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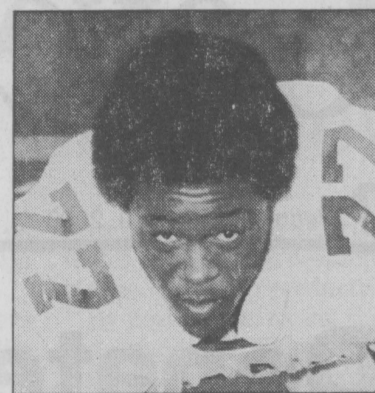
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What's LOVE got to do with it?

Women's Center graduate assistant tells students it's OK to be alone on Valentine's

by **TAMARA ENDICOTT**
reporter

A bag of M&Ms, sarcastic love poetry and homemade Valentine cards were part of the floor program, "Whats Love Got to Do With It?" Tuesday night at Holderby Hall.

Guest speaker Laura Haynes, graduate assistant for Marshall University's Women's Center, passed around a bag of M&Ms to the 31 residents who attended. Different colors stood for questions that would reveal something personal about that person or someone else in the group.

"I pulled two red ones and a yellow one," said Bill Seese, music education graduate student.

"Two things I love are my fiancé — we've been engaged for three months — and I also love rollercoasters. Something that makes me happy is being with the guys on my floor."

The students were divided into two groups, one for people who enjoy Valentine's Day and the other for those who do not. The groups wrote poetry based on their feelings.

"Love is lying to get your wallet back," Tyrone Green, business management major, said.

"Love is heartbreaking and



photo by Tamara Endicott
Couple Carin Clark, left, and Jason Brown write love poetry Tuesday for the Holderby Hall floor program.

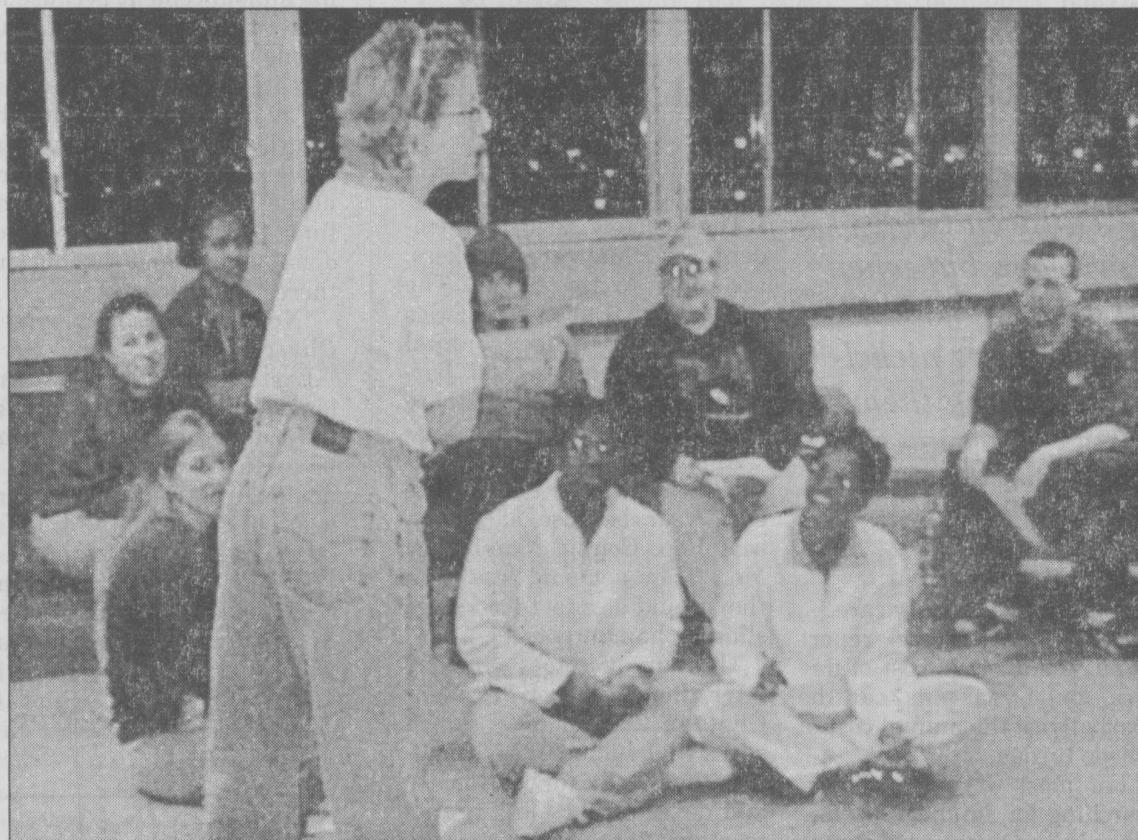


photo by Tamara Endicott
Laura Haynes tells students not to have negative feelings about being alone on Valentine's Day.

pocketbreaking," accounting major Maurice McKinney said. Students also made Valentine's cards to give to someone they appreciate.

Haynes explained to the residents that they don't have

to feel negatively about being alone on Valentine's Day.

"In my opinion, you shouldn't feel pressure to have a girlfriend or boyfriend or pressure to buy something," Haynes said.

"I don't want to feel pressure just because it's Feb. 14."

Jason Brown, Huntington, and Jennings Starcher, Ravenswood, won \$10 Applebee's gift certificates for the program's door prize.

Program offers scenery change for a semester

by **JON P. ROGERS**
reporter

Doing homework on a Puerto Rican or Hawaiian beach is probably many students' fantasy this time of year.

If that appears unlikely for most people it is, in fact, possible.

The National Student Exchange (NSE) program arranges for students to spend a semester, or up to an entire year, at another participating university.

The NSE is a consortium of colleges with schools in 47 states and the District of Columbia, British Columbia and Quebec in Canada, as well as Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"Marshall students can pay the same tuition they would normally pay here to visit any of the distant colleges," Martha C. Woodward said. Woodward is the executive director of the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence (CAE), which oversees the NSE here.

The tuition, at either in-state or out-of-state rates as appropriate, is paid directly to Marshall, not to the host university. Students are responsible for paying for either on- or off-campus housing and meals.

Julie E. Klejdys and Erin E. Murphy are best friends and roommates who are visiting Marshall from Buffalo State College in New York, the cam-



Klejdys



Murphy

Please see **A CHANGE, P3**

Students sell books to attend expo

by **DIANE POTTORFF**
reporter

The Women's Studies Student Association wants to send a delegation to this year's Feminist Expo, and is selling books to help reach that goal.

Linda Trollinger, Proctorville graduate student in sociology and president of WSSA, said 6,000 to 10,000 people will attend the convention March 31 through April 2 in Baltimore.

