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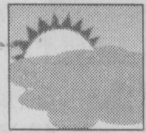
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Funding at question

Student Court says candidates' spending didn't violate rules

by RHANDA M. FARMER
reporter

The Student Court found a grievance filed by Adrian Cain and Nicole Nelson against Bill Walker and Cory Dennison invalid Monday night.

Student Government Association President Brandi Jacobs

said, "In order to act in a timely fashion, members of the Student Court, myself and one of the SGA advisers met with both candidates and listened to both sides.

"The Student Court members did not find any discrepancies. As of now, the elections are still going on fine and everything should run smoothly," she said.

Cain-Nelson campaign commissioner Jacob Comer said Cain and Nelson made an inquiry into whether Team

Walker-Dennison had spent more than the \$600 allotted in the election rules.

"Having put together a campaign on our own, we have become aware of costs," Comer said. "Because of the quality and quantity of material used by the Walker-Dennison campaign, we thought it was very possible the spending limit had been broken."

The Cain-Nelson campaign submitted a letter of complaint to Election Commissioner

Shannon Dean based on estimates they had made.

"We appreciate the efficiency with which the election commissioner and Student Court operated and we respect their authority to deliver a decision.

"However, we feel strongly about the campaign spending limits, so we plan to appeal the court's decision to the Dean of Student Affairs and we'll stand by whatever determination she makes," Comer said.

See **CANDIDATES, P5**

Houses pass bill affecting Marshall

Last-minute vote approves changes under NCHEMS

by STEFANIE FRALEY
reporter

In a flurry of last-minute amendments and late-night votes, Senate Bill 653, the higher education bill, passed Saturday with a 30-4 vote in the Senate and 68-31 approval in the House. The bill would alter the structure of governance and funding throughout the state.

Some members of the house disagree with how quickly the bill passed.

Delegate Evan Jenkins, D-Cabell, said the Legislature has a rule that members should have a copy of the bill on their desks before they vote and that as the vote was taking place, copies were still being distributed.

"I did not have a copy, and that's why I voted no," Jenkins said. "Something as important as this deserves to have more time devoted to it."

Among the changes to be made to the higher education system under the bill, one change was omitted.

Previously, a draft of the bill proposed combining Marshall's Community and Technical College with two other schools, West Virginia State College and West Virginia University Institute of Technology. An amendment proposed last week, would allow Marshall to keep its Community and

See **HIGHER ED BILL, P5**



Teens compete, find time to play

About 4,000 high school students from West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio competed Friday and Saturday in the 22nd annual S.C.O.R.E.S. Academic Festival at Marshall.

ABOVE: Students grab a seat anywhere they can find one Saturday in the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

LEFT: High school students take a break between academic competitions Saturday to enjoy a game of human bowling on the MSC plaza.

Fraternity's president is 'pleased'

University addresses gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered issues

by COURTNEY L. BAILES
reporter

Jonathan Sutton, president of Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity, says he is, "very pleased" with the Commission on Multiculturalism's (COM) response to recommendations submitted to it Feb. 16 by Sutton and Okey J. Napier Jr., chairman of the commission's Subcommittee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Affairs (LGBT).

"I feel the issues have been adequately discussed and that workable solutions are a possibility," said Sutton, a graduate student from Lexington, Ky. "I am very happy they were able to come up with as many solutions as they did."

Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of Student Affairs, said her office and 10 other offices are working on implementing many of the recommendations.

"We will look to see how to affect the greatest change," Cockrille said.

The COM discussed the recommendations and responded to them in a memo released March 3 from Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs.

The COM supports a recommendation to distribute educational materials and have public forums dealing with homophobia, hate crimes, multiculturalism and diversity, according to the memo.

The first forum dealing with the recommendations took place Monday night, Cockrille said.

"We are supporting them and hoping to implement all of the recommendations," Steve Hensley, associate dean of Student Affairs, said.

Student Affairs is working with University Introduction 101 professors to teach sensitivity training to incoming freshmen, Hensley said. However, they cannot require the professors to teach sensitivity training.

Napier recommended expanding the current Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Outreach Office and starting a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Leadership Institute.

According to the memo, this recommendation was accepted

See **COMMISSION, P5**

MORE INSIDE

Student government Elections start today. Before you vote, take a look at SGA reporter Rhanda Farmer's candidate profiles. Farmer sat down with the presidential teams to discuss their platforms and reasons for running. See page 2 for more.

Check out The Parthenon Online

For the latest election news visit The Parthenon Online at www.marshall.edu/parthenon. We will post the unofficial SGA election results as soon as they are released Wednesday night.

Students speak out

by MICHELLE JAMES
reporter

Marshall students were given the opportunity to voice their opinions concerning gay and lesbian issues Monday night at the Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored Gay Issues Speak-out in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

SGA President Brandi Jacobs said she was happy with the attendance.

"I'm very pleased with the turnout," Jacobs said. "No, we didn't fill the Don Morris Room but, we had about 25 people, which is a step in the right direction."

"Often when people are in the minority, they feel hesitant about voicing their opinions," Jacobs said, "but I think everyone felt comfortable in this setting."

Jacobs said the program was organized in response to the recent defacement of fliers posted by Delta Lambda Phi, the state's first fraternity for gay, bisexual or progressive men.

"With the issues that have been going on like the defacement of the signs on campus, we felt that this would be a good opportunity for students to voice their opinions and maybe develop a level of tolerance," she said.

One issue raised at the speakout was that of hate speech.

Hilary Chiz, president of the West Virginia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said because freedom of speech, whether positive or negative, is protected under the First Amendment, the only way hate speech can be combated is if everyone makes their voices heard.

"The ACLU's only mission is to protect and promote liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights," she said, "and hate speech,

See **SPEAK OUT, P5**

Jesus Week volunteers clean man's apartment

by COURTNEY L. BAILES
reporter

Instead of going home or going to the mall Friday, some students spent the afternoon with a man who needed help cleaning his apartment.

Robert Richards Jr. said he had already received two warnings to clean his apartment from Huntington's Housing Department. If he received one more warning, he would have been evicted from his apartment.

Richards, who is blind, said he called Interfaith Care Givers and asked them for help.

Meanwhile, Megan Goff,

Winfield junior, said she was looking for a community service project to end Jesus Week at the Campus Christian Center. Care Givers told Goff about Richards and she agreed to take a group of students to clean his apartment.

"It is a good way to end the week," Goff said.

Jessica Lipinski, Wheeling senior, agreed.

"It shows the love of God through us helping others," Lipinski said.

Eight people went to help clean the apartment, Goff said.

The students cleaned windows, scrubbed walls, swept and mopped the floor and

cleaned anything else that needed to be cleaned, Goff said.

Aaron Latsha, Hershey, Pa., senior, said he came to have fun.

"It makes you feel good because you are helping others," Latsha said.

Richards said the students were a gift.

"It's a blessing," Richards said. "I had no one able to clean. Being able to find someone to do it out of love is a huge blessing."

Many students said cleaning Richards' apartment was not a hard job.

See **JESUS WEEK, P5**



photo by Courtney L. Bailes

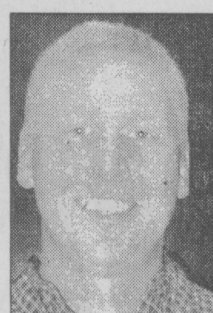
Jessica Lipinski, Wheeling senior, and Megan Goff, Winfield junior clean around the kitchen of Robert Richards Jr.



Cain



Ponton



Walker

CASTING the VOTE

SGA ELECTIONS 2000



Nelson



White



Dennison

Experience theme for teams

Cain, Nelson want students connected to them, SGA

Student Government Association presidential candidate Adrian Cain speaks quickly, pausing only briefly to listen to questions and collect his thoughts. The confidence with which he answers hints at a degree of professionalism achieved through experience in Student Government.

Cain has two years of experience as a senator for the College of Education and is currently the Community Service Committee chairman for the Student Government Association. He believes that this experience, along with the compassion for students he gained in his two years as a resident advisor are key reasons students should vote for him.

"I have a genuine concern for the student body and the experience needed to focus the compassion to achieve the goals we need to achieve," Cain says.

Atlanta, Ga., junior Nicole Nelson, Cain's running mate, also has two years of experience as a senator and resident advisor. She says that these activities have given the Cain-Nelson team the leadership skills they need to be effective student representatives.

"We know what we want to get done and how to get those things done. It's important for students to know that the things we want to do can and will be accomplished and we won't give up."

"If it can be done, we'll do it," Nelson says.

The Cain-Nelson team have based their campaign on a 10-

point plan outlining what they want to accomplish as Student Body President and Vice-President.

"A primary focus of our campaign is to unify the general requirements for all colleges at Marshall. We realize this isn't totally feasible, but I would like to see a set of general requirements at least for each college," Cain says.

Cain thinks a set of general requirements could help students graduate in four years. "I've been in three different colleges and had four different majors," he says. "I will still graduate in four years, but I've had to catch up in summer classes every year."

"This is something students can really benefit from," Cain says.

