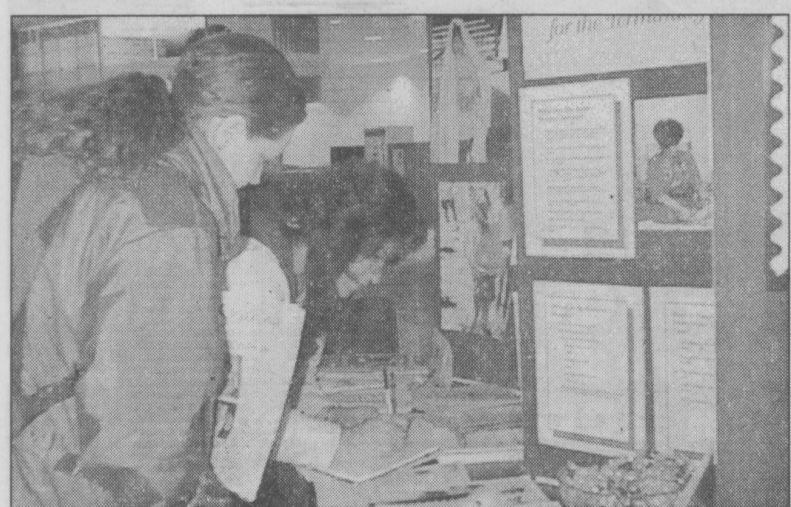
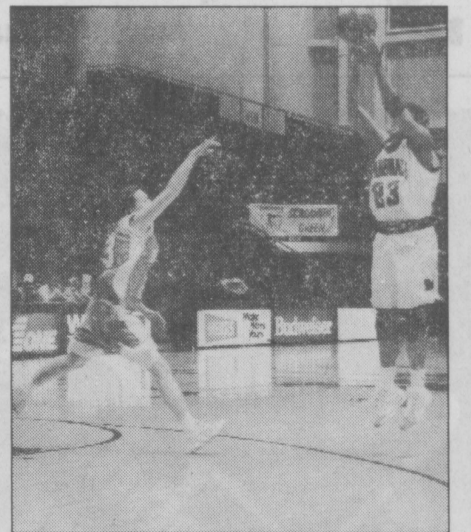
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Falcons no match for Herd

photo by Terri Blair

Junior guard Toni Patillo scored 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds Wednesday to lead Marshall to a 69-59 win over Bowling Green.

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Lisa A. Floyd, volunteer coordinator for Hospice of Huntington, writes down information from Jamie J. Leonard, Point Pleasant sophomore, Wednesday at the Volunteer Fair.

Students show they care at Volunteer Fair

by **COURTNEY M. ROSS**
reporter

Some students committed to giving their time to help others Wednesday at the annual Volunteer Fair in the Memorial Student Center.

Among the organizations were Huntington Area Habitat for Humanity, Girl Scouts of the United States of America and Hospice of Huntington.

Even though Marty Waddell, executive director for Huntington Area Habitat for Humanity,

graduated from Marshall in 1971, she said this fair was the first she has attended.

Waddell said she has been with the organization 11 months and received an invitation from Marshall to attend the fair.

During the fair, Waddell gave out information about Huntington Area Habitat for Humanity.

"Students can volunteer to do actual construction," she said. "They can also volunteer to do office work or help with providing lunch."

Mark D. Plymale, junior coun-

seling major from Huntington, is the president for Habitat for Humanity on campus. He said he has been volunteering for Habitat for Humanity since high school.

Marilyn K. Pemberton, field director for Girl Scouts, also said many students stopped for information.

The Girl Scouts have been to the fair several times, Pemberton said.

"We need more college students," she said. "Anyone who used to be a Girl Scout could

help with troop meetings, programs and activities."

Anyone can be a volunteer to teach skills to Girl Scouts, such as arts and crafts or recreational activities, Pemberton said.

Jamie J. Leonard, sophomore social work major from Point Pleasant, was interested in helping the Hospice of Huntington.

"I did some volunteer work with nursing homes in high school," Leonard said. "I definitely plan on volunteering for Hospice of Huntington."

Asbestos addressed at WVU

by **CHANDRA BROADWATER**

The Daily Athenaeum
West Virginia University

(U-WIRE) - **MORGANTOWN** — Monday's University-wide information forum on asbestos provided those who were in attendance with both information and answers to questions about asbestos located in buildings at West Virginia University.

Sitting on the panel were four experts on the various aspects of asbestos, presenting forum-goers with information relevant to the University's situation with the substance.

Suzanne Gross, faculty senate

"We'll do what's necessary to show that the university is doing the best it can to protect the health of its students, faculty and other employees."

David Hardesty,
WVU president

chair, began the session by introducing the speakers. Speakers on the panel then presented the audience with background information about asbestos, citing their expertise in the particular area that they were speaking about.

After the presentations were given, the floor then opened up

for audience members to ask questions of those on the panel.

Questions ranging from what the safety status of other buildings on campus that contain asbestos is to why the University opted to seal off the arena of the Coliseum over allowing tests to be run at the discretion of the Environmental Protection Agency were asked.

"I thought that it was a good session," said President David Hardesty. "Information was given out and questions were raised, but I think that within the next few months, people will know exactly what kinds of questions that they want to ask."

Hardesty also added that in the future, a different means to communicate between the University and the community revolving around it may be looked into.

"We'll do what's necessary to show that the university is doing the best it can to protect the health of its students, faculty and other employees," he added.

Iowa woman fakes liver cancer

WAUKEE, Iowa (AP) — A woman who allegedly faked having liver cancer — to the extent of shaving her head and cutting her skin to simulate surgery — has been charged with felony theft for taking more than \$10,000 in gifts from charities and well-wishers. Charlene Zimmerman, 34, was charged with second-degree theft. In 1998, Zimmerman appeared on an "Oprah" show about mothers with terminal cancer. Police got involved when donors asked about her health. "She initially told the family that she had terminal cancer, then it got out to the public," police Chief Larry Phillips said. Peter Berger, Zimmerman's lawyer, said the family was having a hard time making ends meet.

Candlelight vigil to honor hate crime victim at UCLA

Thien Minh Ly's death raises awareness of violence against minority groups on campus

by **MELODY WANG**
Daily Bruin
UCLA

(U-WIRE) **LOS ANGELES** — Killed four years ago by a white supremacist, UCLA graduate Thien Minh Ly continues to influence people who didn't know him.