Marshall's WSSA is planning on sending about 20 students on March 31, Trollinger said.

"We had a book sale last semester and did well," she said.

This semester's book sale is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Thursday in the Memorial Student Center.

The group received the donated books from faculty, staff, students and friends.

WSSA is planning other fund-raising events to prepare for the convention.

A coffee house with music by Steve Free and a poetry read-

ing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at Marco's in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

A benefit auction will be March 10 with the location to be announced.

So far, the group has raised more than \$300.

Angela Connor, Flatwoods, Ky., graduate student in education and vice president of WSSA, said she became involved with the group when she took a class in Women's Studies.

Mary Barrett, Troy, Penn., graduate student in English, said the group and classes have taught her to be a good leader and an activist.

The expo will feature seminars on the fight for women's equality and empowerment, countering the right wing backlash against women's progress, expanding feminism globally and envisioning a feminist future.

A Feminist Career Center will have networking, internship and job opportunities.



photo by Jeremy Nesbitt
Members of the Women's Studies Student Association sort through books for sale Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center.

Trollinger said when the delegation returns to Marshall, they will make a presentation on campus summarizing their experience.

She also said more information about the delegates' experiences at the expo will be available in April.

Groups search for university response

Gay community members dissatisfied with lack of action over defaced fliers

by **CARRIE A. SMITH**
wire editor

Editor's note: The following report includes the contents of a letter sent to The Parthenon. The contents include possible offensive language.

When members of the Delta Lambda Phi fraternity found their fliers defaced with derogatory graffiti, they wanted something done.

So, the fraternity, the Lambda Society and the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Outreach Office turned to the places they thought would help them.

Much to their surprise, these members of Marshall's gay community said they found doors all around campus slamming in their faces.

"What we had wished for was an official statement from the university saying that this act was against the Code of Conduct and wouldn't be accepted," Okey Napier Jr. said, "and would be prosecuted if someone was caught in the act."

Napier, chairman of the Commission on Multiculturalism's subcommittee on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender affairs, said the incident was initially reported to Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs. She referred the matter to the Office of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs.

"We tried to make an appointment with them (Office of Multicultural Affairs), but we were refused," Napier said. "Instead, we were referred to the Commission on Multiculturalism."

The commission meets once a month and serves in an advisory capacity to make recommendations to the Office of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs. The commission will not meet again until Feb. 16.

Napier said this action was not good enough. He then turned to President Dan Angel, who also referred him to the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

The Parthenon made numerous attempts to reach Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs, and Dr. Ernest Middleton, associate vice president for multicultural affairs. Neither could be reached for comment.

Attempts were also made to

contact Angel. Dr. Keith Spears, vice president of communications, returned those calls.

"President Angel's schedule is jam-packed tight and there are people who have had appointments with him for weeks," Spears said. "I don't see how you can bump one group for the other."

Spears said Angel referred the groups to multicultural affairs because he felt that was the appropriate office to deal with the situation.

"He's (Angel) not saying this is not important," Spears said. "He's just saying let's take it through the right channels."

Raymie White, LGBO co-coordinator, said the Commission on Multiculturalism's job is to "ensure this campus is as multicultural as possible."

David Harris, director of equity programs, said nothing could be done officially until the person or persons who vandalized the signs has been caught, but his office does plan to release a statement.

"The statement will reiterate university policy and reaffirm it so the public sees what the university thinks of discrimination," Harris said.

Napier said the statement will be broad-based and will not point to specific issues.

"We feel there should be a response by the university that would reinforce the anti-discriminatory, anti-harassment policies," Napier said.

"These policies exist and if the university enforced them, it would add a more secure feeling among the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community."

In addition, the discrimination and harassment has gone beyond the gay community. The Parthenon received a threatening letter through campus mail following coverage of the vandalism.

The following is the letter, reproduced exactly as it was received:

"What's with The Parthenon covering all this gay shit? Either your all gay or you like to stir shit and piss people off. I've already go the feeling Butch Barker and Christa (Krista) Crawford are gay, but I thought at least the sports edi-

Please see **GROUPS, P3**

SGA elects parliamentarian, discusses petitions

by **RHANDA M. FARMER**
reporter

The Student Senate elected College of Liberal Arts Senator Nate Kuratomi parliamentarian at Tuesday's meeting.

Nominations for the position were reopened this week with College of Education and Human Services Senator Adrian Cain also receiving a nomination.

The parliamentarian acts as the judicial officer of the senate. Parliamentarians provide guidance into the workings of the senate, track senator absences in accordance with the by-laws and ensure meetings run accord-

ing to parliamentary procedure.

"I've looked at the constitution and by-laws and I have a clear idea of what they say," Kuratomi said.

"If you give me something to do, I'll get it done," he said. "I want to do a little more than what I've done so far."

The senate also passed bills involving the allocation of funds to student organizations.

The Public Relations Student Society of America received \$500 to host their "Connections 2000" program, which will enable students from Marshall and other universities to learn public relations skills and pro-

vide them with the opportunity to meet with professionals.

The Model United Nations also received \$500 to attend a conference in Dayton, Ohio. Ten or 12 members will attend the conference and represent Marshall by acting as representatives from three countries on various committees.

Bills were introduced involving the allocation of funds to Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the Marshall Newman Center and the Women's Studies Student Association.

Student Government Association President Brandi Jacobs reminded the senators of the petition drive that starts Thursday.

According to the petition to the Cabell County Commission, the purpose is to show student support of the proposed student housing project on the site of the former Doctor's Memorial Building. The proposal will provide housing for hundreds of students. Providing housing for current students will free dorm space for entering freshmen. It also will provide additional parking.

"We are trying to get 2,000 signatures by Feb. 23, so we need to get these petitions out there," Jacobs said.

The Student Senate is also circulating a Marshall University Student Petition for Initiative.

This petition will help to establish the online posting of class syllabi and to mandate student access to faculty evaluations.

Student Government Association Vice President Tony Ponton said, "I know we all ran on the platform of giving students a voice. These petitions are your chance to give students a chance to be heard."

Senators set the spring election dates for March 14 and 15. Filing for the elections closes at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 29.

Applications are available in the Student Government Office in Memorial Student Center 2W29B.

Debate begins over budget

by MARTIN CRUTSINGER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton was so proud of what his final budget would do about eliminating the publicly held part of the national debt that he used a paint brush to draw a plunging blue line on a wall chart.

Angry Republicans probably would have chosen the color red for Clinton's last budget — for the shame they charge he should feel about his new spending programs, his tax increases and his modest tax reductions.

"The president proposed a laundry list of expensive, big-government programs the country doesn't need and tax increases the Republicans in Congress will



Clinton

never support," said Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla.