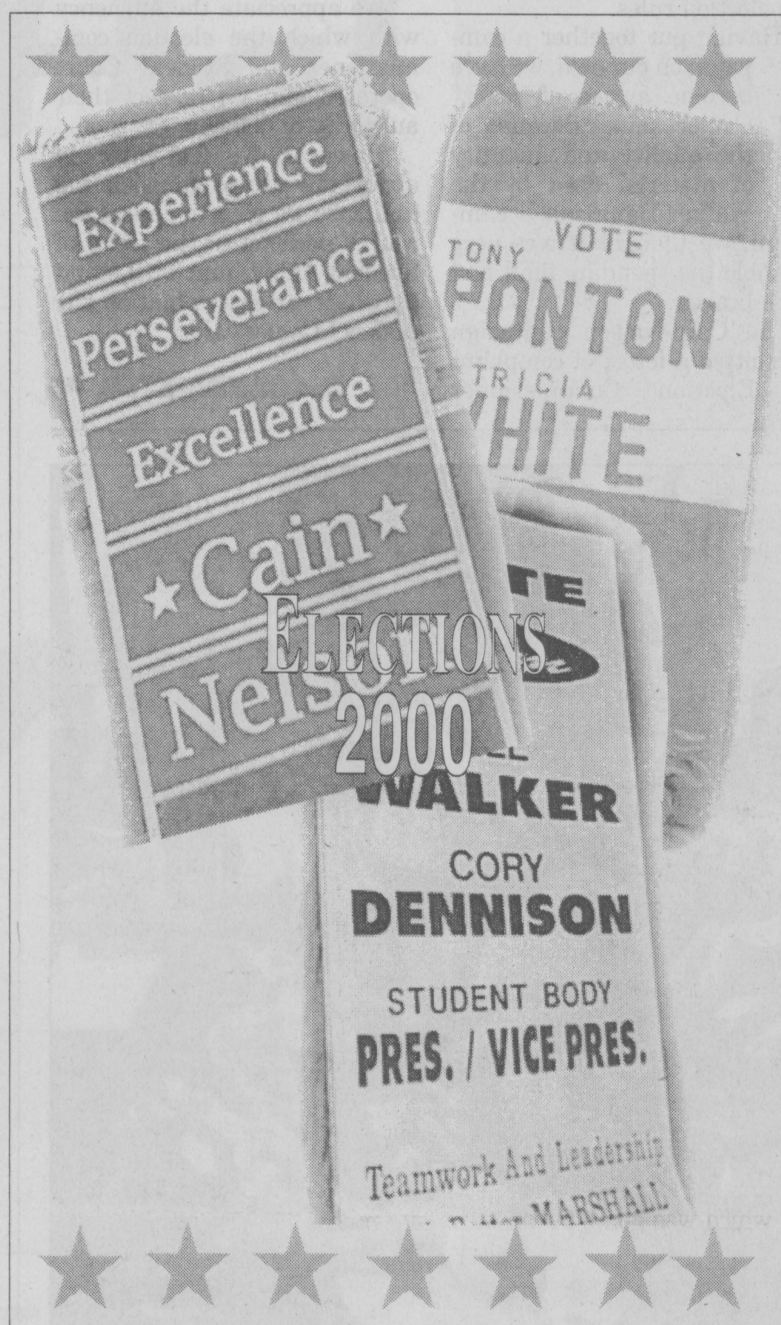
Accessibility is a goal for the Cain-Nelson team. "Student concerns are the direct responsibility of the Student Body President."

"I will always have an open door for students for any problems they have. I think in the past students have felt disconnected from Student Government and I want them to feel that Student Government benefits them and can do a lot for them," Cain says.

Nelson says she and Cain will be available all the time. "I try to do everything people ask me to do and am always open to hearing student concerns and problems."

"The more issues that are brought to light, the more we can do for students," Nelson says.

stories by RHANDA FARMER



Campaign signs and posters for presidential teams can be seen throughout campus. Candidates began campaigning shortly after filing was up Feb. 29. Students can cast their votes today and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ponton, White say they have set realistic goals

Student Government Association presidential candidate Tony Ponton enters the room laughing. His latest campaign effort, a Monday morning parade, complete with police escort, has been fun as well as successful, according to Ponton.

"We had a lot of stunned looks and a lot of people cheering for us and smiling at us," Ponton says. "People definitely knew who we were."

This is just the latest effort of a whirlwind campaign for the current SGA vice president.

Tony Ponton, Martinsburg senior, says he decided to run for SGA president to ensure the university continues to move forward and keep the interests of students in mind.

"Multiculturalism is one of our main issues," Ponton says. "We have a fairly diverse campus here but we have a lot of students from less diverse areas."

"We want to make sure that students have a chance to realize how other students live and to learn about other people who aren't like them."

Ponton's running mate, Charleston graduate student and Public Relations Director of SGA Patricia White says, "If Tony and I are elected, we're planning on having a series of educational forums about gay and lesbian issues, gender roles, racism, sexism and other issues."

Ponton says he'd like to see speakers spread over the course of a month instead of jammed into a week.

"I'd like to bring in speakers and give students the opportu-

nity to talk about what they think and discuss their feelings," Ponton says. "I think this is one of the best things we can do in this situation."

Specifically, the Ponton-White team would like to see the parking problem on campus addressed.

"I think the administration needs to closely examine the parking situation and be made aware that students are very unhappy with parking on campus," Ponton says.

Ponton says he thinks one possible solution is to re-allocate the faculty parking lots for student use.

Ponton and White say they have set realistic goals.

"Some campaigns over the course of the years have made promises that, realistically, the SGA has no control over," he says.

"We can't build a parking garage or new housing, but we can talk to the administration about these issues."

Ponton says he and White's experience is one reason students should vote for them.

"Patricia and I hold executive positions and know how Student Government works," he says.

"We know what students want because they're the same things we want," Ponton says. "I want to make sure students are happy and well-represented."

White says she and Ponton have the qualities that will make them effective student leaders.

"We are dedicated, hard-working, truthful and genuine," White says. "We're here for students' rights as students. That's our main priority."

Walker, Dennison want to rid campus of apathy

Student Government Association presidential candidate Bill Walker is eager to answer questions and talk about his reasons for running for SGA President.

"The only reason we're doing this is for the benefit of the students," he says.

Bill Walker, Nitro senior, says he wants to see students have more of a say on campus issues.

"Most of the time, the average student doesn't have a voice, either because they are not asked or not motivated enough to vote," he says.

"That's what we think we can change."

Barboursville sophomore Cory Dennison, Walker's running mate, says, "I want to work for students and leave Marshall being even better than it was when I came."

Walker says a main focus of their campaign is student involvement. "Our number one goal is to rid campus of student apathy with the many programs we plan to have in place," he says. "It won't be easy, but it can be done."

Dennison says more should be done for students on campus.

"Lately, students haven't been participating as much as they should be. We want to do things to get students having fun at Marshall."

"We ought to have something here so that you don't have to go out all the time," Dennison says.

To accomplish that goal, Walker and Dennison have proposed two new executive positions.

The director of student concerns would be on call any time a student has a problem with anything.

The director would then find out who needs to be seen about the problem and what can be done. The campus wide community service coordinator would work with the executives to initiate community service programs on campus.

Specifically, the Walker-Dennison team hope to make the John Deaver Drinko Library more functional for students.

"You'd be hard pressed to find new books and new research materials in the library," Walker says. "We'd definitely like to see improvements made there."

Walker and Dennison also want to work toward a system that allows for both the cash and point system for copies and computer printouts.

"We think that the card system is a good idea, but it needs to be balanced with a cash system," Walker says.

Team Walker-Dennison also believe the price of copies needs to be lowered.

"Students are paying 10 cents for a copy at Marshall when they could go to a copy shop and get copies for 5 cents," Dennison says.

Walker wants to bring prices down to 6 or 7 cents per copy.

"Students already pay tuition and fees. They don't need this extra cost," he says.

Walker thinks students should vote for him because they would be voting for the entire Walker-Dennison team, which includes his proposed executive staff.

"I want students to see that we're running as a team with our staff and that every single one of us will fight tooth and nail to help students on this campus," Walker says.

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SGA presidential candidate

Eleven up for seats in senate

Eleven students filed for Student Senate seats.

Students can cast their votes for a candidate under their declared college during elections today and Wednesday.

■ The senatorial candidate for the Lewis College of Business is Misty Skidmore.

■ Candidates for the College of Liberal Arts are James R. Hannan, Nathaniel A. Kuratomi, Jason H.

Lea and Derek Scarbro.

■ Candidates for the College of Science are Jason D. Brown, Stanley L. Dixon, Matthew S. Mattson and Donald E. Robinson.

■ The candidate for the Board of Regents is Heather L. Richardson.

■ The candidate for the Graduate College is Patricia A. White.

■ Candidates from the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism are Holley Barker and Homer Dawson.

Where and when to vote

PLACES:

- Memorial Student Center
- John Deaver Drinko Library
- Twin Towers West Glass Lounge (Today)
- Holderby Hall (Wednesday)

TIMES:

Today, Wednesday
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Underwood pleased with session

by JENNIFER BUNDY
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — The Legislature has passed more than half of Gov. Cecil Underwood's bills, including his main financial and social initiatives.

He lost the battle for a tax on smokeless tobacco, as well as other measures, when the annual 60-day legislative session ended at midnight Saturday.

Underwood has supported the tobacco tax since he became an American Cancer Society volunteer in the early 1960s. He said he will try again.