To commemorate the anniversary of the death of Ly, who was 24 when he was killed, the Vietnamese Student Union is holding a candlelight vigil tonight to preserve his memory and to raise awareness of hate crimes.

Ly, who was the 1992-93 VSU chair, graduated from UCLA in 1994.

While rollerblading at Tustin High School, Ly was approached by George J. Lindberg and his accomplice. Lindberg stabbed him 23 times and kicked his face afterwards.

Lindberg was convicted and sentenced to death and his accomplice is serving a sentence of 25 years to life.

Ly's death created a movement among student groups to raise awareness about hate crimes.

"I never knew hate crimes were so close to my community, the Vietnamese community, until a tragedy happened," said VSU Webmaster histori-

an Andrian Nguyen. "I didn't know (Ly) personally but his story still touched me."

VSU Co-chair Hop Tran said the group is currently cooperating with the undergraduate student government to increase awareness about racially motivated crimes.

"The main goal of this vigil is to bring to the attention of people that hate crimes exist," Tran said. "This is important because when most people hear about hate crimes, they think about African Americans or Chicanos and Latinos, but the thing is, Asian people are also victims of hate crimes."

At the candlelight vigil, speakers such as Undergraduate Students Association Council President Mike de la Rocha will discuss hate crimes in hopes of preventing incidents similar to Ly's death.

VSU has also invited the members of other student advocacy groups on campus, such as the African Student Union and the Asian Pacific Coalition, to create solidarity on campus.

"It could sound very idealistic, but the ultimate goal is for hate crimes to cease existing," Tran said. "The reason why we're inviting all of these people is because we want people to realize that we are all victims of the same crime."

Columbia University passes sweatshop policy

by **BEN CASSELMAN**
Columbia Daily Spectator
Columbia University

(U-WIRE) **NEW YORK** —

After an hour of often contentious debate, the University Senate passed Columbia's own code of conduct for manufacturers of licensed apparel on Friday.

The decision of whether to adopt a University code against sweatshops dominated Friday's Senate meeting, as members of the drafting subcommittee defended the proposed code

against concerns raised by other senators. The issues of the "living wage" and child labor, which had been the main points of contention at December's meeting, were again the focus of much of the debate. When the resolution was finally voted on, however, there were no dissenting voices.

Members of the Senate Executive Committee met with members of the drafting committee Thursday to make last minute revisions to the code, most of which were aimed at making the requirements for

companies producing Columbia apparel clearer.

Nevertheless, some senators expressed concerns over the feasibility of applying the code, which sets the standards that companies must follow in order to be licensed to make Columbia-Logo apparel. The code replaces that of the Fair Labor Association (FLA), a national organization of universities, corporations, and non-governmental organizations of which Columbia is a member.

Despite their concerns, senators and student activists both

said they were pleased by the code's passage. History Professor Richard Bulliet, a member of the Senate Executive Committee who met with subcommittee members, called the code "a document we can live with."

Greg Smithsimon, GSAS and a Columbia Students Against Sweatshops (CSAS) organizer who served on the subcommittee, said that he was "pleasantly surprised" by the code's passage and said that the influence of senators, students, and faculty improved the code.

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Fliers

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other campus hate crime, but since there are no suspects, the situation will have to be handled in a more universal way.

"We will put our heads together and try to come up with a solution," Cockrille said. "The university has taken a very forceful stance against harassment and have done so on a public level. We don't want to take this lightly."

Cockrille said she doesn't want to minimize this act of

hate, but she also doesn't want to predict the situation will escalate to violence.

White isn't predicting violence either, but said he is afraid it could turn to that if something isn't done.

"It's not what's written on the fliers that bothers me — I've seen and heard it all before," White said, "but this is a way things escalate."

"I'd like to have things stopped before we have a Matthew Shepard case at Marshall," he said.

Forums discussing homophobia and hate are among the ideas White said he will sug-

gest to Cockrille as a way to combat the current problem.

A forum sounds like good idea to Cockrille.

"It would be an opportunity for people to explore and come to terms with respect for others," Cockrille said. "Universities are for growing and learning and respect is a part of it."

The first step is to replace the posters with a stronger message, Sutton said.

"If you think that beating up a fag will help you hide your homosexuality ... think again," the flier reads. "Every basher

will tell you they hate fags, but it may take them years to tell you that they are gay."

The flier could stir a controversy, White said, but apparently the previous ones did as well.

"These kinds of acts occur in flurries," Cockrille said. "We don't see them every year. It's just so distressing this time because there are so many (defaced posters). This flurry, however, indicates intolerance is alive and well."

Peter Colohan, vice president for Outreach Services for the Delta Lambda Phi national office, said since the national

fraternity formed in 1996, there has been a fair share of discrimination, but Marshall's current case is among the worst.

"It's generally not a problem nationwide," Colohan said. "Marshall's case is more severe because there's a broad-based attack on the entire organization."

"Their a strong group of gay men. These are things we all face when we step out of the closet. But there's a positive message — backlashes against us represents our forward movement."

That forward movement is now questioned by White.

He said the gay community at Marshall has felt like it has progressed. Last semester's campus drag show was an indication of that progression.

"Since Marshall's first Gay Pride Week, we've grown, but still have a way to go," White said. "We got confident after the drag show last semester. The fliers have set us back."

Sutton said he isn't too concerned with the setback.

"We are making such progress that people who harbor hatred for gays are sensing our progress and are lashing out," he said.

Sporny

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Technology Consortium foundation.

He finds out in June if he gets a \$66,000 grant from the Small Business Innovative Research.

That's just phase one.

If Sporny can prove his products can make money, then he could get a phase-two grant, which is worth \$250,000.

"If we get this grant, there's going to be thousands of dollars to help me promote the company," Sporny said.

"If we get it going, I'm going to let a manager run it and continue teaching."

Sporny wants to reinvest his company's profits — back into his students, that is.

"It is my great hope that if we make enough, we will be able to establish some permanent scholarships for art students," he said.

"Art supplies are so expensive anyway," he added. "They win \$100 or \$200 and turn right around and buy art supplies."

Sporny views helping students as a two-way street that benefits both.

"The students are helping me with their problems of not knowing how to use it," he said.