Both sides in the debate wasted no time in staking out positions for a debate that is certain to last all the way into November, when voters go to the polls.

Republicans contend what voters want is less government and bigger tax increases. Clinton argues that what the country needs to keep the current prosperity going is a more balanced approach that addresses pressing needs such as a lack of health care, pays down the federal debt

and offers targeted tax relief.

The Clinton administration will feel the Republican criticism firsthand today as members of the president's Cabinet appear before various congressional committees to defend the administration's spending and tax proposals.

In releasing the budget Monday, Clinton said it was important that the nation seize the current good times and bulging government surpluses to "make the most of this moment of promise to extend prosperity to all corners of our nation."

Clinton's \$1.84 trillion spending plan for the 2001 budget year, beginning in October, would spend more for the environment, schools and gun-law enforcement while still pledging

to take steps to erase the \$3.7 trillion publicly held portion of the national debt by 2013.

Clinton also proposed a major expansion in the Earned Income Tax Credit that helps the working poor, called for the government to provide health insurance for 5 million of the 44 million Americans who do not have it and help the elderly pay for drug prescriptions.

Republicans charged all the new spending programs were an effort to appeal to voters in hopes they will reward Democratic candidates in the fall.

"It has all the things for everyone they feel they'll need to get Al Gore elected president," House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said.

Candidate for governor of W.Va. admits he's been arrested 150 times

by JENNIFER BUNDY
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Republican gubernatorial candidate Joseph Oliverio disclosed Monday that he has been arrested 150 times for fighting.

Oliverio said he also has received 60 speeding tickets, has "inhaled" and has at times abused alcohol.

"I just feel it's made me a stronger person. These guys want to make it out like I'm some real bad individual."

He said he decided to make his announcement because he has received anonymous phone calls from someone threatening to reveal his past.

The man said, "I'm with the Charles Dixon campaign. I'm going to go to every courthouse in West Virginia and find anything you've ever done wrong and put it out there," Oliverio said.

"Nobody threatens me," Oliverio said.

Last week Oliverio challenged Dixon's right to run for governor as a Republican because Dixon was not a member of the GOP for at least 60 days before filing for office, as state law requires.

Dixon switched from Democrat to Republican on Dec. 27. He filed for governor Jan. 28.

Bill Harrington, chief of staff to Secretary of State Ken

Hechler, said Dixon's candidacy probably will not be certified.

Dixon could not immediately be reached for comment.

"I don't feel I have anything to hide. I may be embarrassed by some of the stuff I have done. I've never done anything terrible. I never raped. I never murdered. I never had children out of wedlock. I've been married for 20 years," Oliverio said.

He got into most fights when he was young and had been drinking.

"I have never started a fight," he said. When accosted by bigger men, the 5-foot-8 Oliverio said he would fight back.

"I was arrested all over the place. Several states. I worked out of town a lot," said Oliverio, a painting contractor.

All the charges filed against him were misdemeanors and he never spent a day in jail, he said. "In West Virginia it's usually easier to pay a fine," Oliverio said.

He has made other mistakes.

"I have inhaled," he said. When asked specifically what he inhaled, he said, "Just put I inhaled. Most people understand that."

He began drinking heavily after he lost \$250,000 on a painting contract he was not fully paid for.

Porn legislation passes in Senate

CHARLESTON (AP) — The Senate has joined Gov. Cecil Underwood's battle against smut.

Legislation that proposes to keep pornography out of sight and beyond the reach of youngsters passed the Senate unanimously Monday.

The bill is SB133. A similar House bill, HB4075, is pending in the House Judiciary Committee.

Underwood's bill would forbid the display — in magazines, billboards, movies and online — of pornography to those who are younger than 18. The measure says pornography is material defined by "contemporary community standards" and appeals to a "prurient interest."

Civil libertarians, who say pornography cannot be defined, oppose the legislation.

Study: Quality child care still a problem

by JANELLE CARTER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A lack of affordable, quality child care remains a problem for millions of families at all economic levels, a study concluded. Lawmakers cited the results in urging expansion of child-care efforts.

"We talk about our children being priceless but when it comes to ... child care, we're nickel-and-dime them," Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said.

The 90,000-member National Council of Jewish Women released a report Tuesday that looks at the obstacles families face in finding child care. The study, which compiled recent child-care research, urges both the public and private sectors to work toward better access

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Christopher
Dodd,
senator, D-Conn.

and affordable, quality care.

In 15 states, the report found, the average cost of day care for 4-year-olds can be nearly twice the annual cost of college tuition.

"For most working parents, searching for child care is like running an Olympic track race — every hurdle they leap is followed by another," said Jan

Schneiderman, president of the organization.

The struggle is just as evident for child-care workers, according to the report. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says the average annual salaries of janitors and bartenders are higher than those of child-care workers.

Almost one-third of child-care workers leave their jobs each year because of money, said Rep. Connie Morella, R-Md. "They get paid less than they would at a fast-food place slinging hamburgers."

The survey comes one day after the release of President Clinton's 2001 budget, which seeks \$1.1 billion, a \$573 million increase, for child-care and development block grants to states. The grants are the primary source of child-care subsidies for poor families.

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Registration may combat bike theft

by DIANE POTTORFF
reporter

Even though Punxsutawney Phil has predicted that spring is six weeks away, Marshall Police say it is not too early to register bicycles.

Sgt. Angela Howell said bikes are stolen through the winter, but are stolen more frequently in the spring and early fall.

Howell encourages everyone on or off campus to register their bikes because registering helps to recover them if they are stolen.

MUPD will register and engrave bikes for free.

Students can register their bikes online at www.marshall.edu/mupd/ or students can go the Public Safety office and pick up a brochure.

Registration can be done 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Officers also give the following tips:

- They recommend that students keep their bikes locked to a fixed object with a U-bolt lock secured to the object, bike frame and wheel or a case-hardened padlock and cable.

- Check the lock by pulling on it to make sure it is secure.

- Retain receipts and record the serial number.

- Be able to identify the bike by its color and features.

- Have one or more color photos of the bike and owner.

- Use an engraver to place an identifying mark on an unpainted major bicycle area.

- During the day while at home, keep the bike out of sight.

- At night and when not at home, keep the bike inside a locked structure.

- And try to avoid parking a bike in a high crime, deserted or poorly lit area.

A change of scenery

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pus home of the program. Both are juniors from Buffalo. Klejdys' major is communication disorders and Murphy is majoring in biology.

"It's a great program to go through. You can try a new area for four months, or longer," Klejdys said.

Murphy was more reserved than Klejdys in her enthusiasm for the NSE.