He also was disappointed with the death of a bill calling for the non-partisan election of judges. Underwood said it would be a pre-



Underwood

cursor to merit appointment of Supreme Court judges, which he has supported for decades. However, a constitutional amendment would be needed to change that.

Underwood also had proposed another major bill that died — a measure to change some Public Employee Insurance Agency benefits as an effort to get the agency's budget under control. The program is expected to have a \$162 million deficit by 2004 if nothing is done.

"Somewhere we have to find the answer to this problem," Underwood said.

Of 33 measures he introduced, 19 passed and 14 died.

Considering he is a Republican governor dealing with a Democratic-controlled Legislature in an election year, that's not a bad record, he and legislative leaders said.

"I'm very satisfied," Underwood said early Sunday morning.

House Speaker Bob Kiss, D-Raleigh, and Senate President Earl Ray Tomblin, D-Logan, have criticized Underwood in previous years for not working with them between sessions and not telling them early enough or providing details about his legislative plans.

That wasn't the case this session.

The three met monthly last year and weekly since the ses-

sion began in January. Underwood, who had resisted such a close relationship, said he initiated the meetings so they could jointly keep watch on tax revenue changes they expected from the lawsuit challenging mountaintop removal coal mining regulations.

"I think we've established the habit of working together," Underwood said. "We plan to continue that approach."

His success this year included proposals to sell \$4 billion in bonds to refinance pension fund debt, ban same-sex marriages and ban distribution of pornographic material to children. His initiatives to get rid of waste tires and to sell NASCAR license plates also passed.

Unions can show support for candidates

HUNTINGTON (AP) — The city of Huntington has reached a tentative agreement that will allow unionized city workers to participate in political campaigns.

The agreement allows members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees locals 598 and 2531 to support candidates and help with campaigns on a limited basis.

Huntington's charter prohibits city employees, except for the mayor and council members, to actively participate in political campaigns.

Workers will be allowed to display campaign signs and other political material and attend rallies if both activities are not conducted on city time or city property. Employees also may not wear their city uniforms or insignias while attending an event.

The temporary agreement stems from a union lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the city's campaign policy. Union members claim the policy eliminates their right to engage in any political activity other than casting a vote.

The two locals represent about 180 sanitary board, trash collection, street, traffic, parking and equipment repair employees.

Mayor Jean Dean has said the policy was enacted in 1997 after the state Supreme Court failed to consider a lawsuit involving a city employee who ran for county magistrate.

Detective: Intruder killed Ramsey

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A former homicide investigator on the JonBenet Ramsey case says police should pay more attention to evidence that the 6-year-old beauty contestant was killed by an intruder.

Boulder County authorities have said that the girl's parents, Patsy and John Ramsey, are under "the umbrella of suspicion."

Retired Colorado Springs detective Lou Smit, speaking extensively for the first time on his role in the stalled investigation, says the Ramseys did not

kill their daughter, according to Monday's editions of the Denver Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post and the March 20 issue of Newsweek.

"I believe there's evidence of an intruder, and I believe people should still be looking for him. There's a dangerous guy out there," he said.

He said he chose to speak out



Ramsey

to keep pressure on police to take his theory seriously.

Police Chief Mark Beckner said the department already has done that.

"We have spent an incredible amount of time following up on leads in this case and a significant amount on the leads put forth by Lou Smit," Beckner said.

There was no immediate comment from the Ramseys, who have moved to Atlanta. Their book on their daughter's killing is to be released this week.

Gas prices rise a record 12 cents

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gasoline prices soared a record 12 cents per gallon in the past two weeks as rising crude oil costs hit Americans hard at the pump, the Lundberg Survey reported Sunday.

The average retail price of gasoline nationwide, including all grades, was about \$1.59 per gallon Friday, 11.99 cents from Feb. 25, according to survey of 10,000 stations.

"The word 'increase' kind of pales," analyst Tribby Lundberg said.

The costliest gas, premium at full-service stations, even flirted with the \$2-per-gallon mark.

Consumers could take some comfort that, when adjusted for inflation, the average overall price is still lower than the record set two decades ago.

"The true high was June 1980, with \$2.66 for all grades com-

bined, using today's dollars," Lundberg said.

"It's more than a dollar lower in real terms. But in terms of speed, this is a true record-breaker," Lundberg added. "The rate of increase — 6 cents per week per gallon nationwide — has never been seen before."

Prices were higher in the West, where gasoline has been in shorter supply because of refinery problems last year.

San Francisco had the highest price for self-service regular gas, which was going for an average

of \$1.83 per gallon, up 21 cents in two weeks. Cheyenne, Wyo., had the bottom price, at about \$1.39 per gallon. Lundberg noted San Francisco consumers paid about 51¢ cents per gallon in taxes, about 20 cents higher than in Wyoming.

Driving all increases is the high price of crude oil, which has spiked because of short supplies.

Prices at self-service stations averaged \$1.5450 for regular unleaded gasoline, \$1.6385 for mid-grade and \$1.7234 for premium.

Feminist Expo 2000 to help students gain leadership skills, jobs

by NICOLE L. JIVIDEN
reporter

More than 40 student delegates will be representing Marshall at Feminist Expo 2000 in Baltimore, Md., from March 31 to April 2.

Feminist Expo 2000, sponsored by the Feminist Majority Foundation, includes more than 250 speakers, 60 leadership workshops, and four general assemblies, according to the Web site www.feminist.org.

"It's important to train these women in leadership," said Dr. Amy E. Hudock, assistant professor of English and Marshall's coordinator of Women's Studies. "When they return to Marshall University, they will be better future employees."

Students will attend training sessions to learn how to run a committee and how to be an activist, among other activities, Hudock said.

At the expo, the Feminist Career Center will be having a job fair. Delegates may send their résumés to a job bank, which gives students opportunities to find internships, part-time, full-time and summer jobs, Hudock said.

After the conference, student delegates will give a presentation at Marshall telling what they learned at the expo, Hudock said.

"This is the biggest gathering of feminist student organizations in the U.S. since the last feminist expo in 1995," Hudock said.

"It's important to train these women in leadership. When they return to Marshall University, they will be better future employees."

Dr. Amy E. Hudock,
coordinator of
Women's Studies

The group has had four fund-raisers to help pay for its trip.

The group's last fund-raiser was Friday's auction at the Renaissance Book Company and Coffee House.

Donations to help pay for the trip may be sent to Hudock at Old Main 357.

The group has received donations from Marshall organizations, Hudock said. The Office of Academic Affairs gave the group \$400 and the Student Government Association gave a \$500 grant, she said.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs is sponsoring the trip and the Women's Center is paying for the group's bus, Hudock said.

Each person must pay \$25 to attend the expo, Hudock said. Space is still available. More information is available by calling Hudock at 696-2441.

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Who wants to be in Gamma Beta Phi?

1. What is Gamma Beta Phi?

A. Honor Society B. Service Organization C. Both

2. Who is eligible to join?

A. upper 20% students B. NoOne

3. How many people joined last year?

A. 50 B. 100 C. 232

(Answers: 1-C, 2-A, 3-C)

Gamma Beta Phi is the largest growing organization at MU. We will have prospective member meetings Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 15 at 5:00 p.m. in MSC 2W16. If you think you are eligible, please attend and find out more about us. Write gbp@marshall.edu if you are interested but unable to attend.

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OUR views

Diversity in the making

It seems like to make things happen right, you just need a little time.

That's the case for the Commission on Multiculturalism's acknowledgment of the recommendations made by members of Marshall's gay community.

After Marshall's colony of Delta Lambda Phi National Social

"I'm very pleased with the turnout," Jacobs said. "No, we didn't fill the Don Morris Room but, we had about 25 people, which is a step in the right direction."

Fraternity for gay, bisexual and progressive men found Rush fliers defaced in February, the debates started.

DLP, The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Outreach program and the Lambda Society requested the

university take a stance against the acts of hate on campus.

Some said the university took their time. Others said they needed the time to take the situation seriously.

Whatever the case was, it seems things are going well.

The commission and other campus offices have began working on the recommendations.

According to a Page One story in today's Parthenon the commission supports recommendations to distribute educational materials and have public forums dealing with homophobia, hate crimes, multiculturalism and diversity.

The Student Government Association sponsored the first forum on gay issues Monday night. This was among the ideas in the recommendations.

SGA President Brandi Jacobs said she thinks the forum went well.

"I'm very pleased with the turnout," Jacobs said. "No, we didn't fill the Don Morris Room but, we had about 25 people, which is a step in the right direction."

We agree.

Anytime more than 10 people show up for a campus event, you know something's working.

We hope to see the other reasonable recommendations go through without a hitch.

Hopefully what orginial began as a act of hate will open some minds or spread diversity on Marshall's campus.

Spring break take me away



MARK BLEVINS
columnist

Marshall University's spring break is almost here and I, for one, can hardly wait. A week away from lectures, tests, and term papers is something I've needed since January 15. The only downside to spring break is that teachers seem to feel a need to cram two weeks' worth of tests into one. We won't be here next week to take the tests and by the time we come back we will have forgotten everything. Knowing this, professors try to get all the tests out of the way so we can enjoy our break. I think.

I have three tests this week, all of them major. I have two of them on the same day. I'm not whining because I know some people have it worse than I do this week. I guess one could think of this as

punishment for being away from school an entire week. Someone once suggested to me that the professors all conspire to give their students tests at the same time, but I don't think so.

