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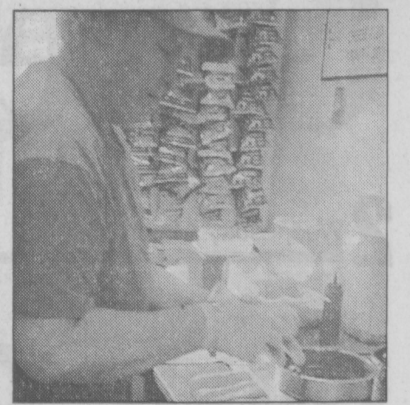
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## Libraries seek dean

Native West Virginian first of four candidates to be interviewed

by **JON P. ROGERS**  
reporter

When Barbara A. Winters looks at the John Deaver Drinko Library, she sees more than possible future employment — she sees growth.

"It looks empty now, but in five years it won't," she said. "We can outgrow any building."

About 20 people attended an informal question-and-answer session Tuesday for Winters, a former Charleston resident

and candidate for dean of university libraries.

Winters is associate university librarian for collection services at the University of Georgia.

Interviews were conducted from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the John Deaver Drinko Library auditorium. From 2:15-3 p.m., all faculty members could interview Winters.

"(It has been asked) how to blend owning print materials versus electronic ones," Winters said. "It's not an 'either/or' situation, it's a 'both/and' one. We're wrong to think print resources are ever going away. Consortial purchasing is really key to this, and being able to leverage your money."

Winters also said the manu-

facturers of electronic resources do not price them in such a way that they are likely to supplant print materials.

The Marshall libraries' greatest strength lies in its staff, Winters said.

"I've been in a lot of libraries, but I've never seen such a willingness to work together to solve problems."

The greatest weakness of the Marshall libraries is lack of funding, especially for periodicals, she said.

"You can't continue to cut serials," she said. "What Marshall offers now is a very basic, 'meat and potatoes' selection. Certain things in the library budget need to be held harmless when

there are budget cuts.

"The University of Georgia spends \$220 per student on serials. I did an estimate and found that, from what I can tell, Marshall spends one-tenth of that. Now you can't compare Marshall to the University of Georgia, they have different programs, but you can look at your peer institutions and compare," Winters said.

She said her management style is very participatory.

"When it's not possible to build a consensus, I will make a decision," she said. "Not in an authoritarian way, but I will move forward. I make a

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## THE RACE IS ON



photo by Mike Andrick

Josh Carpenter casts his vote Tuesday for the Student Government Association elections. Today is the last day students may vote.

For the latest election news, visit **The Parthenon Online** at <http://www.marshall.edu/parthenon>. We will post the unofficial SGA election results tonight as soon as they are released.