"[The experience] has been generally good," Murphy said, "but if Marshall is going to continue in this program there are things they need to do better. My roommate and I got nothing from MU in the mail except our schedules and a bill. No information about the town, no campus map, we got jack. We both have had no luck finding a job and the university has been no help whatsoever. The town is not what we expected either. While the people are nicer than Buffalo people, who tend to be rude, there's not much to do in Huntington. It was culture shock. We didn't like it here very much at first."

Others have had a different experience with the program.

Mayra A. Santiago, a science education sophomore from San Juan, Puerto Rico, said, "I received a map and lot of other help before I came. I really like it here and hope to transfer to Marshall. People are so nice and friendly. Marshall is warm and intimate compared to the university I attended at home, and I feel more comfortable in the smaller classes."

Klejdys, Murphy and Santiago all praised Woodward for her help in answering questions.

Santiago said she chose Marshall to improve her grammar and syntax in English. Klejdys and Murphy chose to come here, in part, because Marshall offered programs in their fields. "We sat for nights on end eliminating places until we ended up here. There are classes here not offered at Buffalo and the credits will transfer, at least as electives," Klejdys said.

Students usually provide three to five choices of universities they would like to attend. Woodward said, "Some universities are obviously going to be a lot harder to be placed into than other ones. Due to limited dorm space, Hunter College in New York City is very hard to get into. Hawaii, naturally, is hard to enter, as one might guess." Other universities are difficult to get into for reasons that may not be readily apparent, as for example if they offer unusual courses of study. One Marshall student is currently studying entomology at the University of Georgia, one of the few participating schools offering that subject, Woodward said.

An NSE directory is available in the CAE reading room, Old Main 230. The directory

Testing Center finds new home in Morrow

by SUMMER L. RUGGLES
reporter

The Testing Center has moved to the Morrow Library.

Two years ago the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) established the Computer Based Testing Center (CBTC) to oversee a series of tests for COEHS students.

Today, the CBTC has expanded and tests include the GRE, GMAT, PRAXIS and NAPLEX. The center also has become a branch of the Education Testing

Services.

In October the CBTC moved from the Gold Building to room G45 of the Morrow Library.

"We are pleased with the new location," said Vickie Seguin, director of the Testing Center.

"This is a growing service more and more students use every year," Seguin said. "We needed a bigger, nicer facility."

The facility has expanded to eight testing areas with sound-proof glass and new video cameras. The testing service is available to students, people in

the Tri-State area, and even throughout the country, Seguin said.

The CBTC also offers Microsoft Office User Specialist testing. There are two levels of testing for MOUS, Microsoft Office Proficient Specialist and Expert Specialist.

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series of tasks that clearly illustrates the person's desktop computing skills and productivity.

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Practice exams are not given at the CBTC, but links can be found online at www.marshall.edu/cbct/contact.html.

More information about the Computer Based Testing Center is available from 696-2604.

Groups seek official action

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tor could talk the fag and dike out of writing a bunch of gay stuff. Unless he's gay too. Anyway, all I know is I've decided to stop reading your paper. Although I might pick it up occasionally to line my cats shit box or to wipe my ass, you won't be targeting me for your 'everybody love queers' campaign. Good riddens, a concerned Marshall student and self-proclaimed 'fag basher.'

The letter has been turned over to MUPD, but Napier said that still isn't good enough.

"Sometimes because people show their support, they bring themselves into danger. It's hard living with the idea that at any time you could walk outside and get hit over the head with a baseball bat."

Members of these organizations say that through silence, the university is condoning sexual orientation discrimination.

"It's saying that people can get away with anything they want because the university won't do anything about it,"

Napier said.

"We're just curious about the resistance of the multicultural office to do anything. There are representatives of the student population that are being denied access to this office when it affects multicultural students."

White added that the office has always stood behind the gay community, but this situation is "the first time we've put them to the test."

Brandi Jacobs, Student Government Association president, issued a statement regarding the incidents:

"We feel the attacks made against the Lambda Delta Phi are inexcusable and we have no tolerance for that. Despite one's personal preferences, every student has a right to express themselves in a dignified manner and if this were a race issue, it would be handled completely differently. It appalls me that there has not been enough done by the university in support of the fraternity. All students have the right to represent themselves and when we begin to discriminate against such students, we are heading in the wrong direction."

Parthenon news editor Rebecca Cantley and reporter Rhanda Farmer contributed to this report.

Cupid misses mark on Un-Valentine's Day

by J.J. SPICHEK
reporter

Tuesday night, the Un-Valentine's Day Party took place in Buskirk Hall to combat the Valentine's Day blues.

This is the fourth annual Un-Valentine's Party.

It has been successful since its existence, Shae Powers resident director of Buskirk Hall said. Thirty-five females participated in the Un-Valentine's Day Party.

Lisa Collard, who works as a counselor at the Counseling Center in Prichard Hall was the guest speaker.

Collard, spoke on self esteem and relationships.

"I tried to break the hype by saying it's OK about not having a boyfriend on Valentine's Day," Collard said.

The program is an emotional program that focuses on relationships and self esteem

issues, Powers said.

A majority of the female students who participated were freshmen and sophomores, Powers said.

"Some of the students come from small communities, and this is a good way to build up their low self-esteem, and get used to the college settings," Powers said.

All six RAs work together to make the program a success, Powers said. Fliers were posted and mail stuffers were put in mailboxes to remind students of the program, Powers said. Food and refreshments were provided, and prizes were given as an incentive for students to participate, Powers said.

Resident Adviser Jessica Taylor said, "We are trying to rely on yourself, instead of establishing a relationship, and it's a good opportunity to bond."

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OUR views

We want to be taken seriously

We would like to make an announcement: We are an official newspaper.

We take our jobs seriously and try our best to report important news in a careful and accurate manner.

We want to be taken seriously.

Our biggest desire, however, is to get answers when we ask questions.

Although the problem has always been there, recently we have had more "no comments" or "not availables" than we can handle.

We've been eluded by Lance West, director of athletics; Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president of multicultural affairs; and Dr. Dan Angel, university president.

We cannot claim that these people are deliberately avoiding us; but when it happens time and time again, we have to wonder.

West couldn't be reached when we were working on the story about NCAA's investigation on Marshall. Calls were made to Cleckley's office and we were told "She's not available, but I will give her the message." We never heard back from her and actually heard she was out of town. Who knows at this point.

Angel has spoken with us, but this week we hear he's very busy. Our presidential reporter had to settle for a phone interview and when Parthenon news editor Rebecca Cantley tried to get a comment from Angel about the current situation involving the Delta Lambda Phi and Marshall's gay community, she received a call from Dr. Keith Spears, vice president for communications.