"I take notes so when I write the second edition on how to use this stuff, I can write it successfully."

NCHEMS

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conomic development and in West Virginia we're going to have to be very actively doing that."

To accomplish those goals, NCHEMS recommends major changes in graduate programs, the community and technical college system and admissions.

For the community and technical colleges, NCHEMS recommends that West Virginia establish a network of independently accredited community and technical colleges. By Sept. 1, 2006, community and technical colleges should meet these conditions:

■ Be independently accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

■ Offer community college services specified in SB 547 including, certificate and associate degree transfers and occupational/technical programs, developmental education, community outreach, and serve as a work force development center.

■ Offer basic student services such as instructional support services, access to information and library services, physical space for courses, technology access and administrative services. If the services are not available at the site, services can be obtained under contract from another university.

■ Have a full-time core faculty.

"My major concern would be that the legislation seriously look at making sure that we have funding to do what we want to do and do it correctly

and long term," said Donna Donathan, Faculty Senate president. "So many things have been started and not funded adequately and that's a problem."

The report also states funding allocations for each community college would be separately identified and stipulations for faculty and administrators of the community and technical college will be decided by an appointed advisory board.

For graduate education, the report states West Virginia "needs to strengthen its commitment to graduate education, and in particular, access to graduate programs linked directly to the revitalization of the regional economies of the state."

NCHEMS recommends Marshall strengthen its competitive standing, focusing on links to the future of South Central and Southern West Virginia.

Overall, NCHEMS recommends "West Virginia strengthen the diversity of its public institutions, increase the focus on quality and clarify the expectations for students and schools regarding the requirements for college-level study."

The report suggests Marshall increase admission requirements for most baccalaureate programs to selective for first-time freshman, and to highly selective for programs of "prominence."

"We want high standards, but you have to start from where people are," Angel said on "Legislature Today."

"To go to those standards in six years would mean a lot of people would not be admitted to higher education in West Virginia and I don't think that's what we'd like."

Recruits

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pound center from Englewood High School in Jacksonville, Fla., rejected scholarship offers from Missouri, Georgia and Virginia to play for Marshall.

The Thundering Herd, which lost 19 seniors and 11 starters to graduation, also received binding letters of intent from 15 other prospects Wednesday for a first-day total of 24. Among them were five backs, four receivers, three quarterbacks, two tight ends and one kicker.

"Hopefully we were able to address some of our needs," Marshall head football coach Bob Pruett said. "On paper, it looks like another very good class for the Thundering Herd."

Apparently, recruiting services agree. Rivals.com ranks Marshall's recruiting class the best in the Mid-American Conference and No. 77 in Division I-A. Also, the class has been praised by recruiting analysts such as Tom Lemming of Prep Football Report and Allen Wallace of SuperPrep.

Johnson said Marshall capitalized on its success this season, when it claimed its third consecutive Mid-American Conference championship and second straight Motor City Bowl win en route to a 13-0 season and No. 10 finish in both

major college football polls.

"Name recognition is not very hard now," he said. "They know we're the Thundering Herd. We're battling perennial Top 25 teams for recruits."

Marshall is winning some of those battles, too. Several Thundering Herd signees picked Marshall over schools from the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Conference-USA and Southeastern Conference.

"We are excited about the kids we have signed and we are looking forward to getting them in here and seeing what kind of football players they are going to be," Pruett said.

Johnson added, "We did a good job fulfilling our recruiting goals."

In addition to stockpiling its defensive and offensive lines, Marshall added depth at quarterback. Three highly-recruited signalcallers — Andrew English, Stan Hill and Kenny Irby — signed with Marshall and will vie to replace Chad Pennington, who threw for 13,617 yards and 119 touchdowns to shatter school, conference and national passing records.

English, a 6-4, 220-pound specimen from South Oldham High School in Crestwood, Ky., was recruited by Arkansas, Illinois, Stanford and Southern Mississippi. Hill (6-4, 195) was named Mississippi's Player of the Year after his senior season at Tupelo High School. Irby, a 6-3, 205-

pound athlete from Woodbridge C.D. Hylton High School, was considered the No. 1 quarterback and No. 15 player in Virginia.

"We're ecstatic about them," Johnson said of the quarterback prospects. "We got three quality guys there. They are all very talented and very athletic. But can they come in here and pick up the system? That's the key. It's a tough adjustment from high school to college."

"Athletically, they have the tools. Mentally, they'll have to come in and grasp the things we're trying to do if they're going to be successful."

Other highly regarded signees include junior college All-American running back Ernest Pitts and wide receiver Brad Bates of Chillicothe (Ohio) High School.

The Thundering Herd may receive additional commitments, as players who have not yet qualified academically or who did not send their letters of intent in on time were not included in Wednesday's press release.

Two such players may be Florida prospects Jonathan Goddard and Derrick Sarosi, both of whom verbally committed to Marshall during the past week. Goddard is a 6-2, 260-pound defensive end from Ed White High School in Jacksonville, Fla. Sarosi is a 6-5, 280-pound offensive lineman from Titusville (Fla.) Astronaut High School.



Thundering Herd football signees



■ **BRAD BATES**, a 5-foot-11, 170-pound wide receiver from Chillicothe (Ohio) High School
 ■ **JOSH BLAKEY**, a 6-4, 304-pound defensive tackle from Lexington (Ky.) Henry Clay High School
 ■ **TOBY BULLOCK III**, a 6-5, 285-pound center from Englewood High School, Jacksonville, Fla.
 ■ **JOSH CORDELL**, a 6-5, 261-pound defensive tackle from Hannan High School in Ashton, W.Va.
 ■ **JOE DEIFEL**, a 6-3, 215-pound tight end from Lexington (Ky.) Henry Clay High School
 ■ **ANDREW ENGLISH**, a 6-4, 220-pound quarterback from South Oldham High School in Crestwood, Ky.
 ■ **NATE GRIFFIN**, a 6-6, 300-pound lineman from Denbigh High in Newport News, Va.
 ■ **DAVID HARLEY Jr.**, a 6-1, 260-pound defensive tackle from Tallahassee (Fla.) Lincoln High School
 ■ **DERRICK HAYNES**, a 5-10,

206-pound linebacker from Tallahassee (Fla.) Lincoln High School
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OUR views

Loving to hate:

It really has to stop soon

When Parthenon staff members discovered two Delta Lambda Phi fraternity signs with words like "faggots" and "queers" scribbled across them, it upset The Parthenon and a personal column was written in response. The attack on the fraternity for gay, bisexual and progressive men intensified in the past three days as members of the fraternity discovered several more fliers throughout campus. The fraternity's national vice president Peter Colohan said this case of harassment is more intense than others he has seen at universities with Delta Lambda Phi colonies.