The real reason is coincidence. Teachers have a schedule to go by and they try to space the tests out and it just so happens that these professors think alike. Besides students have to be kept on their toes the week before a break or they'll start to think it's spring break and won't come to class. Students might begin to think that the weather is too nice out to go to class and thus, professors are forced to have exams and tests the week before any break.

I always love the thought of spring break, but when it actually comes around it's not so good. I'm always trying to figure out where I can make some money during the summer. That means I'm usually racking up miles on my car trying to convince employers I'm actually a responsible young man. As long

as I haven't worked there in the past, my plan usually works.

It's the same story this break too. I'll go home and have a couple days with nothing to do and then I'll hop in my car and drive all around trying to find a job. It's a vicious circle, but my spring breaks always turn out the same. It's better than having to study, though because for one week I don't have to worry about term papers, exams, or those pop quizzes that sadists, I mean professors, sometimes like to give.

So, I have to hurry and try to get in as much studying as I can. I wouldn't want to go home after flunking a test. And after I get home I can spend hours driving around looking for a job and hoping my reputation does not precede me.

Like I said, I would still rather be driving around job hunting than working on a term paper. Spring break is a great time of year and the only bad thing about it is, like most good things, it has to come to an end.



Student says team belittled Greeks

I am writing this letter in regard to the campaign sign at the rear entrance into Smith-Hall. This sign is from the Ponton-White campaign and displays Greek life, specifically Alpha Sigma Phi, in a very negative way.

The sign shows a person with the Greek letters "Alpha Sigma Phi" being doused with something by another figure wearing no Greek letters.

It is in the opinion of our organization that the Ponton/White campaign has chosen to belittle the Greek system and Alpha Sigma Phi in general.

Running against Ponton-White is Bill Walker, who is an Alpha Sig. It would be bad enough that Mr. Ponton is taking a personal shot at Bill Walker to advance himself in the election, but even worse that he would involve the entire chapter who prides itself on class.

On a campus where the Greek system is often downplayed, Alpha Sigma Phi has set goals to rid the image that society has about fraternities and sororities.

For instance, this year we have compiled over three thousand hours of community service work. We have worked hard to make this public and have a spotless record. We do not feel, in any way, that the Ponton-White campaign realizes the pride our brothers take in being Greek and Alpha Sig.

Even though Mr. Ponton did choose to Rush our fraternity, he was not around nearly enough time to understand her.

As a student organization, we ask for a formal apology to our chapter. We also ask that the sign be removed immediately. It is understood that the heat of the battle may result in a lack of ethics, but these shots at a first class organization is extremely uncalled for.

— Kris Parker,
Alpha Sigma Phi president

Finance chairwoman corrects SGA team

After the March 8 SGA Presidential debate I was very concerned about a few misleading and inaccurate statements that were made regarding the MUSGA finance committee and their practices.

The presidential candidates Bill Walker and Cory Dennison and their staff have a platform, which includes the idea that they want to ease restrictions for student organizations to get funding from SGA. If you have a legitimate project, you should get the money no matter where it is (<http://www.teamwalkerdennison.com>).

Surely this sounds to be a noble and admirable goal, but they expanded this statement in the debate, questioning the fairness of the finance committee saying that it did not apply the same standards of evaluation to all of the student organizations, and that we restricted organizations activities to the state of West Virginia.

This is a very unfortunate statement, since its inaccuracy is blatantly apparent to those who have requested money from MUSGA. As chairman of the finance committee since January 2000, I can only speak for our actions this semester. I have NEVER seen Bill Walker, Cory Dennison, or any of their staff at a senate meeting where the funding of organizations was discussed, or at a finance meeting, whose meeting times and agenda are posted in the SGA office (MSC 2W29B).

As to the charge that we approve funding requests on our own whims and that we will not fund projects if they occur outside of the state of West Virginia, this is also untrue. This semester we have allocated funds to: \$500 to the Music Educators National Conference, \$500 to MU United Methodist Students, \$500 to Public Relations Student Society of

America, \$500 to the Model United Nations, \$500 to Lambda Alpha epsilon, \$500 to the Marshall Newman Catholic Center, \$500 to the Women's Studies Student Association, \$500 to Phi Alpha Theta, and \$225 to the Society of Composers. Of these nine organizations which received funding from SGA, seven of the organizations projects will be taking place outside the state of West Virginia. Furthermore, all of the funding that organizations requested this semester was approved.

Walker and Dennison also charge that the process is too difficult for the students to complete. I would think that the numerous groups and organizations who applied for funding this semester would be a testament to the fact that it can be done.

The finance committee was created to help student organizations obtain funding from SGA and we work extremely hard to ensure that every request is reviewed and hopefully supported by the SGA. I would like to invite Bill Walker, Cory Dennison, and their staff to a finance committee meeting so that they can speak from first hand experience and knowledge about the finance committee and its procedures. The next finance meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14 at 3:45 p.m. in the SGA office.

I feel that it is very unfortunate that in a presidential campaign, I would be forced to publicly correct a candidate's inaccurate and misleading statements, and I regret having to take this action. However, I think that it is vital for Marshall students to know and understand their candidate's platforms and knowledge of the issues.

— Kristy Hays
chairwoman of the Finance Committee

CAMPUS views

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Student Senate shows support for Ponton, White

As former and current members of MUSGA, we possess a keen insight into the qualifications of the candidates for Student Government President.

We all know what it takes to be successful as a senator and how those qualities are applicable to the office of the SGA president. We know how well student government can run and how enjoyable and less stressful it is with a president and executive staff that can work well with the Student Senate. We feel as if we enjoyed a prosperous time during the Jacobs-Beckett/Ponton; we also hope to be able to extend this period of civility within student government by being able to serve under the leadership of the right candidate.

Many of us remember presidential term past when student government executives continuously battled with members of the senate. These times were detrimental to the progress and productivity of your student government. We want to be able to not only work with presidents, vice-presidents and executives, but we want to work well and prosper under their leadership.

It is because of this that we have signed this letter, asking the students of Marshall to cast their vote for the Tony Ponton-Patricia White ticket. Tony served as a senator for two years, garnering enough respect and proving his worth by being elected as senate parliamentarian, chair of the judiciary committee and chair of the Campus Life committee. If these are not proof enough of Tony's accomplishments, let us remind you that Tony was also chosen, by his fellow senators, as Senator of the Year for 1999. After Tony's resignation from the senate, he was chosen by President Brandi Jacobs to be her new vice-president after Rogers Beckett himself resigned. Tony was overwhelmingly approved by the senate for the post and has more than fulfilled his obligations to that office.

Patricia White currently holds the position of Public Relations director under Brandi Jacobs. She remains popular with the senate as well after proving to us that she is capable of working hard, working well with the senate and showing results with what she undertakes.

It is imperative that in order to journey further into prosperity, the student senate must be given, by the students of Marshall University, a President, Vice-President and executive staff that will be experienced, proven leaders that have the respect of the Senate and will be able to work well with the student senate of Marshall University.

Heather Richardson (COE), James Hopkins III (GRAD), Archie Locke (CTC), Derek Scarbro (COLA), Nathaniel Kuratomi (COLA), Beatrice Spradley (GRAD), Jacob Schieck (COLA), Kristy Hays (COLA), Nicole Adkins (COS), Michele Kuhn (REGENTS), Kristy Kuhn (COB), Erin Dager (COS), Regina Lewis (SOM), Misty Skidmore (COB), Dennis Hicks (GRAD), Jack Hanks Jr. (COEHS), Christopher Davis (CTC) and Kelly Jefferies (COB)

Former vice-president says vote for Walker

My name is Rogers Beckett, former Student Body Vice-President of your Marshall University. I would first of all like to begin by saying thank you to the students of Marshall that let me represent them along side Brandi Jacobs in the past year. It was an experience I will never forget.

I am writing to The Parthenon to let students on campus know how I felt about the upcoming SGA Presidential elections. From what I hear, you have one of the cleanest, most issue-based campaigns that have ever been held, and all the candidates should be congratulated for that, but I feel I must let you know that of all the candidate choices, Team Walker/Dennison is definitely the team I support the most.

I worked with Bill Walker when I was President of the Senate, and I cannot say enough about his leadership abilities in student government. I think his past military experience and plain honesty and integrity make him the man for the job.

Cory Dennison, a former teammate of mine has shown the same qualities to me for years, and with your help, they will be able to show them to you through the year to come. I encourage everyone on campus to please get involved in this election. By simply casting your ballot, you are letting your voice be heard.

— Rogers Beckett
SGA vice-president 1999-2000

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WMUL in running for awards

by J.J. SPICHEK
reporter

WMUL, the campus radio station, has been nominated for 16 of 35 awards in audio production and three of four in audio script writing by the Organization of International Radio and Television Society (IRTS), said Vince Payne, a Hansford senior majoring in radio/TV, who also is sports director of WMUL.

People from around the world who are employed in radio and TV are involved with IRTS, Payne said.

The IRTS has an honorary division called Alpha Epsilon Rho (AERho), Payne said.

"It's one of the larger organizations as far as broadcasting goes, and is based out of New York City," he said.

AERho has a professional organization and a student organization Marshall is part of, he said.

"The competition that we are entering is audio, video and script writing," Payne said.