Spears spoke on Angel's behalf and did the same when reporter Stefanie Fraley attempted to ask the same questions as Cantley.

Not only is this bothersome to us, but it makes stories one-sided. When an important story includes opposing views, we try to get both sides.

One of our biggest "no-nos" is to look as if we're taking sides. We save opinions for this page. News articles tell it like is — with facts.

It's hard to achieve that when we're constantly told "he or she is not available."

We understand people are busy. Believe us, so are we. But why do our sources choose not to talk? It will only take more of their time when they have to answer questions from the public because their side wasn't told in a story.

We are not trying to make things worse. We simply want to tell all sides of the stories.

Wal-Mart not filling expectations

by QUINCEY D. VIERLING
The Oracle
(University of South Florida)

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — Conservative legislation on the state and national levels has always been a threat to women's reproductive freedom, but now a more insidious threat is emerging in the form of corporate interference with a woman's right to choose. Wal-Mart, the nation's largest retailer, second-largest pharmacy chain and the University of South Florida's newest neighbor, is part of this plot.

Since June, Wal-Mart has imposed a ban on stocking, ordering, or dispensing the emergency contraceptive PREVEN. PREVEN is a combination of hormonal pills which, if used up to 72 hours after unprotected sex, will prevent pregnancy and therefore prevent the need for a surgical abortion.

The issue might seem to be a minor one, but PREVEN is not just for cases when a condom breaks. PREVEN is very often prescribed to women who have been the victims of rape or incest. In essence, Wal-Mart is sending women, who constitute a majority of its 90 million consumers a week, the message to not expect help from them after

being raped.

The organization Pharmacists for Life, a group of pharmacists who do not approve of any contraceptive method but the barrier method (i.e. condoms or diaphragms) and consider the birth control pill and IUD chemical abortions, has found a home at Wal-Mart.

Most pharmacies expect pharmacists to fill all prescriptions, or they will lose their jobs, but Wal-Mart has supported its pharmacists who are members of the Pharmacists For Life organization.

I find it ironic that any organization which has "For Life" in its name would work for a retailer that sells shotguns.

It seems pretty simple to me; pharmacists should do the work they are hired to do: fill prescriptions and counsel patients regarding drugs.

To not fill a prescription which has been duly prescribed by a doctor is akin to a mechanic refusing to perform a simple oil change; if pharmacists don't want to do that they had better find another profession.

In a city like Tampa, a woman could go to any number of pharmacies and get her prescription for PREVEN filled. But this is not the case in many small towns where Wal-Mart is the

only pharmacy to be had for miles around. Those women would be forced to travel to the next town over, and God help them if the only pharmacy in that town is a Wal-Mart, too.

There is also the issue of health insurance. Many health insurance policies choose a pharmacy for their clients to have their prescription sent based on low prices, and in denying women access to PREVEN in its pharmacies Wal-Mart is essentially denying them insurance coverage for the drug.

Of course, this is a free nation and Wal-Mart has every right to stock what they want to stock, and individuals have the right to believe whatever they choose regarding reproductive rights. But I also have the right to disagree. I have the right to join the

National Organization for Women's boycott of Wal-Mart and its affiliates, even though it may mean forging \$12 jeans and deals on Doritos.

If Wal-Mart decides that it does not care about women and their reproductive freedoms, I have the right to decide that I do not care about them and all the grand opening hoopla commencing at the intersection of Fletcher and Bruce B. Downs.

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.

Reader concerned with ignorance of basher

I was very concerned with the ignorance and outright stupidity of the "self-proclaimed fag basher." My first concern is if the "self-proclaimed fag basher" is so self-proclaimed then why don't we know him by name or is his ignorant, pathetic narrow-mindedness even too frightening for him? As a university, we all (students, faculty, staff) have a responsibility to uphold the acknowledgment and respect for others' human rights and beliefs. Even if you don't personally agree with someone, you can't intelligently argue your position by using profanity and bigoted slurs.

Do the recent slew of letters to the editor and fliers around campus make you question your own sexuality? Have you ever heard of the KKK or the Nazi Party? I bet in some simple minded way you agree with their views, to infringe on individuals' human rights to condone your own bigoted agenda. I really just don't understand what the big deal is or why it is so hard for people to understand, people are people, black, white, straight, gay, Christian, or Jewish. We all just want to be understood and feel safe and confident with who we are and what we believe in.

If you are so much better than everybody else then why even concern yourself with such matters? Why are you even in college is really what I want to know. If you are so preoccupied with keeping your mind shut off to new things and learning about other people then why waste your money with higher education? Oh, and one other thing, the next time you decided to spread your hateful rhetoric you could use a thesaurus or spell check.

— Katherine Cook,
political science sophomore

Student Fees Committee may not have acted well

I don't believe the Student Fees Committee acted in the students' best interests concerning their recommendation to the President concerning funding for MUEMS. It is clear that they did not consider in a realistic manner the costs associated with ambulance coverage and the tradition at Marshall of top-notch emergency care provided at very low cost to the students. A student fee hike of just fifty cents per semester would provide enough funds to allow MUEMS to continue to operate on the MU campus as it has for over a decade.

How much are the students paying in fees right now for a new athletic center that most of them will never use? How much are the students paying for a day care center that most of them will never use? MUEMS's proposed 50 cents per semester fee increase is an incredibly inexpensive insurance policy to ensure effective and FREE ambulance coverage of the entire campus, athletic events and official university functions. What would you rather pay in an emergency for the same professional care — 50 cents or \$400?

I urge each and every student to sign the circulating petitions to ask Dr. Angel to consider the proposed fee increase.

— Bill Butler,
Graduate School senator

Reader praises Ponton, The Parthenon staff

I would like to commend The Parthenon staff for the excellent editorial on Feb. 2 titled "Good day for MU politics." The Parthenon's opinion that SGA president Brandi Jacobs and the Student Senate made a "wise choice" by selecting Tony Ponton to become SGA Vice-President was right on target! Having worked with Tony through various student organizations and projects I can attest to the many outstanding strengths and skills Tony possesses.

Tony's ability to provide understanding, insight and common sense judgment was always effective in propelling a project forward. No special interest ever stood in the way of Tony's commitment to "do the right thing." That's an important leadership element our generation must consider when choosing those who wish to serve as public leaders. In today's era of doubt in politics and politicians we have seen the consequences of an apathetic society that has forgotten to elect leaders with a passion "to do the right thing." Tony Ponton's selections as the SGA Vice-President restores a sense of trust and confidence in the future of politics. I echo the Parthenon's opinion that "the Jacobs-Ponton team will be a good one" for the MU community!