Although there has been no physical harm, the emotional distress this has caused prompted us to share our opinion as a group of editors of a newspaper that believes deeply in diversity.

When people have to fear for their lives because of who they are, it doesn't take much to spark fear. A sign with the word "fags" on it may sound like nothing, but we can no longer think that way.

Marshall has been exposed to openly gay groups on campus for a number of years. The Lambda Society, the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Outreach Program, and now the Delta Lambda Phi social fraternity are here to support gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgenders and others. To some, these groups may seem to be the only way to feel comfortable on a campus with few open minds and a state with even fewer open minds.

In the past, Parthenon stories concerning homosexuals have just about all included a similar thought. "...We've still got a long way to go." That phrase, or a variation, has been used time and time again. After this incident, we can understand why.

Some may think this issue has been blown out of proportion, but we believe otherwise. When people have to fear for their lives because of who they are, it doesn't take much to spark fear. A sign with the word "fags" on it may sound like nothing, but we can no longer think that way. As Raymie White, co-coordinator of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Outreach Program, said in the Page One story of today's Parthenon, these little issues can escalate into something bigger.

We cannot allow that to happen. We have to realize we're dealing with human beings. And when we deal with human beings, we have to take emotions and freedom into account. With personal beliefs and morals aside, we have to learn to let every person live for themselves.

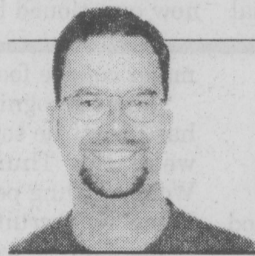
Please do not interfere with someone's life. It isn't fair for someone to have their freedom taken away. Believe what you want to believe and let others do the same.

We've all probably heard this plea before, but we keep hoping at least one person will be touched each time a similar viewpoint is read.

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Convince your parents you study



MARK BLEVINS
columnist

Marshall University does a good job of providing higher education, at least in my opinion. The only trouble is that sometimes that education doesn't reflect when students visit home. Parents may wonder if their money is being well spent or simply used to party all the time and study when one has the time. As much as college costs, this is a legitimate question. To put your parents' minds at ease, your pal Mark has come up with a great plan to convince them that you do study. At least occasionally.

What is the secret to get your parents off your back and leave you alone? When you go home, use very big words. The bigger, the better because your family and friends will be impressed with the vocabulary you have gained while off to college. After all, college is an investment and

parents like to think that their investment is being well spent.

Generally, the bigger the word the better. Simply get a dictionary and peruse it. When you find a word that is not commonly used or sounds pretentious start saying it. It helps to practice at school by dropping large words into conversations. It doesn't matter if the word doesn't make sense within the context of the conversation because it's the fact that you know the word that will impress everyone.

Some people will tell you it's good to look up a word a day to broaden your mind, but let's be honest. If you wanted to broaden your mind, you wouldn't be reading this would you? But since you are, remember that to learn large words with expedience, one must ignore the definition and concentrate on remembering the word. Now this may get you into some sticky situations when you say words that have nothing to do with the conversation at hand, but that's a risk worth taking.

The key to using big words is to act like you know what they mean. It's all about attitude and if you show enough of it in

a conversation people will take you at your word because they don't know what in the world you're talking about. If you show attitude while you talk, people will think you're simply smarter than they are and just nod. It's happened to myself so often that sometimes my neck begins to hurt.

If you do come upon someone who happens to know what some of the immense words you use really mean, then run. And I mean run fast.

No person looks worse than one who uses large words and doesn't know what they mean. But if you're in company of others who don't know, it doesn't matter because sagaciousness is always penurious.

So the next time you want to impress your friends or convince your parents you have learned something besides the many uses of foam cups, use a big word. They'll be impressed, shocked, and sybaritic. And if you don't know what that last word means—look it up.

Mark Blevins is a columnist for The Parthenon. Comments can be directed to him at 696-6696 or 311 Smith Hall.

CAMPUS views

Letters sent to Campus View must not exceed 250 words. Opinion pieces longer than 250 words may be used as guest columns and published elsewhere on this page.

Pay attention to fire drills

I recently witnessed a fire drill at Corbly Hall and was amazed at the complacency of people's attitudes concerning the drill. People were still coming in the building and had to be told to leave. Others were standing right by the building which is not a good idea if a fire is actually taking place. Having taken part in numerous fire drills I know good results when I see them and this wasn't a good one.

Another recent fire drill was worse. People in the 3rd floor computer lab totally ignored the buzzer even after I said we were having a fire drill. I then brought it to the attention of the work study people running the printers and one of them said he was told it goes off when it's cold. Pllllllleeeeeeease! Oh yeah some of the ones who chose to take action were still standing against the building! Not too smart in case of a real fire.

It is very apparent to me that the Seton Hall University incident has already been forgotten. What if one of these days it's for real. You know it's your family and friends that are left behind to deal with a loss that sometimes can easily be prevented. Think about it!

— Susan Powers,
CTC freshman

New cartoons aren't as good as ones in past

We are writing you because we are concerned about the lack of humor in your comic strip this semester. Since "In the Crew" had started running, we have found that the characters bland, boring and humorless. The jokes themselves are few and far between. The only humor that we have found to date was when "The Kids These Days" characters made fun of the "Punks" in the new comic strip.

As far as the artwork is concerned, no we are not art majors but we have seen much better from The Parthenon in the past. We are not trying to discourage James Harris, the strip's cartoonist, but we don't find a squirrel saying "kwee" very funny.

Our suggestion is to either run an Associated Press cartoon like "Zits" or find another comic strip like the "Kids These Days." That cartoon may have offended a few people but at least it was funny.

— Ralph Holbrook and
Jeremy Rhodes,
Marshall students

Editors note:

Adam Daniels, the past cartoonist for The Parthenon, has graduated and moved on to bigger things. James Harris, a freshman with true initiative, was welcomed by The Parthenon as the new cartoonist without hesitation. We and Harris will take suggestions from readers, hopefully with a little more compassion than the above letter to the editor.