"Since things didn't change from the audio side, we entered the audio competition and we entered the audio script writing competition."

Payne said any school affiliated with the IRTS chapter can enter the competitions.

The IRTS competition makes the staff work harder and promotes healthy competition between each other, he said.

"If everyone was for themselves, then we couldn't stuff our trophy cases," Payne said.

This competition is similar to being nominated for the Grammy Awards, he said.

Since 1985, under the supervision of faculty adviser Chuck Bailey, WMUL has won more than 300 state, regional and national awards, Payne said.

In 1993, Marconi named WMUL College Station of the Year, he said. In 1992 and 1996, WMUL was named

College Station runner-up by the National Association of College Broadcasters (NACB).

Nominated Students

Audio Awards

- **News Package:** Jason Littell, Nicky Walters and Patrick Sheenan.
- **Sports/Feature Package:** Nicky Walters.
- **News/Sports/Feature Segment:** Vince Payne and Nicky Walters.
- **Documentary Program:** Todd McCormick, Nicky Walters, Vince Payne, Chris Roberts, Sean Walters, Robert Harper, Bryan Casto, Shawn Seagroves and Sean McDowell.
- **Public Affairs/Interview:** Vince Payne, April Vitello and Nicky Walters.
- **News/Magazine Program:** April Vitello, Brandy Barkey, Patrick Sheehan and Shellie Webb.
- **Commercials/Promos/PSAs:** Christian Bayle.
- **Instructional/Industrial/Promotional Program:** Vince Payne and Jason Littell.
- **Sports — Play-by-Play or Post-Game Programming:** Vince Payne, Kenney Barnette, Robert Harper and John Ellifritz.

Script Writing

- **Comedy Program or Segment — Audio Script:** Christian Anton Baylen.
- **Instructional/Industrial/Promotional — Audio Script:** Jason Littell.

Brandy Barkey, Point Pleasant senior majoring in broadcast journalism, said she is honored to be nominated for the audio category News/Magazine Program.

"These awards will separate

the best from the rest," she said. "Competition makes us work harder among each other."

The group's adviser is Professor Dan Hollis.

Commission

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in 1997 and sent in 1998 to J. Wade Gilley, former president of Marshall. The current freeze on spending has affected the completion of this request.

Sutton recommended sensitivity training for members of the Student Government Association (SGA), Student Senate and all university tutors.

The COM referred these recommendations to SGA, according to the memo.

Sutton recommended musical concerts and plays dealing with multicultural themes, especially with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered themes, be performed on campus.

Don Van Horn, dean of the College of Fine Arts, said in a memo released Monday that the process of selecting performances is taken very seriously.

"The College of Fine Arts will continue to follow, with great care and dedication, its Social Justice Plans, which are clear indicators of a faculty committed to issues of diversity and education," according to a separate memo from the

College of Fine Arts.

Sensitivity training should be required for the Marshall University Police Department, Sutton recommended.

MUPD received sensitivity training but James Terry, director of the Office of Public Safety, will investigate and decide whether a refresher course is needed, according to the memo.

Sutton recommended having a LGBT library in the Morrow Library.

The COM recommended adding to the current LGBT collection in the John Deaver Drinko Library, according to the memo.

The MUPD should offer self defense classes to all multicultural students, Sutton recommended.

The Office of Public Safety offers Rape Aggression Defense, which is only open to women. Physical Education 120 is offered to all students throughout the year.

The recommendations will be discussed further Wednesday at the COM meeting, said Feon Smith, administrative assistant for the Office of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs. The meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. in the John Spotts Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Higher ed bill

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Technical College.

The bill passed so quickly that some of those who it directly affects are not aware of exactly what it would change.

Robert Hayes, provost of the Community and Technical College, said he has not read the passed version of the bill and is not aware of the amendments made in the final hours before it was passed.

Marshall University President Dan Angel said the biggest features for Marshall under SB 653 are the new funding formula and the section that allows Marshall to maintain its Community and Technical College.

The new funding formula would allow institutions to qualify for money under five

funds: peer equity, community and technical college, research, state priorities and institutional maintenance, with peer equity being the priority.

"I'm really happy that the peer equity issue is addressed in the law," Angel said. "I really think we will qualify for money in every single fund. It should mean significant funds for Marshall in the future, if the state has any money."

Angel added that Marshall currently receives only 70 percent of what its peers get, which makes it among one of the lowest in the state, while other schools in the state receive up to 90 percent of what their peers receive. Who Marshall's peers will be is an issue to be decided over the next year, Angel said.

If signed into law, the funding portion of the bill would take effect July 1, 2001, which would

allow the state to complete the fifth year of Senate Bill 547 before Senate Bill 653 is used.

According to the bill, each school would have to file an institutional plan called an institutional compact, which would be complete by next February. The universities would have to get the compacts approved by the Legislature.

"If it's approved, you'll get your funds," Angel said. "If it isn't, you don't."

Other changes made in the bill include governance throughout the higher education system.

The state would get a new state commission for higher education and each university would have a board of governors.

Angel said his newness to the university has made it easier to adjust to all of the changes.

"I'm learning how it is and it is changing at the same time," he said.

Speak out

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though offensive, is not illegal.

"I firmly believe that the response for hate speech is more speech and louder and more vigorous speech. Be out there and don't let it go."

Another issue addressed was labeling.

Drew Pritt, Arkansas junior, said he thought gays and lesbians separated themselves from other students.

Jesus Week

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"Giving up time cleaning someone else's apartment does not seem like work," Lipinski said.

Amber Beanblossom, education sophomore from Charleston, said, "You can have fun anywhere as long as you look for it."

Richards said the group did such a good job that he will probably have them come back, "especially if the Housing Department says the walls need it."

Students work with Interfaith Care Givers on an as-needed basis, Goff said.

The students do a variety of work each time they go, Goff said. They may clean a house, do yard work or help a person move.

"I consider myself a very progressive person," he said, "but I have a problem when I go to one bar and it's considered straight and I go to another bar and it's considered gay."

Raymie White, co-coordinator of the Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Outreach Office, said he thought many gays and lesbians separated themselves in search of acceptance.

"The reason you have a gay bar is so you can surround yourself with people like you who you have something in common with," he said.

White said organizations like the Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Outreach program were not after approval, but simply a better environment for its members' education.

"We know that we're probably not going to get everyone to say that they love gay students, but that's not what we're after," White said.

"What we want is for all gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered to be able to walk across campus and feel safe so they can do what they're here to do, which is to get an education," he said.

Candidates

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Walker and Dennison provided the court with a detailed expense publication they said proved they were under the \$600 election spending cap.

"We have laid it all out, the court has ruled in our favor and we have done nothing wrong," Dennison said.

Walker said the entire process could have been avoided.

"If the candidate who had the complaint had approached us for the receipts, he would have seen that there was no

violation, but he chose to take the other approach and obviously didn't get what he wanted," Walker said.

Jacobs said the candidates could have spent the two hours of the court proceedings out campaigning.

"We have excellent candidates to choose from and situations like this could distract voters from the real issues," she said.

"I encourage all students out there to look beyond flashy boards and colored posters and really know who they're voting for," Jacobs said.

SGA elections are today and Wednesday at various locations around campus.

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Marshall's 21 wins not enough for NIT bid

by JACOB MESSER
Life! editor

After losing to Miami in the semifinals of the Mid-American Conference Tournament eight days ago, Marshall coaches and players had hoped their next basketball game would be this week.

But as it turns out there will be no next game for the 1999-2000 Thundering Herd.

Marshall (21-9) was one of 13 schools with 20 or more wins to be left out of the 64-team NCAA Tournament and also was omit-

ted from the 32-team National Invitational Tournament.

Marshall Coach Greg White was not in his office Monday and could not be reached for comment.

Last week, White sent the appropriate materials — attendance figures, records, roster and statistics — to the NIT office at the request of the tournament committee. He also spoke by telephone to several committee members.

MAC commissioner Rick Chryst also contacted officials

from both postseason tournaments, campaigning to get as many league representatives as possible in each tournament.

Ball State, however, was the only team selected to the NCAA Tournament from the MAC, which the Ratings Power Index ranks No. 8 among the 31 Division I conferences.

The Cardinals (22-8) earned an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament by winning the Mid-American Conference Tournament.

The Cardinals, the No. 11

seed in the Midwest Region, will play its tournament opener Thursday against No. 6 seed UCLA (19-11) at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn.

Three conferences rated lower than the MAC — Missouri Valley, Mountain West and Western Athletic — received two NCAA berths.

Neither Bowling Green (22-7) nor Kent State (21-7) received one of the 35 at-large bids extended by the NCAA Tournament. But the Falcons and the Golden Flashes did receive NIT berths.

Bowling Green travels to Brigham Young (20-10) on Wednesday to play the Cougars in their opening round match-up. Kent will play host to Rutgers (15-15) on Thursday in their first-round game.

It should not come as a surprise that Marshall was excluded from postseason play, given the upsets in conference tournaments this weekend as well as the snubbing of both Bowling Green and Kent State in the NCAA Tournament.

The MAC qualified two teams

for the NCAA Tournament three times during the 1990s, but never more than two in that 10-year period.

The MAC also has never qualified more than two teams for NIT during the 1990s and qualified only one team in each of the past four years.