— John Mendez,
former College Democrats president



18-year-old still believes in fiance



HELP ME
HARLAN

Dear Harlan:

I'm almost 18 years old and I'm getting ready to graduate in May. I'm engaged to an 18-year-old man, and he isn't exactly getting ready to graduate. From what he tells me, and from how others act towards and react to him, no one really believes in him.

It has gotten to the point where he has barely any self-esteem and he has stopped believing in himself. He says "My own mother doesn't think I'm going to amount to anything." But I believe in him. I tell him all of the great qualities he has and how much I love him.

I want him to finish school next year by going back to high school, but he doesn't want to feel humil-

iated like he will when all the seniors leave school this year. He has a hard time going to school because, in addition to having had ADD, he works full time.

I want him to see what I see in him. I believe he can make so much out of himself. I think I'm the only one who believes in him now. His teachers and even his mom ask him why he even wants to go to school.

He really does want to be something, and he wants to succeed in school.

He gets really unmotivated to because he feels that no one else even cares. What can I do to help him realize he can be something?

Wanting to Help

Dear Wanting,

The earliest these wedding invites should go out is fall 2010.

It sounds like you two have NO business getting married for a long time. He barely likes himself. How he could know how to love you.

He's busy feeling doomed and

you're busy trying to help him see beyond his doom. You're too young to take on his problems for life.

The most debilitating thing in the world is a bad attitude and this guy has a terrible attitude. That's something only he can change.

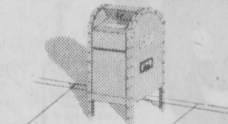
While you have the best of intentions, only he can turn the corner on his own. His problems are not your problems and why you want them to be your problems is something that you need to look at before getting you even considering married.

If you love him you'll tell him everything you've said to him one more time. Put it in writing so he'll always have it. Tell how much you care and how you need him to care about himself for you to be continue being there for him.

I believe in him, too. There's no question he can do great things, but until he tells himself he's never going to get better. You know his potential, but only he can realize it. The question is do you want to spend your whole life trying to convince him?

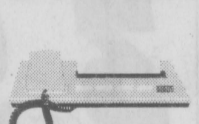
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Track team preparing for Virginia Tech

by JAY M. MORLACHETTA
reporter

The Marshall track team is preparing to come hot out of the blocks Feb. 11-12 at the Kroger Indoor Invitational at Virginia Tech.

After a successful showing at the Kent Invitational indoor meet at Kent, Ohio, last weekend, the Thundering Herd is ready to continue its success in Blacksburg, Va.

"We are going to Virginia Tech hungry, and we know we can compete," said LaMonte Vaughn, assistant coach for the track team.

He said that the team's confidence stems from its performance Saturday Feb. 5 at Kent's Golden Flash Open.

"I am really pleased with the performances from the sprinters and the distance runners," Vaughn said.

No records were shattered at Kent, but one record that has fallen this year was the 20-year-old 800 meter indoor record. Marshall junior James Kneeland beat the old time of 1:52.74 with a mark of 1:51.74.

Kneeland narrowly missed breaking his own record at Kent, finishing third in the 800 meters with a time of 1:52.31.

But Kneeland was not impressed.

"He was actually disappoint-

ed," Vaughn said. "But he was sick as a dog and still ran that well. We kind of had to put things into perspective for him."

"It takes a lot of guts to run like he does," Vaughn said. "A lot of runners are beginning to feed off of his energy."

Two of those runners are senior Derrick Dixon and sophomore Michelle John, who were both top performers at Kent.

Dixon finished third in the 200 meter dash with a time of 21.95 seconds and third in the 400 meter dash with a time of 48.83 seconds.

John placed third in the women's 400 meter dash with a time of 58.47 seconds.

"Their development is great, and I know they will keep getting better," Vaughn said.

He said he expects to see more good things from the two athletes.

"The way we felt after the Kent meet is the way we want to feel going into Virginia Tech," Vaughn said.

This week's training will concentrate on working out mistakes made at Kent.

Vaughn said if the team continues being aggressive it will continue to progress.

As for the future, Vaughn said he expects the 4 X 100 meter outdoor record to be broken this year.

MU fan disappointed by game atmosphere

MICHAEL ADAMS
guest columnist

Call me crazy, but doesn't it seem like Marshall lacks the excitement of NCAA basketball as in other schools in the Mid-American Conference?

The team, which lives or dies by the three-point shot, doesn't get the headlines or front-page press as the football team.

The Thundering Herd Men's team has dropped three of the last four games, including a home loss to east division foe Kent State.

But it hasn't always been like this. I remember a time when much of Huntington and the Tri-State had basketball fever. Huck's Herd, named after former Marshall coach Rick Huckabay, would leave fans waiting at the end of each semester, hungry for more.

Today, the basketball team is an afterthought behind NCAA football's big money scheme.

Recently, I had the privilege of attending the Marshall and Ohio University basketball game at The Convocation Center in Athens, Ohio. I can sum up my experience at "The Convo" in three words - one fabulous show.

This wasn't my first trip to Ohio University. My grandfather is an OU alumni and takes me to at least one game a year.

I have never been disappointed at the overall atmosphere of watching a game in The Convocation Center. The games are always entertain-

ing and everyone gets involved. It is a family event that isn't overtaken by the Athletic Department sucking up to big money contributors.

I have decided to take a look at some of the differences in watching a basketball game at the Henderson Center compared to The Convocation Center at Ohio University.

MASCOTS

HC: Marco walks through the crowd and shakes children's hands.

The Convo: "Hewy," the bobcat, propels from the ceiling for an exciting entrance and walks courtside, taunting the other team and getting the students and fans involved.

TICKET PRICES

HC: \$10 general admission and you need to bring your binoculars.

The Convo: \$8 general admission and great seats.

PROGRAMS

HC: \$3

The Convo: free, compliments of Ohio University

STUDENT SECTION

HC: Students are placed out of the way on the lower level, behind the Marshall bench or behind the east basket.

The Convo: Students are placed courtside from one end of the floor to the other, opposite of the team benches.

CHEERLEADERS

HC: Cheerleaders cheer behind the east basket and don't move except for timeouts.

The Convo: Cheerleaders cheer courtside and in the bleachers in front of the student section for the entire

game.

CONCESSIONS

HC: \$1.75 for a small soda with a souvenir cup.

The Convo: \$1.75 for a large soda with a souvenir cup.

DANCE TEAM

HC: Marshall's dance team performs during halftime and sits on the west end of the Henderson at other times.

The Convo: Ohio's dance team performs during timeouts and halftime and stands behind the basket for the entire game.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

HC: An estimated 5,000

The Convo: An estimated 6,000 even when the team has a losing record.

DUNK ATTEMPTS PER GAME

MU: 1-2, if we are lucky.