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If you don't like it then don't buy it

by JENI HANSON
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(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — I have grown tired of listening to women complain about the image they feel the media forces upon them. Women bemoan the unrealistic standards they feel obligated to measure themselves against. They buy magazines like Cosmopolitan, Vogue and Mademoiselle while the men they try to woo with the latest 'hot tips' are knee deep in the latest issue of Playboy. Go figure. How many times have you heard a man lament over the fact that he can't count each of his girlfriend's ribs? Now think of how many women you've heard cattily whisper about the girl who shouldn't have 'poured herself into those jeans.' The very women who feel stuffed into a five-foot ten, 115 pound mold propagate and sustain its existence.

I have a painful admission to make; I was a full-fledged, card-carrying member of the Seventeen magazine brigade, a Cosmo junkie-in-training, as a high school student. Each month I thumbed through glossy smut that ensured me a great figure by swimsuit season, the perfect plan to snare Mr. Right, and the key to

popularity. Every issue echoed the last. A waif-like creature grinned or pouted on the cover, and inside the female readers voiced their dissatisfaction with the 'too skinny' girls in preceding issues. Only once do I recall Seventeen straying from this tried and true formula.

Someone had the audacity to put a young woman without protruding ribs and hips into a swimsuit and onto the magazine's cover! The following month Seventeen was inundated by letters admonishing the decision to put 'a girl with a tummy' on the cover. Some girls said that they were thinner than the model and, therefore, should have been on the cover. An editor included a cynical remark about the magazine's attempt to give the reader what they asked for and Seventeen returned to gracing its cover with skinny girls.

Calista Flockhart made an appearance at the Oscars in a dress that revealed her skeletal frame, and the tabloids jumped all over allegations of anorexia. News stations aired reports that Ms. Flockhart missed work on the set of Ally McBeal to deal with her eating disorder and, we, the adoring public, couldn't wait to hear more. Lara Flynn Boyle and Courtney Cox also find

themselves amidst controversy over their shrinking waistlines.

On runways across the world, women make their fortunes draping designers' creations over their gaunt frames. From this, one would discern that it's acceptable to weigh next to nothing only if it's in the job description.

I cheered (silently, of course) as Christina Ricci vamped onscreen in such films as Buffalo 66 and Opposite of Sex. Then I cringed as people, namely women, made such backhanded compliments as, "It's so cool that she doesn't have to be thin to be cast in a sexy role." I fume as Beauty.com's banner "Chocolate-Fattening, Beauty.com-Flattering" flashes across my computer screen. It takes an act of willpower to refrain from drawing cages around the gaunt figures on the cover of Women's Wear Daily. I fight the urge to scrawl signs proclaiming 'Don't Feed the Model' alongside their sunken, sullen faces.

OK, ladies. Enough complaining. If you don't like the image that is being marketed to you, don't buy it, don't watch it, don't double click on it. I know it's easier said than done. I certainly don't pick up the latest issue of Cosmo because it makes me feel good about myself, so why do you?

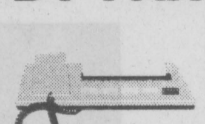
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Herd happy to get win

Losing streak in MAC play ends at 17

by **MICHELLE JAMES**
reporter

Marshall's women's basketball team ended its 17-game Mid-American Conference and six-game home losing streaks Wednesday night, defeating Bowling Green 69-59 at the Cam Henderson Center.



Marshall, 0-6 against the Falcons entering the game, picked up its first win over Bowling Green since the series began in 1974.

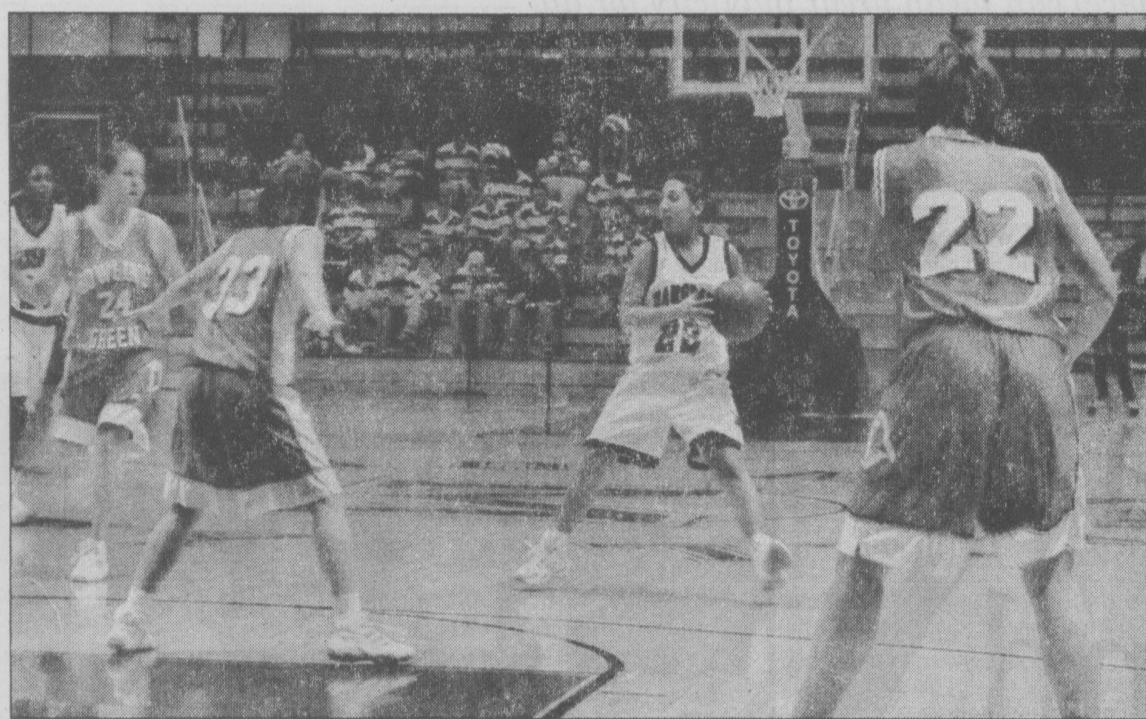
"It was a great game for us," said Marshall Coach Juliene Simpson, whose squad improved to 7-14 overall and 1-9 in the league.