## Chili hits the spot on cool day

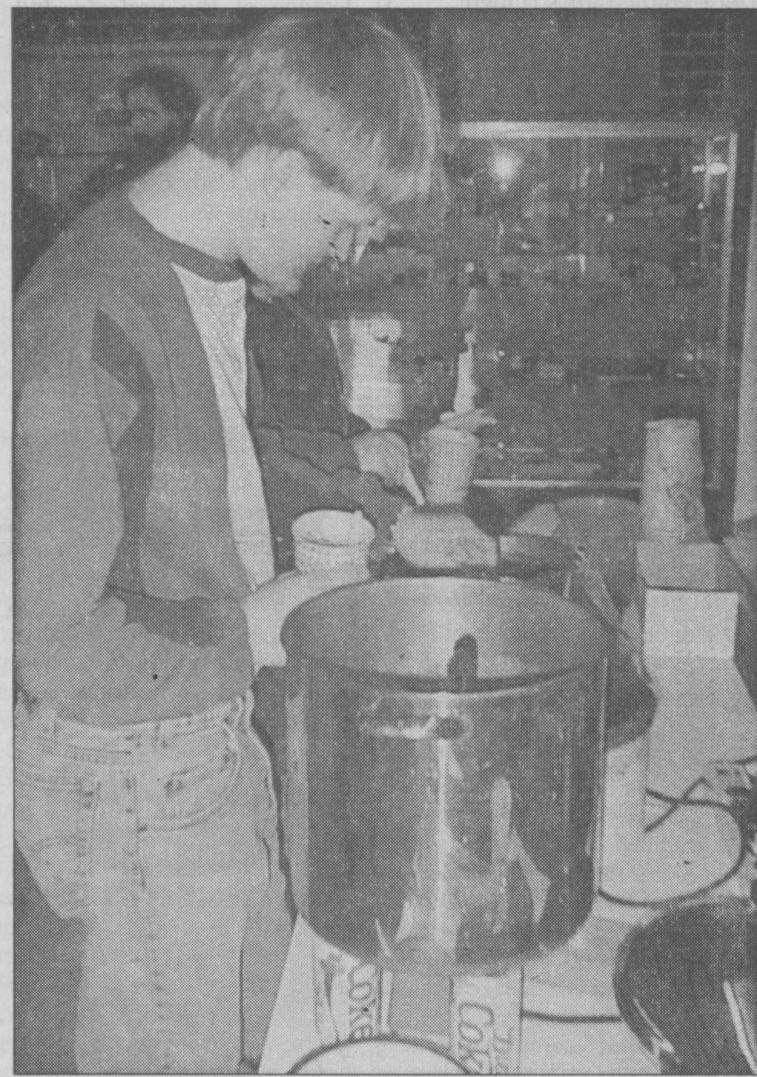


photo by Elaine M. Loeffgren Skeide

Marshall student Jason Brown helps himself to some chili Tuesday in the Science Building. Two contestants entered the chili cook-off. The winner received a free lunch at Chili Willi's.

by **ELINE M. LOEFGREN SKEIDE**  
reporter

The Science Building is normally full of chemical smells, but Tuesday, the spicy aroma of chili wafted through the halls.

Two people put their culinary skills to the test to determine the best chili cook at the Alpha Xi Sigma professional fraternity's third bi-annual chili cook-off.

Rob Rambacher, chemistry junior from Ironton, and Kitty Kelley-Smoot, math department secretary, both submitted chili to the competition.

Laura Waldorf, biology junior from Bloomingrose, was in charge of the event.

"Anyone on campus can join our fraternity," Waldorf said. "We wish that more people would enter because it has always been a fun time."

The cook-off will benefit Alpha Xi Sigma, but the fraternity is also trying to help students at Ohio University to start an Alpha Xi Sigma chapter there.

"We were more than happy to agree to help them start a chapter," Amber Tippens, chemistry senior from Parkersburg said.

Alpha Xi Sigma received donations from several businesses in Huntington to be given away as prizes. Among these were a \$25

gift certificate from Dawahare's and a free lunch from Chili Willi's.

The cook-off had a panel of judges. Bill Price, Gary Anderson and Mike Norton, all chemistry professors, tasted the samples. Rambacher was declared the winner.

"The samples are very different from each other," Norton said, "but they are all really good."

David Willson, chemistry major from Beckley, came by and tasted the chili.

"The quality of the food is fantastic," Willson said. "Marshall students not here missed out."

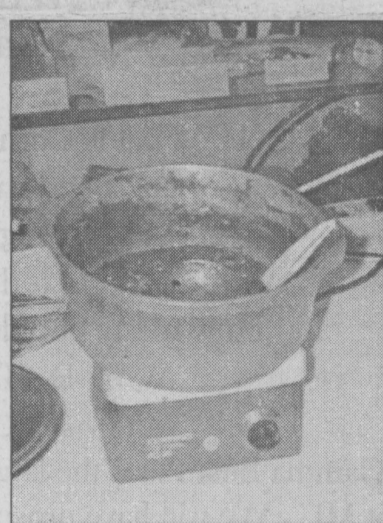


photo by Elaine M. Loeffgren Skeide

Only an empty pot and ladle remain as proof of the Alpha Xi Sigma's third bi-annual chili cook-off.

## SGA kicks out absentee senators

by **RHANDA M. FARMER**  
reporter

Three senators were removed from the Student Senate Tuesday because of excessive absences.

Sen. Glen Midkiff, graduate college, Sen. Justin Williams, Community and Technical College and Sen. Kevin Edmunds, Community and Technical College were removed from the Student Senate in an executive session.

Judiciary Committee chairman Nate Kuratomi said, "We will start advertising that there are open seats after spring break."