Marshall has not participated in postseason play since the 1987-88 season when the Thundering Herd, 24-8 that season, lost to Virginia Commonwealth 81-80 in the opening round of the NIT.

MU tennis team gets revenge on Cincinnati

by MICHELLE JAMES
reporter

After losing to Cincinnati this past season, the Thundering Herd tennis team got the revenge it was looking for Saturday as it defeated the Bearcats 7-2.

Coach Laurie Mercer said the victory was good for Marshall.

"It was a good win because we lost to Cincinnati last year," she said. "They have a good No. 1 player and they're solid all the way through their lineup. They have really good depth."

Although Marshall's No. 1 player Anna Mitina fell in her singles match, the Thundering Herd was able to take a 4-2 lead after singles competition before the doubles teams went 3-0 to secure the win.

Mercer said she was pleased with the play of both the singles and doubles teams, especially the play of junior Ana Ceretto and Karolina Pierko.

"Ana Ceretto is playing extremely well in both singles and double and Karolina Pierko is starting to come

around and play better. I think that's making a big difference."

Mercer said she hopes Marshall's results against Cincinnati, combined with the Bearcats' results against Mid-American Conference teams, will bode well for her team.

"Cincinnati beat Eastern Michigan the night before our match and Bowling Green a few weeks before," she said. "Both of those teams are among the top in the conference, so hopefully that's a good sign that we'll be right in the hunt for the MAC championship."

Marshall, 8-3, will take on North Carolina State Thursday and Florida International on Saturday in a dual match in Miami. Mercer said she hopes the recent wins against Old Dominion and Cincinnati will help the team's confidence in upcoming matches.

"After the Old Dominion match, our ranking went from No. 102 to No. 86 in the nation," she said, "so hopefully with the good matches against them and Cincinnati, the momentum will carry over."

Marshall scheduled to play host to MAC title game

Attendance, atmosphere key factors in council's decision-making process

by AARON E. RUNYON
sports editor

Huntington was again chosen to play host to the Mid-American Conference football Championship Game at Marshall Stadium for the weekend of Dec. 1-2, 2000.

It will be the fourth consecutive year the league title game will be played in Huntington.

The MAC's Council of Presidents awarded the game to Huntington on Friday after considering bids from Canton, Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland and Indianapolis.

"There's a long-term objective in decision-making on the part of our presidents," MAC commissioner Rick Chryst said Monday. "There was a consensus in the decision-making that the event needs to be held at a neutral site

at some point, but with what has been built in Huntington in the last three games it warrants the awarding of the 2000 game to Huntington."

The Thundering Herd has won the past three MAC title games, defeating Toledo in 1997 and 1998 and Western Michigan in 1999.

Thundering Herd Coach Bob Pruett thinks local fans will rally to support the title game regardless of which team is playing, but the ultimate goal was for Marshall to be on the gridiron for its fourth championship.

"We are very excited to have again been awarded the Mid-American Conference title game," Pruett said in a press release. "We have been very fortunate to have played in the first three games and our goal is to be back there again this year, but I am very confident that the people of Huntington will come out and support this event regardless of what teams are involved in the game."

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Rick Chryst,
MAC Commissioner

And Marshall's fan support has proven adequate.

Last year's MAC Championship Game between Marshall and Western Michigan was the second most-watched game in ESPN2 history.

The Thundering Herd emerged from a 20-point deficit to win the game 34-30 on a last-second touchdown pass from Heisman Trophy finalist Chad Pennington to senior tight end Eric Pinkerton.

In addition, the total attendance for Huntington's three MAC Championship games is 84,175, an average of 28,058 per game.

Chryst said those numbers weighed heavily on the decision.

"The decision was a pretty straightforward look at fan support, atmosphere and past histo-

ry," Chryst said. "All of that weighed positively in favor of Huntington."

Chryst said the conference is anticipating a showing that paralleled the games of the past.

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The 2000 title game will mark the ninth consecutive season Huntington will play host to a championship game.

Marshall hosted the Division I-AA championship game from 1992-1996.

Athletic Director Lance West did not return phone calls and could not be reached for comment Monday.



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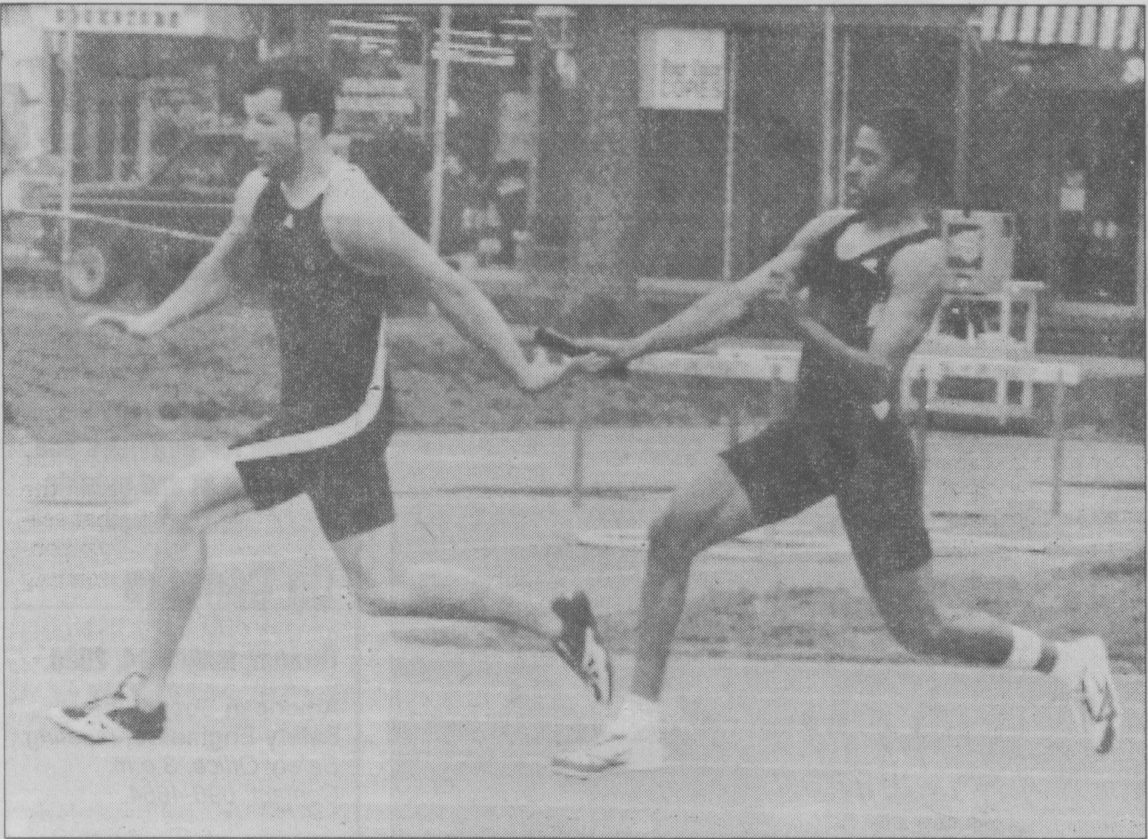
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Track teams sweep 18-of-28 events in home invitational



Richie McNeil receives the baton from B.J. Epps at the Marshall Invitational on Saturday.



Mandy Halsey attempts the javelin throw at Saturday's invitational. Halsey finished second with a distance of 102'01.00."

Thundering Herd track athletes swept the women's 200-meter dash, women's shot put, women's discus, women's hammer throw, men's 200-meter dash, men's 400-meter dash, men's 800-meter run, men's shot put and the men's hammer throw at the Walter "Lefty" Rollins Track on Saturday.

Sophomore Michelle John led the Thundering Herd with wins in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash.

Marshall's women's team gathered eight first-place honors and the men's team captured 10 first-place finishes in the invitational, which included the University of Dayton, Morehead State University and West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Thundering Herd baseball team goes 1-3 in weekend tourney play

by KIRK D. LIGHTNER reporter

The Thundering Herd baseball team had its sights set on at least a six-game winning streak going into its weekend tournament in Rock Hill, S.C.

But the team had to go through the Ohio State Buckeyes in the first game off the Winthrop Stateline Classic Friday.

The Thundering Herd was beaten by the Buckeyes 10-7 in 14 innings.

But Marshall didn't go down without a fight against the Buckeyes.

After the two teams exchanged the lead throughout the game, Marshall had its big chance in the ninth inning to pull out the victory.

The Thundering Herd scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth off of Cory Cox, the 1999 Big Ten Conference's saves leader.

David Colangelo started the rally with a single and went to second base on a single from Jason Brooks. Designated hitter Marty Rini then singled, cutting the lead to 7-6. Ryan Kobbe followed with another single to tie the score at 7-all.

The score remained tied until the 14th inning when the Buckeyes scored three times in the top of the inning. Marshall had one final chance in the bottom of the inning, but Cox shut down the Thundering Herd to end the game.

Marshall starter Doug Dingess pitched five innings, allowing six hits and just one earned run. Rustyn Lee

entered the game in relief and allowed four runs over an inning and two-thirds.

Reliever Steve Fowler entered in the seventh and pitched the remainder of the contest. Fowler suffered the loss, evening his record at 1-1 for the season.