"We knew we would win. The only question was when. It's great to win at home."

Marshall's Toni Patillo had her third double-figure outing in her last seven games, with a game-high 16 points.

"We came out and did what



Point guard Karrie Cook looks to pass against Bowling Green's defense Wednesday.

photo by Terri Blair

we had to do," said Patillo, a junior guard who made her 47th straight start.

"We were tired of coming out on the short end of the stick. It's like coach says, there are hills and valleys. We want more hills than valleys and tonight there were more hills."

Marshall continued to rebound its opponents in the victory, pulling down 53 rebounds to the Falcons' 40. Sophomore forward Au'Yana Ferguson and junior forward Yashiro Stevens led Marshall with 10 rebounds each.

Despite the rebound advantage, Simpson attributed the win to another factor.

"We came out with such authority tonight," she said. "We always have confidence, but today we came out with authority and the longer we had the lead, the more confidence we got."

Bowling Green (5-15 overall and 3-7 in the conference) took a 2-0 lead 47 seconds into the game. Its lead would not last long, as Marshall took its first lead at 5-2 on Patillo's 3-pointer with 18:26 left in the first half.

The Thundering Herd never relinquished that lead.

Marshall led 15-6 before the Falcons, behind Afra Smith's eight points in the first half, pulled within two at 21-20.

But that wasn't enough to give Bowling Green the half-time lead, as Ferguson nailed two free throws and a jump shot to give Marshall a 33-23 lead heading into the locker room.

In the second half, the Falcons trailed by only three with 14:08 left, but would get no closer.

The Thundering Herd gained its first league victory since its home win over Buffalo on Jan. 25, 1999.

"It's going to be hard for anyone to play us in the conference now because we got it," Stevens said. "We got our first taste of victory."

Marshall resumes league play at 7 p.m. Saturday at Akron.

Herd plans to bounce back against Buffalo, White says

by **KIRK D. LIGHTNER**
reporter

Rest. Rest. Rest.

That is what Marshall head men's basketball coach Greg White has been preaching to his team for the past few days.

"It was obvious to everyone that we were physically and mentally tired Saturday against Ohio," White said of Marshall's 77-53 loss to the Bobcats.

Marshall, 14-6 overall and 6-5 in the Mid-American Conference, hosts Buffalo University, 5-15 overall and 3-8 in the conference, at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Cam Henderson Center.



White

The Thundering Herd is in fifth place in the East Division, but White thinks a league title still is a possibility.

"We are still right in the hunt in the division," he said. "Anything can happen and we are looking forward to each and every game."

Point guard Cornelius Jackson echoes, "People need to remember we were 10-0. We need to get back to our original game plan that helped us win all of those games."

The team's fatigue and poor inside and outside play were the main factors in Saturday's loss.

"For us to win, the ball needs to go through J.R. VanHoose every possession," White said.

The Thundering Herd enters Thursday's game after losing four of its last five games and three of its last four conference contests.

"A key for our success is for us to be able to bounce back after a tough loss," White said.

"The guys know they played poorly at Ohio Saturday. Instead of me telling them that, they need me to encourage them and tell them things will work out."

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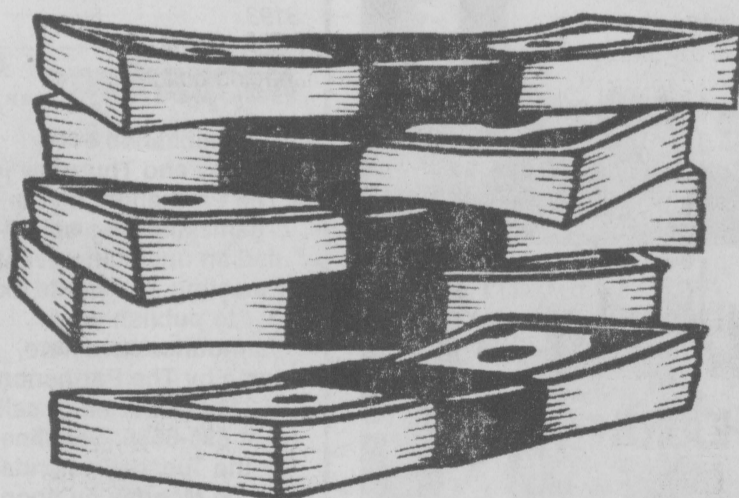
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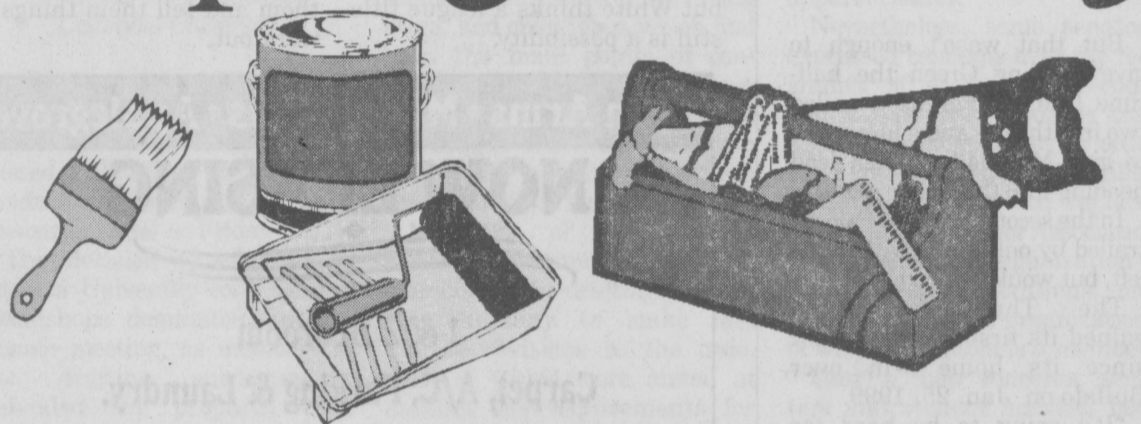
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"It (community service) can mean great publicity for all Greeks, to show the community that we do more than party and drink. It will also be a great opportunity for the Greeks to get to know each other better."