"The senators who were removed made no effort to come to meetings," he said. "Efforts were made to contact them to see if they wanted to be a part of Student Senate and to see if they knew they were senators but we never heard from them. There's just no sense in having deadweight."

At the meeting, the Student Government Association also discussed a drive in protest of the higher education reform bill.

SGA President Brandi Jacobs said, "The House bill really only helps WVU, so we're pushing a drive to bombard the governor's office with phone calls,

letters and e-mails.

"The more people we get harassing the Legislature about this, the less likely it is to pass. This is politics at a state level we can influence."

A memo from Jeremy A. Posey, chairman of the University System Advisory Council of Students, highlights several concerns with the higher education reform bill.

A major concern is the haste with which it was considered and passed. The bill was introduced in Senate Feb. 25 and voted on March 11. The bill is more than 200 pages long. Five pages were added on the last day of the session. There were 10 copies of the bill available for 100 Delegates on the floor of the House at the time of the vote according to the list of concerns in Posey's memo.

Another concern is neither students nor faculty were consulted through the conducting of the study that resulted in the bill.

"It is important that we start making phone calls and sending faxes and e-mails today," Posey said.

"The governor will receive

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## Judicial Affairs wants students to know rights when wrong

by **TAMARA ENDICOTT**  
reporter

In the 1970s, Charles W. North, a West Virginia University medical student, was overheard saying he had falsified information on his admissions form. He was summarily expelled.

In 1984, his case, North v. Board of Regents, went to the West Virginia Supreme Court. North challenged his right to due process and won the case.

That decision gave West Virginia students the same, if not more, rights than other students nationwide, said Dr. Linda Rowe, director of judicial affairs.

At a Hodges Hall's floor program last month, Rowe presented "Know Your Rights When You're Wrong."

"The student code of conduct is something nobody reads until they have violated something," Rowe said. "Marshall University has its own rules and laws as does the city of Huntington and the state of West Virginia."

Before the 1960s, it was a widespread practice for students to be expelled without due process, she said. Challenges made by students and parents produced case law and regulation that formed and defined

how public education institutions handle a student's right to protection of property interest, Rowe said.

"My office tries to treat you fairly and make sure your rights are guaranteed," Rowe said.

Students who have a violation against them have the right to adequate notice of charges against them, the right to a fair hearing and the right to an appeal process. Students can have an attorney present but the attorney may not speak, but student advocates can represent and speak for the student charged, Rowe said.

If a student is found guilty the punishment can include sanctions, suspension or expulsion. "Are you allowed to stop students from going to basketball or football games as part of the sanction?" Ricky Evans, Cross Lanes sophomore, asked. "I mean we do pay fees for those departments."

"Yes, it's a forfeiture of a privilege," Rowe said. "Paying your fees is only part of your contract here. If you're not doing your part you lose that contract."

Sgt. Angela Howell of the Marshall University Police De-

partment addressed questions concerning the extent of the office's jurisdiction and how far the officers may go in searching a student's room.

"Marshall owns property all over Huntington, so we have a pretty large jurisdiction," Howell said.

If students have good probable cause, they can ask the student for verbal or written consent to search that student's property in the dormitory room. If the student refuses, an officer will remain with the student in the room until the other officer gets a search warrant, Howell said.

"If I have the right to say no, what's the point?" Steven Dixon, Brooklyn, N.Y., sophomore, said. "You're going to search my room anyway."

"We have a zero (tolerance) policy on drugs and alcohol and I'm not going to leave, because I don't want you to remove evidence," Howell said.

Marshall's average for violations is 1,000 a year, Rowe said.

"I have worked at two other major universities, and I have found that Marshall students are concerned about keeping community standards," Rowe said. "I think its basically a good student population."



Howell



## Mountain Stage coming to Huntington

by **CHARLENE L. CORNELL**  
reporter

Mountain Stage comes to Huntington soon, bringing everything from traditional Latin styles to a Swedish folk ensemble.

The Marshall Artists Series will present Mountain Stage at 7:30 p.m. April 13 at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Mountain Stage is a two-hour award-winning radio program that explores the sound of live performance. Produced by West Virginia Public Radio, it showcases some of the brightest stars in contemporary music.