OU: 5, just for the excitement.

Dunks equal excitement. Let the boy's play Coach White!

I have been to numerous basketball games at both schools. I can honestly say, even being a Marshall student, that the games are more entertaining and geared toward the family and students at Ohio University.

Marshall basketball has a great tradition with players like Skip Henderson, Charlie Slack, John Taft, Keith Veney, Bruce Morris, just to name a few.

I, as well as many students and fans, would like to see the tradition and excitement of Marshall basketball return. Marshall hasn't always been a football school.

The breaks of big money college athletics have made the Marshall Athletic Department greedy and left the students as a second thought. The Athletic Department has forgotten what college athletics are for.

Instead of targeting games toward the family and students, they try to influence the big alumni contributors.

And that isn't right. Many children idolize college athletes.

I don't claim to have all the answers, but if the Athletic Department wants to raise attendance at basketball games and keep the average fan returning to games, here are a few suggestions:

1. Move the entire student section courtside and allow them to get more involved with the game. Taunting isn't bad sportsmanship. It's college athletics.

2. Lower ticket prices. For a family of four to attend a game, it will cost \$40 for terrible seats.

3. Leave the children with a memory they will never forget. I have many great memories as a child of basketball games at the Henderson Center.

4. Have more promotional contests than the pizza cheer or the halftime shoot-out. Allow the students to get more involved.

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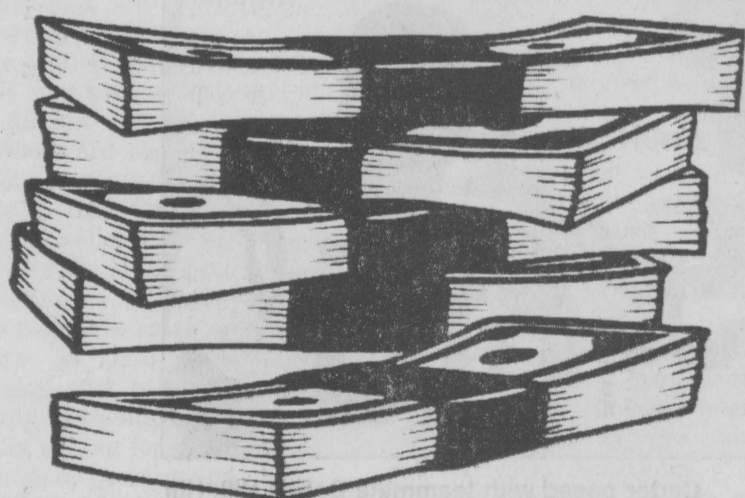
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An act of faith

Crash changed football player's life; belief in God brings him to campus

by ANGELA MYHRWOLD
reporter

Dr. Edward L. Carter never thought missing a football game in November of 1970 would change his life forever. Carter's mom called him Nov. 7, 1970 to tell him that he needed to come home because his father died. There was another reason for her call. She told him, "I don't want you to be on that plane when the football team travels next week. It is going to crash."

He dismissed his mother's intuition, but remained at home in Texas anyway. He missed the game, the flight and his possible death.

Carter, a member of the 1970 Thundering Herd football team was fortunate he wasn't flying with his teammates Nov. 14, 1970.

All 75 passengers were killed when a Southern Airways DC-9 jetliner crashed into a Kenova hillside.

He was shocked when he woke up the next morning and the headlines in the Wichita Falls, Texas newspaper read, "Carter Among the Ill-fated Plane Passengers." There was a picture of Carter and his name was written in the obituary, he said. There was also a story about what he had done in his life. He actually sat and had to read his own obituary.

To prove he was still alive he had to go on national radio and television. He couldn't get over the fact that all of his teammates, coaches and friends were dead.

According to Carter, the crash turned his life around. He is now an evangelist and will be preaching Feb. 16-17 at Marshall. The event is sponsored by Campus Life Baptist Ministries.

Carter was born Nov. 23, 1950 in Pampa, Texas. His parents divorced when he was four, and he moved to Wichita Falls, where he lived with his great-grandparents, who were very religious.

Carter said he walked around for several months in a state of shock, still thinking it was just a dream that all his teammates had passed away in a terrible accident. He managed to stay at Marshall for the next two years trying to help a dying team rebuild.

Carter graduated in 1974 with a degree in education. During his college years, he said he would pray, but only for the win of his football games or for the grades he would need to graduate.

March 10, 1974 Carter said he received the Lord Jesus Christ as his savior after someone had given him a Gospel Tract. He read it, liked what he saw and joined the former Souls for Christ Baptist Church. He said his life was changed.

He was offered a trial with the Buffalo Bills and a free-agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys. While trying out for the Cowboys he pulled a hamstring muscle, but they still offered him a \$45,000 contract.

Turning his back on the offers of the

professional football leagues, Carter followed God's calling to preach the Word.

In 1976, he got married and moved to Chattanooga, Tenn. In 1981, he graduated from Temple Baptist Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree.

"Now I live day-by-day with my faith," Carter said. "God has promised tomorrow to no man, so I never look farther than today. God spared me, He gave me another chance to live my life for Him, and now that is what I am doing. God was waiting for me with outstretched arms and now He has given me a testimony and opportunities to spread His Word."

"My only goal in life now is to be a witness for Christ."

In 1981, the Death Unto Life Ministries, in which Carter is a member, was officially founded. It is a non profit evangelistic association and mission's ministry. There are six couples who serve with the organization.