"I'm disappointed in our defensive effort today," Marshall Coach Dave Piepenbrink said in a press release. "We overthrew cutoffs and just didn't make the routine play. I thought our pitchers threw well and we put the bat on the ball."

Marshall returned to action Saturday and lost both contests, falling to tournament host Winthrop 5-2 in the first game and 4-1 to Fairfield in a rain-shortened second game.

"We just didn't make plays when we had to," Piepenbrink said.

In game one, the Eagles got a strong pitching performance by starter Christian Tomsich, who held Marshall hitless for four innings.

Marshall got good pitching from starter Sean Reeder, who pitched seven innings, giving up four runs on nine hits. Reeder struck out seven batters and gave up four walks.

"I pitched pretty well but I'm upset that we lost," Reeder said. "I made one mistake and it really cost us."

"I had a guy down 0-2 and I threw a curve ball up in the strike zone and he hit it up the middle, driving in a couple of runs."

The Thundering Herd started off well in the rain-shortened second game by scoring in the first inning, but the lead was short-lived.

Starting pitcher Chris Wean let the Stags gain the lead by giving up two runs on three

hits in the bottom of the first inning. The Stags scored two more runs in the third to set the final score before the rain came.

"We played up and down in these games," Reeder said. "We had our chances to win these games and we couldn't capitalize when we needed to."

Marshall struggled throughout the first three games of the weekend with team defense, committing a total of six errors in the three losses.

"Our defense was not good," Reeder said. "Our pitching was good, but the team couldn't get it together on offense and defense."

Marshall and Fairfield met again in the consolation game of the tournament Sunday with the Thundering Herd looking to even the score with the Stags. Marshall won the game 8-1 to finish third in the tournament.

Marshall once again got a stellar pitching performance. Mickey Plymale allowed just three hits over eight innings to record his first career win. Plymale, a former standout at Buffalo-Wayne High School, struck out four batters while allowing only one unearned run.

"Mickey was outstanding today," Piepenbrink said. "We planned on using him for only a few innings, but he was throwing so well we had to leave him out there."

"You couldn't ask for any more from a young pitcher making his first start."

First baseman Jason Brooks was the offensive hero for the Thundering Herd, going 4-for-5 with four RBIs. Brooks also added his third home run of the season.

Matt Eldridge went 3-for-4 with a pair of runs scored.

Marshall (6-7) returns to action at 1 p.m. Wednesday for a doubleheader against West Virginia State at University Heights.

Marino retires after 17 years with Dolphins

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Dan Marino, the NFL's most prolific passer, retired yesterday after 17 years as quarterback of the Miami Dolphins.

"I'm going to miss it," Marino said, struggling to keep his composure at a news conference. "I'm going to miss everything about it."

The 38-year-old Marino wanted to go out like John Elway and retire as a Super Bowl champion. After parting ways with the Dolphins, he reluctantly rejected an offer to play this year for the Minnesota Vikings.

"I can say I have been blessed with a career greater than I could imagine," Marino said. "Most of all I am going to miss Sunday afternoons."

Marino's wife, children, parents and former coach Don Shula were with him for the news conference in the team meeting room — the same location used for departure speeches by Shula and Jimmy Johnson.

"This is a day of celebration

of a great career," Shula said. "You just want to applaud."

Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga hugged Marino after his announcement.

The owner said the Dolphins will retire No. 13, build a statue for Marino and name a street after him near their stadium.

Marino read an eight-minute statement, then answered questions for an hour. He said health and family were the main reasons for retiring. He said he made up his mind Thursday while sitting in his kitchen with his wife, Claire.

"I called my dad over, my mom, and I just told them, Marino said. "It wasn't a big deal or anything. We just kind of decided that and went on with the rest of the day."

Marino departs owning many of the NFL passing records. He completed 4,967 passes for 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns, all league records. In 1984, his second season, Marino threw for 5,084

yards and 48 touchdowns, both still league records.

More than a dozen current and former Miami players attended the news conference, as did coach Dave Wannstedt, regarded by some Miami fans as a villain because he never said he wanted Marino to play this season.

Among those absent was Johnson, who coached Marino for four seasons. They clashed frequently last year, and Johnson publicly admonished his quarterback for poor decisions and costly turnovers.

Johnson and Marino's final bid to win a Super Bowl together ended with a 62-7 playoff loss at Jacksonville, the most lopsided defeat in franchise history. Johnson retired the next day and was succeeded by Wannstedt.

Marino's only Super Bowl appearance in his second year in the NFL ended in a disappointing 38-16 loss to San Francisco. Marino spent the next 15 years trying unsuccessfully to return to the title game.

MU women's soccer signs two recruits

by AARON E. RUNYON sports editor

New talent and a backbone of experienced returning players make for a shot at a winning season and conference title.

Now that she possesses both, women's soccer Coach Teresa Patterson is expecting just that.

"We have returning players that beat strong conference teams last season," Patterson said. "When you combine that experience with the talent we have coming in, we'll have a legitimate shot at making a run for the title."

Marshall's women's soccer team finished its recruitment of field players Monday, after Ellerie Karl of Oakwood, Ohio, and Marilee Olfield of Worthington, Ohio, signed

national letters of intent to play at Marshall.

Karl, a midfielder/forward, was a three-time all Southwestern Buckeye League selection and two-time all-area honoree at Oakwood High School. She also was the league MVP and a third-team all-state selection as a junior.

Karl captured second-team all-state honors as a senior, after missing the first half of the season with a broken ankle. Karl played club soccer for F.C. Dayton, along with Marshall women's soccer signees Sarah Gupton and Lindsey Stetler.

Olfield, a forward, earned second-team all-conference honors, while leading Thomas Worthington High School to a 1999 district championship. Olfield also was part of the Ambassadors Soccer Club.

"Overall, this class of athletes has a lot of talent," Patterson said. "They will be great addi-

tions to our team."

Patterson said she expects to sign a goalkeeper to finish the Thundering Herd's recruiting.

Marshall, which finished the 1999 season 6-10-3 overall and 2-7-2 in conference play, returns nine starters and 16 letterwinners, including second-team all-conference selection Lindsey Jayjack.

Patterson said she hopes to see the squad improve with the added depth the signees bring.

"Last season we didn't have the depth to do it all season long," Patterson said. "But this class will bring the depth we need."

"I'm really excited about seeing them blend."

The squad begins its 2000 season at 7 p.m. Aug. 25 as it plays host to Youngstown State at Sam Hood Field. The team's informal spring season will begin April 1 against Radford and Morehead State.



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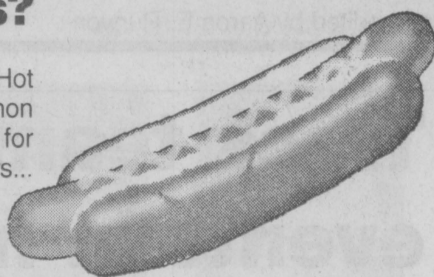
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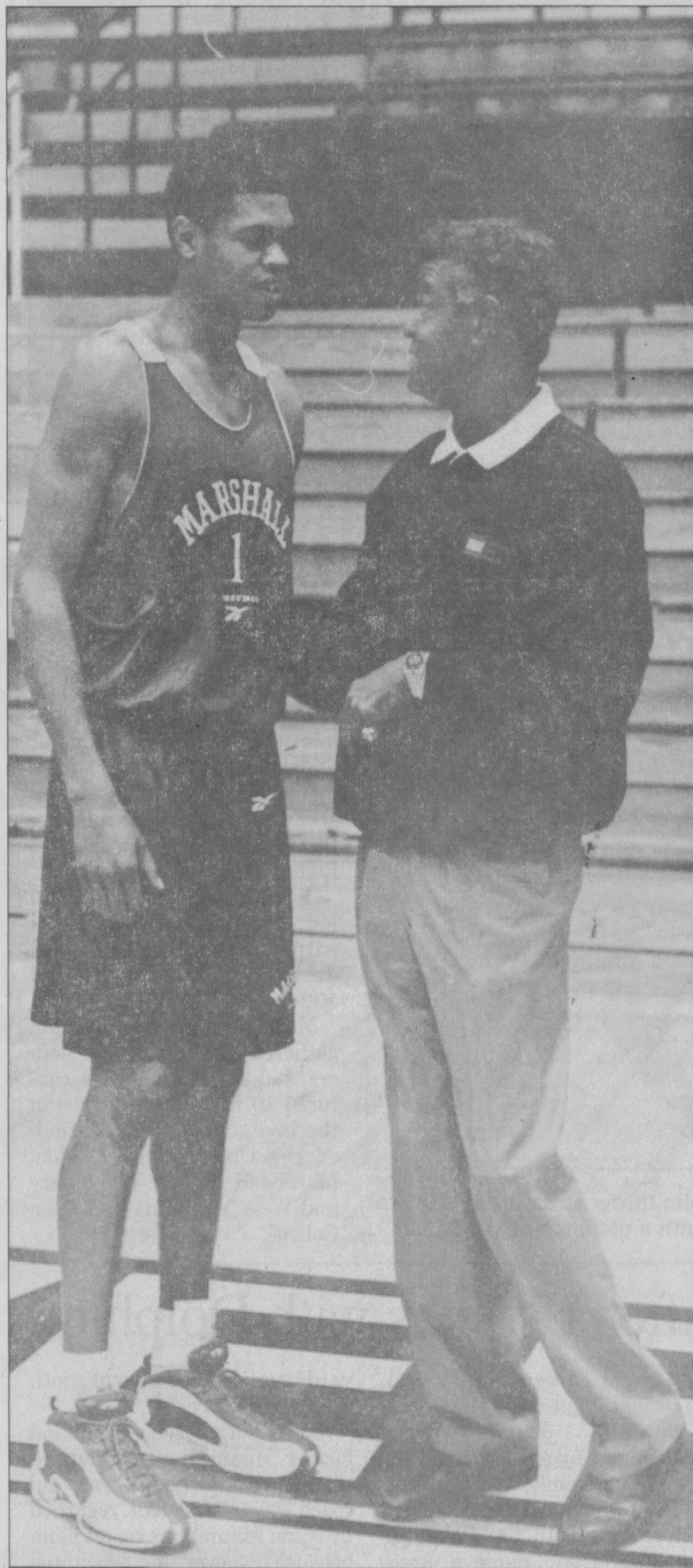
Welcome back, Hal



photos by J. Nesbitt

Above: Hal Greer laughs as he looks at a picture of himself from his playing days at Marshall.