"Mountain Stage is always really fun," said Angela Jones, director of marketing and external affairs for the Marshall Artists Series. "It's a live radio show. It's a concert that

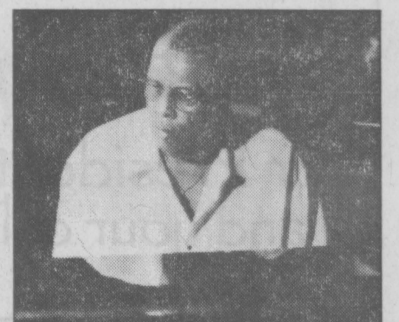
is recorded and broadcast all over the world."

After spring break, student tickets will go on sale March 27. Tickets for faculty, staff and the public go on sale starting March 30.

"Each of the four acts are very different," Jones said. "We run the gamut from Latin, Cuban piano, to Dirty Dozen, a fun brass band. Frifot is jazz folk ensemble. That is the fun thing about Mountain Stage — they put together an eclectic group of artists and bring them together."

Jesus Alemany leads the Latin band Cubanismo. It is a virtuoso group of musicians who are loyal to traditional rhythms.

The Dirty Dozen Brass Band brought a musical revolution to New Orleans when it was



photos courtesy of Marshall Artists Series

**TOP:** Members of the Latin band Cubanismo pride themselves on remaining loyal to traditional rhythms. **ABOVE:** Pianist Chucho Valdes fuses African, Cuban and jazz music. Both perform April 13 as part of the Marshall Artists Series.

founded in 1977.

For more than 75 years, the

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# Government

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Pennies from heaven

## Bush, Gore clinch presidential nominations

by **RON FOURNIER**  
and  
**EUN-KYUNG KIM**  
The Associated Press

Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush clinched their presidential nominations in a sweep of Southern primaries Tuesday night, securing the delegates they needed to ensure a November matchup that quickly turned contentious.

Predicting victory in the fall, Bush tried to chain Gore to

President Clinton's scandals. "He can't distance himself from the president when, for eight years, he's served as the cheerleader-in-chief," the Texas governor told supporters in remarks prepared for delivery.

Gore told The Associated Press that voters will soon get "a choice between keeping prosperity going or going back to the Bush-Quayle days of gigantic budget deficits and paralyzed democracy."

Their chief rivals vanquished less than a week ago, the



Bush

Southern sons of political patriarchs racked up huge victories in Florida, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas and Louisiana.

Saying Americans have "caught on" to Gore's political tactics, including questionable fund-raising in 1996, Bush said, "Al Gore can't solve campaign finance problems when he symbolizes

them. He can't talk of rebuilding the military when his administration has dismantled our military."

Gore rattled off a laundry list of issues he would address, including education, health care, Social Security, Medicare and the national debt. And he suggested that Bush is beholden to his party's right wing, warning that the



Gore

Texan would give anti-abortion evangelical leaders Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell a "working majority" on the Supreme court.

"This election is a fork in the road. I represent one direction. He represents another," Gore told the AP.

An AP analysis showed that Bush's delegate count would reach 1,090, and Gore's would reach at least 2,540 by the end of the night — far more than required.

"I'm humbled with the knowledge that I am a step closer to

assuming the highest office in the land," Bush told the AP. He is son of former President Bush. Gore's father was a longtime Tennessee senator with unfulfilled White House ambitions.

Republican John McCain and Democrat Bill Bradley abandoned their campaigns Thursday, ending an exciting primary season that tested the front-runners and spurred record-breaking voter turnout. Former ambassador Alan Keyes remained on GOP ballots, but was not a threat to Bush.

## NRA criticizes Clinton's plans for gun control

President responds to allegations that he allows 'certain level of killing' to further political agenda

by **ANNE GEARAN**  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House labeled Tuesday as sad and shameful — a National Rifle Association leader's accusation that President Clinton is "willing to accept a certain level of killing to further his political agenda."

"I'd have to agree with The New York Times this morning, that called it desperate rhetoric," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said on NBC's "Today." "I think it is sad but it's also shameful. The NRA desperately doesn't want to have the real debate we should be having in this country about whether we can keep our kids safer."



Clinton

Wayne LaPierre, the NRA executive vice president, who made the accusation, did not back away from the words in an NBC interview Tuesday. But he twice refused to repeat them.