Bill Walker,

Alpha Sigma Phi vice president and community service chairman

Lending a helping hand



Alpha Sigma Phi members see benefits of community service

story and photos by
ELINE M. LOEFGREN SKEIDE
reporter

When asked about community service, some may agree that it is honorable and worthwhile. Others might even go so far as to say that it is rewarding.

However, few have or take the time to actually participate. But not Alpha Sigma Phi members.

They have worked more than 2,200 hours helping the community surrounding Marshall this year. By May, they hope to reach their goal of 4,000 hours.

Saturday, 10 Alpha Sigma Phi members went to Guyandotte's Boys and Girls Club, where they helped out for several hours by re-painting one of the rooms in the building that is used to help unfortunate kids in the area.

Among the fraternity members attending the painting session were Alpha Sigma Phi vice president and community service chairman Bill Walker, Ryan Wolfe, Jason Southall, Donnie Robinson, Kris Parker and Chris Layne.

Also helping — but not a member of the fraternity — was student court justice Cory Dennison.

Jason Simms, Matt Mattson and Anthony McClennan were doing similar work at the West End's Boys and Girls Club.

The Boys and Girls Club is a nationwide organization predominantly funded through private donations and the United Way. It is dependent on volunteers and people performing community service like Alpha Sigma Phi members did this weekend.

"We appreciate everything the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity

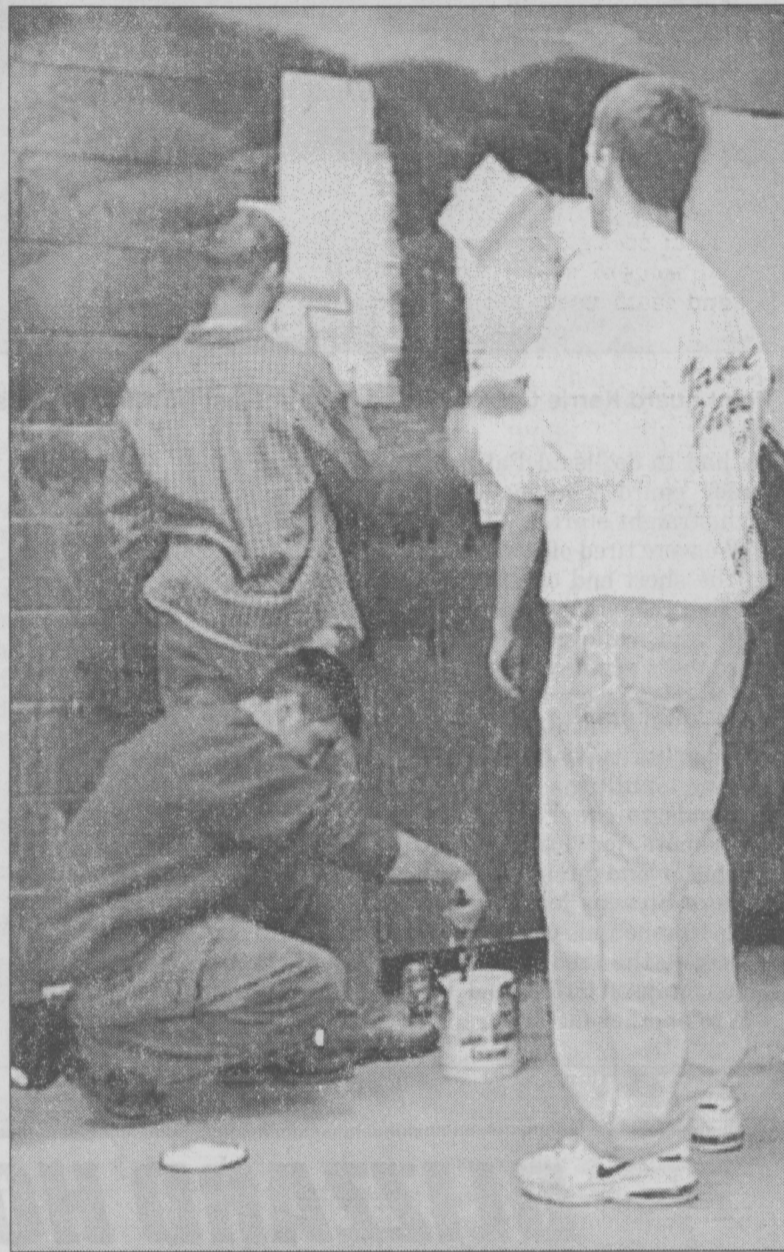
has done for us," said James Irwing, manager for Guyandotte's Boys and Girls Club.

"It shows the kids here that people do care about them."

The room that needed re-painting had artwork that Irwing considered unsuitable for a Boys and Girls Club. The paintings on the wall showed an Appalachian distillery with green hills and unsuccessfully hidden marijuana leaves in the background.

Irwing and his fellow employees wanted to turn the room into a study room. Because the room has no windows, the dark colors, used in the decorative paintings did not provide enough light.

Once the room is turned into the desired study room, Alpha Sigma Phi members will be able to continue their tutoring efforts at the Boys and Girls Club.



Alpha Sigma Phi members apply a coat of white paint to this wall at Guyandotte's Boys and Girls Club to cover up a painting of an Appalachian distillery with green hills and unsuccessfully hidden marijuana leaves in the background.

"Every once in a while," Walker said, "members go down to the club and read for the kids and try to help them learn how to read for themselves."

Walker said Alpha Sigma Phi members are keeping themselves busy this semester.

"Last Saturday, 12 of our brothers attended a service project for a local domestic violence shelter, in which we painted the entire inside of the house and then cleaned it also," Walker said.

"This is only one of the many projects we have done for the community so far."

During Christmas break, Alpha Sigma Phi dropped off gifts at the Boys and Girls Club. The center annually distributes Christmas presents to all of its member kids, but it can be difficult to get enough presents for them.

"This fraternity really helped us out during our Christmas dinner," Irwing said.

"They made it so that every kid got a present to bring home. Without their help we would not have made it."

The center tries to give clothing to the kids to help keep

them warm, but during Christmas it also tries to give them toys.

"We feel very strongly about community service," Walker said. "And we would like to invite all organizations and individuals on campus to join us and attend our weekly projects."

In mid-March, Alpha Sigma Phi members plan to organize a full weekend of community service — the "Alpha Sigma Phi Community Service Weekend."