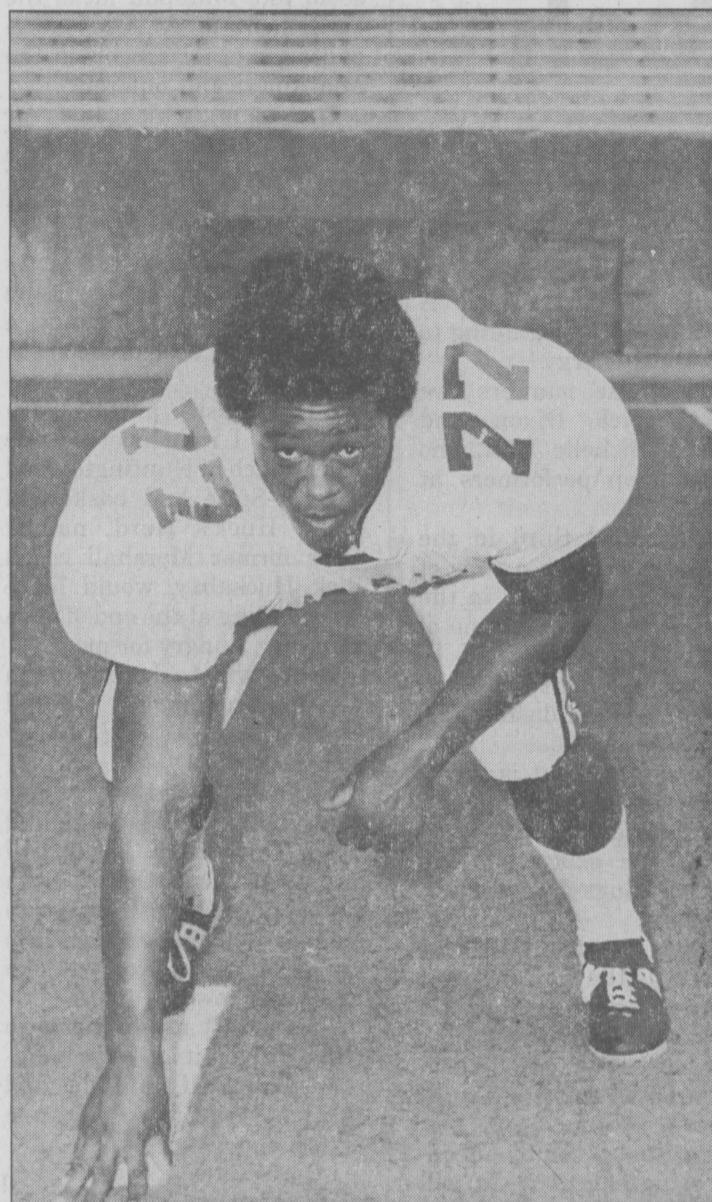
The goal is to reach people of all walks of life, but they have a special burden to reach black America and to establish New Testament churches. Carter has been speaking all over the United States and in several foreign countries. He has been able to preach in revivals, evangelistic crusades, bus ministries, tents, rescue missions, and in jails.

He will be speaking about his journey at 9 p.m. Feb. 16-17 in the Cam Henderson Center.

The main purpose of the Campus Light Baptist Ministries is both to evangelize the campus with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to provide a means for Christian growth and fellowship on the campus.

"Because of his (Carter's) background and story we think this will draw a big crowd from the student body and community," Dave Greear, campus pastor of campus light ministries, said. "Obviously, as a christian organization we bring in speakers, but because of him being associated with Marshall and

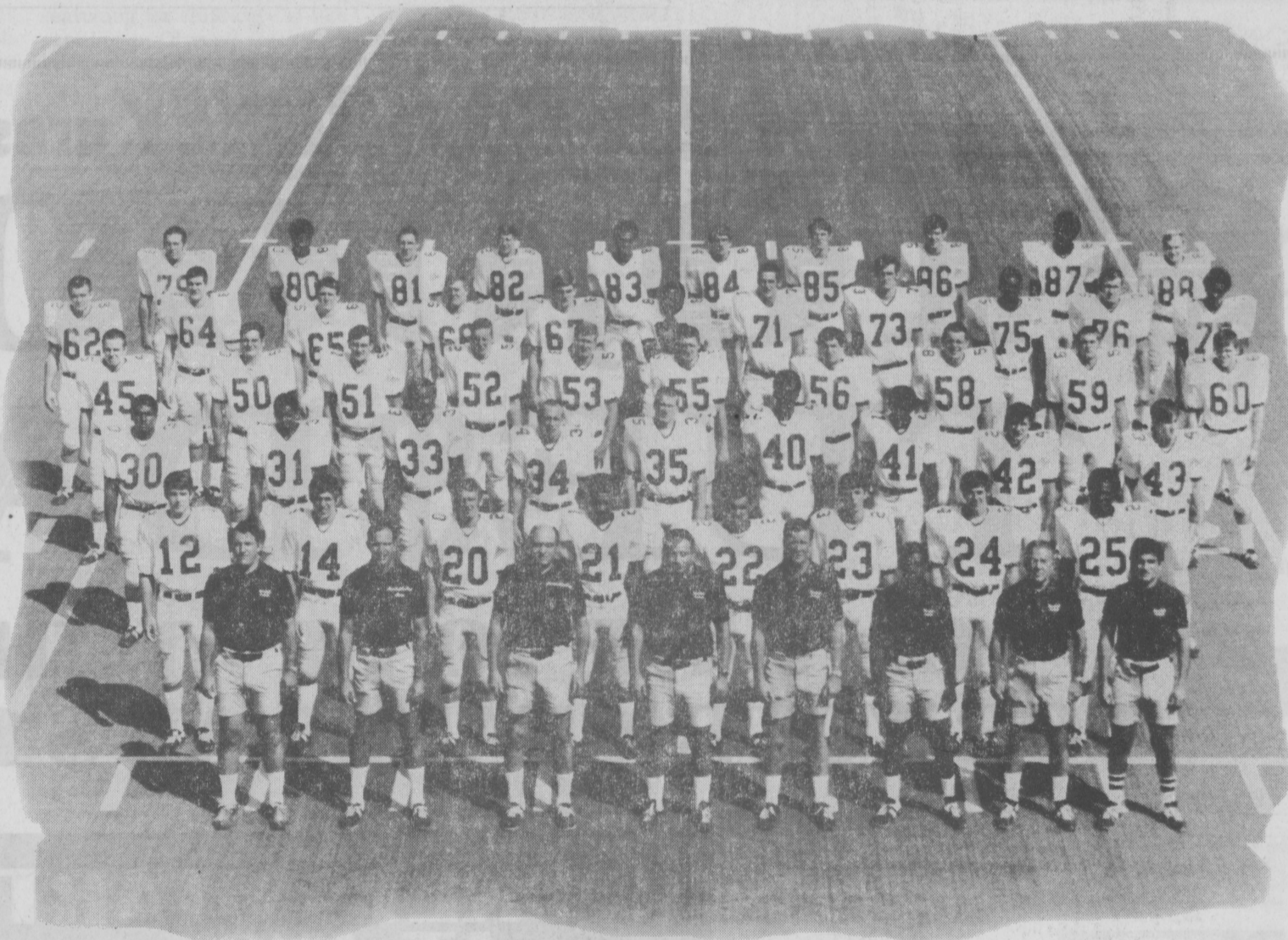
the crash I think he will have a far greater impact than your average speaker."



Dr. Edward L. Carter, a member of Marshall's 1970 football team, was not on the plane that went down on Nov. 14, 1970.

"Now I live day-by-day with my faith. God has promised tomorrow to no man, so I never look farther than today."

Dr. Edward L. Carter,
member of Marshall's
1970 football team



1970 Marshall University football team

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Carter posed with teammate Bobby Hill. Hill was among the 37 football players killed when the plane crash in the woods just short of Tri-State Airport in Kenova.