"I think the fact is the president would rather make NRA rhetoric the issue rather than his own policies," LaPierre said. "The truth is, of the 500,000 cases the president brags about where they stopped felons trying to buy guns under the instant check, which NRA supports, he's prosecuted only a handful."

Lockhart responded that enforcement is up 16 percent during Clinton's presidency, and "on all levels, state, local, where most of the enforcements happen, it's up 25 percent."

"Crime is down. We've put more cops on the street. We've tried to take guns off the street. The NRA has stood in our way at every step," Lockhart said.

Later, the president's spokesman criticized Texas Gov. George W. Bush for declining Monday to denounce LaPierre's remarks, saying the likely Republican presidential nominee should have

considered it part of his duty as a political leader to speak out against "outrageous statements."

"The way I saw it was the governor saying that both sides should stop calling each other names," Lockhart said. "That, certainly, I didn't see as a repudiation. This gentleman has made a statement and it's gone unchallenged, as far as I can tell, by the governor and others."

LaPierre said in a televised interview Sunday that "President Clinton is willing to accept a certain level of killing to further his political agenda, and his vice president, too."

"It's pretty hard to take," Clinton told a Democratic crowd during a political fund-raising speech Monday night in Chicago. As he did earlier during two appearances in Cleveland, Clinton repeated LaPierre's comment in a soft, almost incredulous tone. "I didn't like that," he said.

The back-and-forth seemed sure to continue, as the White House tries to train an unflattering light on the NRA and its mostly Republican backers in Congress as Vice President Al Gore campaigns to replace Clinton and Democrats hope to regain a majority in the House in November.

"I'm not trying to pick a fight with anybody," Clinton said Monday night. "I'm just trying to keep more people alive."

Clinton has issued a challenge to Congress to pass what he calls "common sense gun control" before the April 20 anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings in Colorado, although his plan failed in Congress last year.

He wants to impose background checks on sales at gun shows that could take as long as 72 hours. Many congressional Republicans, like the NRA, want any such checks to be instant or at least no longer than 24 hours. Clinton also wants trigger locks to be required on new guns and a ban on the import of large-capacity ammunition clips.

## Newspapers angry over legislative 'punishment'

CHARLESTON (AP) — Newspapers have lost an opportunity for more legal ad revenue after turning against legislation that would have excluded West Virginia's two largest newspapers.

The measure initially backed by the West Virginia Press Association would have increased rates for legal advertising, but was changed by the House Finance Committee to punish The Charleston Gazette and Charleston Daily Mail, the industry group said Monday. The press group turned against the measure and urged its rejection.

The plan died in the House Rules Committee, which sets the House agenda, on the final day of the legislative session Saturday.

"All newspapers agreed that the Legislature simply should not be allowed to use economic pressure in efforts to control editorial content," the group said in a statement.

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West Virginia Press Association statement

Bill Childress, the press group's executive director, said the House committee version would have excluded newspapers with a circulation of 40,000 or more, which applies to the Charleston newspapers.

House Finance Vice Chairman John Doyle said lawmakers did not target the newspapers for

punishment.

"It was certainly not my motivation and I had not heard any other else say that," said Doyle, D-Jefferson.

Instead, lawmakers sought to direct more revenue to smaller daily and weekly newspapers. "The point is, smaller newspapers need it," he said.

The finance committee's action "was the least obvious thing legislators did this session. The whole session was pretty shabby," said Gazette editor James Haught.

The Press Association lobbied for higher rates, which were last set by the Legislature in 1995. The measure would have raised rates by 1 cent a word in four classes of newspapers that vary by circulation.

Legal ads account for between 5 percent and 18 percent of advertising revenue, depending on a newspaper's circulation and frequency of ads, Childress said.

## briefly...

The Women's Center will have a lunchbag seminar and movie at noon today in Prichard Hall 143.

"Votes for Women" will be shown.

The film looks at 72 years of the suffrage movement beginning in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1848 and chronicles the events leading up to the passage of the 19th Amendment.

The movie includes actual footage of the protests and marches that women made before the right to vote amendment was passed in 1920 and includes the founders of the movement, Susan B. Anthony and Mary Cady Stanton.

The film was made by Kay Weaver and Martha Wheelock and is a part of the celebration of Women's History Month.

More information is available by calling 696-3112.