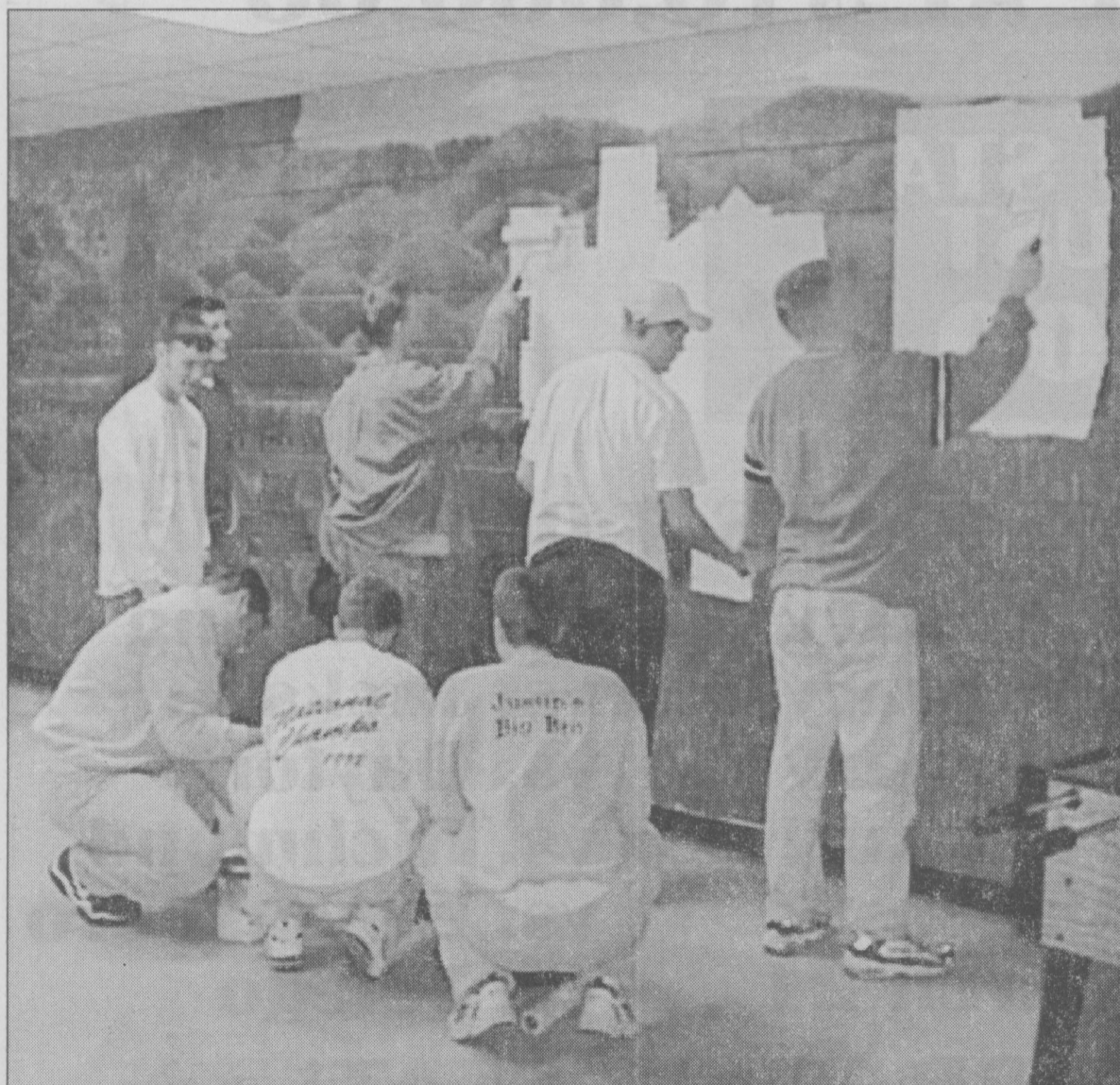
They want all the members of Marshall's Greek society to get involved in an attempt to finish five or six major projects during the weekend.

"It can mean great publicity for all Greeks, to show the community that we do more than party and drink," Walker said.

"It will also be a great opportunity for the Greeks to get to know each other better."

Walker invites anyone interested in working with his fraternity on one of its projects to call him at (304) 697-5905.

"Anyone that is willing to attend is more than welcome," Wolfe said. "You don't know true brotherhood until you do something like this."



Ten Alpha Sigma Phi members devoted several hours Saturday to re-painting a room in Guyandotte's Boys and Girls Club. "We appreciate everything the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity has done for us," said manager James Irwing. "It shows the kids here that people do care about them."



Alpha Sigma Phi members have combined to devote more than 2,200 hours to community service during the fall semester and this semester. Their goal is to have 4,000 hours by May.

Happenings...

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Campus Light Baptist Ministries, meeting, Memorial Student Center 2W16, 8 p.m. Contact: Dave Greear 529-1545.

FRIDAY, FEB. 4, 2000

Habitat for Humanity, building houses, Campus Christian Center, 1 p.m. Contact: Jim McCune 696-3054.

MONDAY, FEB. 7, 2000

Lions Club, meeting, MSC 2W37, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Sarah Cavendish 697-9421.

TUESDAY, FEB. 8, 2000

P.R.O.W.L., meeting, CCC, 9:10 p.m. Contact: Bob Bondurant 696-3052.

Student Government Association, meeting, MSC 2W29B, 4 p.m. Contact: SGA office 696-6435.

Student Activities Programming Board, meeting, MSC 2W37, 3:15 p.m. Contact: SAPB office 696-2290.

Residence Services, Forensic Science, Twin Towers East, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

Residence Services, Making Your Relationships Work, Laidley Hall, 9:30 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

Residence Services, Un-Valentine's Day Party, Buskirk Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

Residence Services, What's Love Got To Do With It, Buskirk Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9, 2000

Habitat for Humanity, meeting, CCC, 1 p.m. Contact: Jim McCune 696-3054.

Baptist Campus Ministry, meeting, CCC, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Jerry Losh 696-3053.

Lambda Society, meeting, MSC 2W16, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Raymie White 696-6623.

SOAR, meeting, Alumni Center, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Bob Dorado 696-6633.

Residence Services, Cheap Date: Inexpensive Valentine's Day, Hodges Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

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