Right: Greer, one of Marshall's past stars, talks to Tamar Slay, one of its current stars. The former NBA All-Star returned to Huntington for a benefit for The Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington.



Herd great's message: 'Have fun, work hard and be the best'

by **ELINE M. LOEFGREN SKEIDE**
reporter

Upon his return to his hometown and his alma mater, Hal Greer offered the same advice to his friends and fans that he gave his daughter.

"I just want to tell everyone at Marshall what I have always told my daughter: Have fun, work hard and be the best," Greer told the audience at a benefit to support the Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington on Friday.

His speech was part of "Hal Greer's Homecoming" at the Radisson Hotel.

Greer, who now lives in Arizona, became one of the most recognized Huntington natives after he played in the National Basketball Association for 15 years and was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1981.

"It is great to be back and see the wonderful new campus," Greer said.

Greer was the first African American athlete to play at a state college in West Virginia. In 1957-58, he led the Thundering Herd to its first and only Mid-Eastern Conference Championship in men's basketball.

Greer was an NBA All-Star for 10 straight seasons with the Syracuse Nationals, who are now the Philadelphia 76ers.

Greer was given a tour of the campus and had the opportunity to speak with the men's basketball team.

"Being at Marshall was the four best years of my life," Greer said.

"When people ask me where I am from, I say very proudly that I was born and raised in Huntington, West Virginia."

Former Marshall interim president A. Michael Perry stressed the importance of Greer not only being the first African American to attend Marshall, but being the

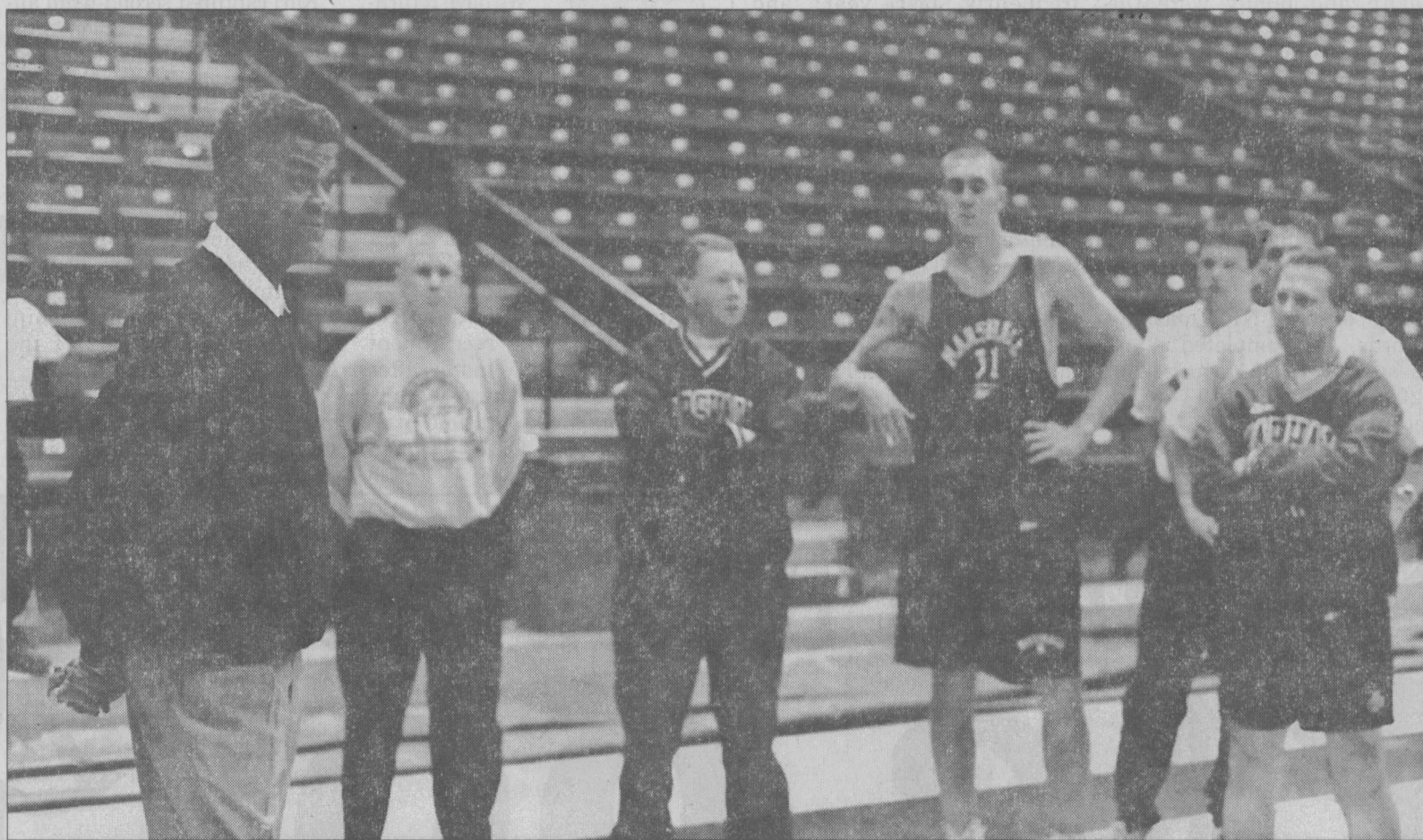


photo by J. Nesbitt

"Kids these days need to learn the fundamentals," Hal Greer told Marshall players, coaches and administrative assistants during his visit with them Friday at the Cam Henderson Center. Greer was the first African American to play at a state college in West Virginia. He would later become an NBA All-Star and Basketball Hall of Fame inductee with the Syracuse Nationals.

first African American to attend any West Virginia college.

"It is OK to take credit for a lot of things you do that you had nothing to do with, because there are a lot of things you get blamed for that you had nothing to do with either," Perry said.

During the banquet, several of Greer's childhood friends paid their regards.

Bill Walker remembered playing basketball with Greer when they were about 7 years old.

"Remember playing with a tennis ball and a soup can as the hoop," he said.



Perry

Perry added, "If he can put a tennis ball through a soup can, no wonder he makes it look so easy to get the ball through the net."

"I came here today to say hello to man who has carried himself in a dignified way throughout his life," Walker concluded.

Jack Freeman, who played basketball with Greer at Marshall, said, "Hal was not only a great player, but also a great person. He was the most consistent person Marshall ever had."

Huntington businessman Marshall Reynolds, who is president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of



Reynolds

Huntington, noted that Greer has a street in Huntington named after him.

"Hal Greer is the only man who grew up here who has a road named after him," Reynolds said. "He has made a tremendous impact on our society."

At the end of his speech, Greer asked the audience if they had any questions.

Someone asked Greer what he thought of NBA bad boy Dennis Rodman, who recently waived by the Dallas Mavericks for a string of technical fouls and ejections.



Miller

"Rodman is a headcase, and every time you have a player that sets himself apart in that way, you have a problem," Greer replied.

John Miller, of the Boys and Girls Club of America, spoke after Greer.

"The Boys and Girls Clubs help in a very simple way," Miller said. "We give them a safe place to go."

"We try to provide for them a sense of usefulness and a sense of belonging."

At the end of the fund-raising event, Reynolds said, "Despite the fact that some things have changed, some kids are still really disadvantaged. We have an awful lot of children that go unloved."

Happenings...

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

On Campus

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000

American Society of Safety Engineers, meeting, Safety Office, 3 p.m. Contact: 696-4664.

Student Activities Programming Board, meeting, Memorial Student Center 2W37, 3:15 p.m. Contact: 696-2290.

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

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

Residence Services, Absolutely Have to Know: Alcohol Awareness, Holderby Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

Residence Services, New Beginnings: Starting Your Career, Laidley Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2000

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

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

Newman Center, student gathering, Newman Center, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Bill Petro 525-4618.

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

Residence Services, Cloning: What Is It?, Twin Towers East, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

Residence Services, RAD: Learn to Defend Yourself, Buskirk Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

Residence Services, Which Way Do You Vote?, Twin Towers West, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

Residence Services, Luck of the Irish, Hodges Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2000

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

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

Newman Center, student gathering, Newman Center, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Bill Petro 525-4618.

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