### 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](mailto:gbp@marshall.edu) if you are interested but unable to attend.  
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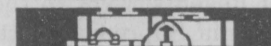


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# CTC honor society inducts members

by **SUMMER L. RUGGLES**  
reporter

Pat Angel, wife of Marshall President Dan Angel, told members of Phi Theta Kappa to be proud of their college education Tuesday.

"Community colleges have a certain richness," she said. "There is nothing to be ashamed of. You have done something others have not."

Tuesday afternoon, 36 students from the Community and Technical College were inducted into the Alpha Eta Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Christy Zirkle, chapter president, was master of ceremonies.

Angel spoke about the benefits of higher education and the importance of effective communication skills.

"I am where I am today because of a \$100 scholarship," she said. "This scholarship has broadened my horizons. I went to a two-year school and on to a four-year school."

"I don't regret it because of the opportunities it gave me. Education has made me a more participatory person."

Phi Theta Kappa is an inter-

national honor society for students of two-year colleges. It is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.3 million members and 1,100 chapters in the United States, Canada, Germany and Japan, according to the Phi Theta Kappa Web site.

Phi Theta Kappa was established by the presidents of the Missouri junior colleges for women in 1918.

The purpose of the organization was to recognize and encourage scholarship among associate degree students.

"The students will gain recognition for their scholastic achievement, they will have access to scholarships and it looks good on a resume," said Linda Vinson, co-adviser of Phi Theta Kappa.

Eligibility requirements for membership include being enrolled in a community college, having completed at least 12 semester hours in course work applicable to an associate degree, maintaining a grade point average of 3.3 and having achieved academic excellence as judged by community college faculty.



Students in the Community and Technical College were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa honor society Tuesday.

## Teacher speaks on diversity

Program to offer education students cultural awareness

by **SUMMER L. RUGGLES**  
reporter

The College of Education and Human Services has announced that the Teacher Lecturer for the spring semester will be Sam Moore, language arts and science teacher at Cammack Middle School.

The topic of the presentations will be "Approaching Cultural Intersections: A Continuous Journey." The presentation will take place 1 p.m. Thursday at the Cabell County School Board Office.

The Teacher Lecturer Program's purpose for this year is to enable students in the School of Education, along with professional educators, to interact with minority teachers

and to hear of their experiences in education, especially experiences with effective teaching in the classroom.

"In our state, student minority population is less than 4 percent," Jane McKee, associate dean for academic programs, said. "Students are not able to work with a diverse population. This (the program) gives students a better understanding of how to teach and work with diverse students."

Moore is the pastor of the Full Gospel Assembly in Huntington and president of the Faculty Senate at Cammack Middle School.

Professionally, he is involved with the County Staff Development Council, Student Council, Multicultural Education Council and strategic planning for Cabell County schools.

Community involvement includes the NAACP, Marshall's Commission on Multiculturalism, Huntington's Black Pastors'

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**Jane McKee**,  
associate dean for  
academic programs

Ministerial Association, Huntington Human Relations Commission, founder and organizer of Heads Up and the Community Advisory Panel for BASF.

Awards and honors Moore has received include Outstanding Young Men In America (1982), Tri-State Black Leadership Award (1995) and Who's Who Among America's Teachers (1998, 2000).

The presentations are open to campus personnel and community members. Other dates for the presentation are April 4, 12 and 17.

## Online yearbook to be updated

by **COURTNEY M. ROSS**  
reporter

Visitors can look at last year's homecoming game, learn about student organizations and follow Marshall athletics through the years by looking at Marshall's online yearbook.

The first online yearbook came out in 1996, P. Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs, said.

The next online yearbook will be ready this month, and previous editions always remain available, he said.

"The online yearbook shows every aspect of student life," Hermansdorfer said. "It shows what Marshall students do outside of class."

Marcie Hatfield, Branchland graduate student, is experiencing her first year as the online yearbook editor.

"In the yearbook, we try to include athletics, events, Spring Fest and Artists Series," Hatfield said. "Next

*"The online yearbook shows every aspect of student life. It shows what Marshall students do outside of class."*

**P. Andy Hermansdorfer**,  
director of student activities and Greek affairs

year we are going to try and use student organization pictures, but there are no individual shots."

Hatfield works on the online yearbook throughout the year with the help of the staff.

"Most of the people who help are ones that came from University 101 classes that I spoke to," Hatfield said. "Most are also journalism majors."

"The staff just works together on getting pictures and putting it all together."

The online yearbook does receive criticism, Hermansdorfer said.

"Some groups complain sometimes," Hermansdorfer said, "but we are open for any suggestions or contributions."

There are two main reasons

of having the online yearbook, Hermansdorfer said.

"The online yearbook is something that helps students learn outside of the classroom," he said. "It is also a record of student life."

"We will take anyone who would like to help with the online yearbook," Hermansdorfer said.

"It would look good for a resume. If they don't want to work on the yearbook, we will always take photos or anything

students might want us to use. The things will be returned."

The online yearbook can be seen by visiting its Web site at ([www.marshall.edu/yearbook](http://www.marshall.edu/yearbook)).



**Hatfield**



**Hermansdorfer**

## Library dean

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big distinction between being a manager and a leader."

Winters was born and raised in Charleston.

"Being from West Virginia, I know the financial limitations I'll face here," she said.

One way to overcome the problem of funding would be an improved interlibrary loan system, she said.

Winters described the Ohio Link system as "an enormous repository, not only of print materials, but a massive electronic resource."

Library patrons can use computers to request a loan which will usually arrive within 24-48

hours.

Winters said a decision was made in Georgia to provide for statewide sharing of resources.

"The libraries will eventually be able to share their online catalogs and do the kind of patron-initiated loans possible in Ohio," she said.

Winters said she was most proud of her period of leadership as interim director of university libraries at Wright State University in Ohio.

"The staff was very disenfranchised," she said. "There were external and internal stresses."

She said her greatest accomplishment was rebuilding trust, both within the library and outside it.

Winters said she has implemented four different computer systems in different libraries

and has some experience with electronic publishing.

"However," she said, "I'm not a techie. I'm most interested in the academic applications (of computers)."

Winters' position at the University of Georgia includes overseeing acquisitions, cataloging and periodicals.

Previously, she was Wright State's director of central services for university libraries from September 1991-August 1998, in addition to serving as interim director from October 1995-September 1996.

The next candidate to visit is David Carlson from Bridgewater State College.

He will be interviewed at a session open to the public from 2:15-3 p.m. Thursday in Drinko Library 402.

## Artists

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brass band tradition remained largely unchanged, but the Dirty Dozen changed that with its forward-looking bebop-influenced style. Its concept is to experiment with all types of music.

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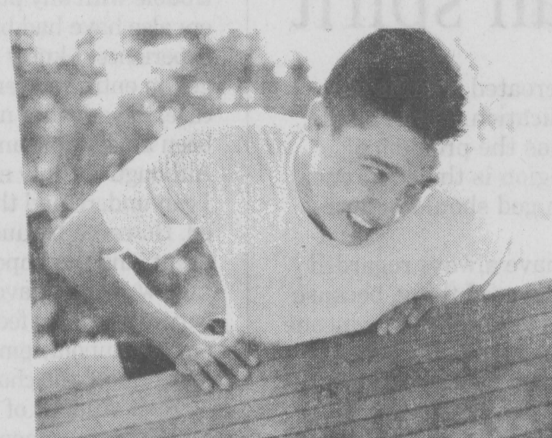
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## Senators

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## THEIR view

### Count yourself in the census

Staff editorial  
The Maneater  
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(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. —

Imagine going to a grocery store to shop for the next few weeks' eats and treats. Got milk? Check. Where's the beef? Got it. Soon, the shopping cart is full of all the essentials a college student might need.

The cashier rings up the bill and takes the money, and you leave, get into your car and go home. Once there, you really begin to ask yourself, "Where's the beef?" and "Got milk?" You paid for the groceries but left them at the store.

That would be a horrible feeling, and it's a feeling you could have if you don't fill out the U.S. Census questionnaire that the government recently mailed to you.

Millions of Americans pay their federal taxes every year. Our money makes sure we have things such as Social Security benefits, well-maintained roads and welfare benefits that are available to those in need.

Although almost everyone gives a portion of their income to the government, it is suspected that millions of taxpayers did not participate in the previous census 10 years ago. Taking a few minutes to fill out a simple questionnaire gives the government the information it needs to spend our tax money appropriately.

We should realize that the census has a huge effect on how much money the government gives to state programs and to universities.

Missouri Secretary of State Bekki Cook estimated that for every person who does not report to the census about \$685 per year is lost.

That means \$6,850 per person is lost every 10 years.

Students need to make sure they fill out the census form because it means a lot to us.

The majority of MU's funding comes from the government. If people are not counted in the census, students lose the opportunity to cash in on more financial aid. Although the effects might be indirect, the number of people who fill out this form could help determine whether some college-bound high-schoolers are able to get to college because of the amount of federal aid available.

If they can't, it would partially be our fault if we, as students, didn't fill out the census paperwork.

It's not as though it's going to take up the better part of a student's day.

## Baseball sets tone for lost passion

by ELIOT PARKER  
guest columnist

Few things captivate a nation. Other than viagra, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," and tax season, the United States seems to disagree and debate everything else.

However, a mixture is being created, reigniting a tradition and a feeling more American than any other. This tradition is special. It never loses appeal or intensity. In fact, it is a wonderful combination of the best America has to offer: entertainment, cordial people, and good food.

With the cold grasp of winter beginning to dissipate, temperatures a rising and thousands of enthusiastic fans are flocking to Florida and Arizona ushering in the beginning of spring training and another major league baseball season.

Baseball is a tradition that speaks to every American in a different way.

For some people, the next seven months are a good reason to gripe about reruns on television. Some see it as the perfect opportunity to induce an afternoon nap, while others look at baseball as something that comes and goes, like a sunrise and sunset.

But the purists, the fans that cherish and treasure the dynamics of the greatest game our country has ever known, they

see these months as sacred.

Fantasy leagues are being formed and season ticket packages are being pieced together at a feverish pace. Pick up a copy of Sports Illustrated or The Sporting News and the covers are plastered with in-depth previews, statistics and predictions.

Baseball is the alley between the ordinary and the extraordinary. Life and work creates schedules, time cards, and agendas. Baseball generates passion, relaxation, and the willingness to feel like a kid again—hardly something that occupies a 9-5 workday.

Time is limitless. In a society where time is money and money is job security, baseball breaks the limits of the clock. A game can last 3 innings or 13 innings, depending on a team's pitching. Nobody checks a watch. The only thing that matters is hits, runs and errors.

Not to mention, how many hot dogs someone in the next seat can devour in one afternoon.

Complete strangers become best friends in a matter of hours. Talking to someone in the next seat is okay.

The topics in a conversation usually range from politics to which players need to be traded and demoted. In addition, old friends who haven't spoken in a while find the friendship stronger

than ever between cheers and jeers for the home team.

The homerun is the most breathtaking moment in all of sports. The only time 40,000 fans are speechless and look in one direction in unison is when a ball is driven 400 feet over a ballpark fence and into an adjacent parking lot. Nothing generates more attention than the long ball. Sammy Sosa and Mark McGuire have proven that.

Baseball's tradition speaks for the history and love of a sport that has stood the test of time. Some of the most recognized athletes in sports history played baseball. Ruth, DiMaggio, Robinson, and Aaron are treasured icons of an era in which baseball imitated life.

Baseball has survived two world wars, a presidential assassination, and a labor strike that nearly crippled the game forever.

Baseball sets the tone of a lost passion in the United States. Fans of baseball are loyal to their teams. Families and friends unite and reunite at a baseball game. The mixture of life, love, and sport meet to create a passion unique to the national pastime.

And for another year, America is captivated again.

Parker is a sophomore from Charleston.

## CAMPUS views

### Campaign sign was not an attack on candidates

In response to the letter about the campaign sign of Ponton and White. It was in no way an attack on the Walker and Dennison campaign. I am in fact a member of Alpha Sigma Phi and also a member of the campaign staff of Ponton and White. My name is also Dennis, the person whom the Gatorade is being poured upon.

How anyone could perceive the campaign board as being negative is beyond me. The board illustrates three guys having a celebration as the caption reads. Gatorade is well known to be something used to pour over a football coach in celebration of a major victory. The board suggests and might I add, states that Dennis' friends are helping him celebrate finding a parking spot. In fact, the wording is this, "After finally finding a parking spot, Dennis' friends help him celebrate." Now in what way does that sound like the board is taking a shot at another campaign?

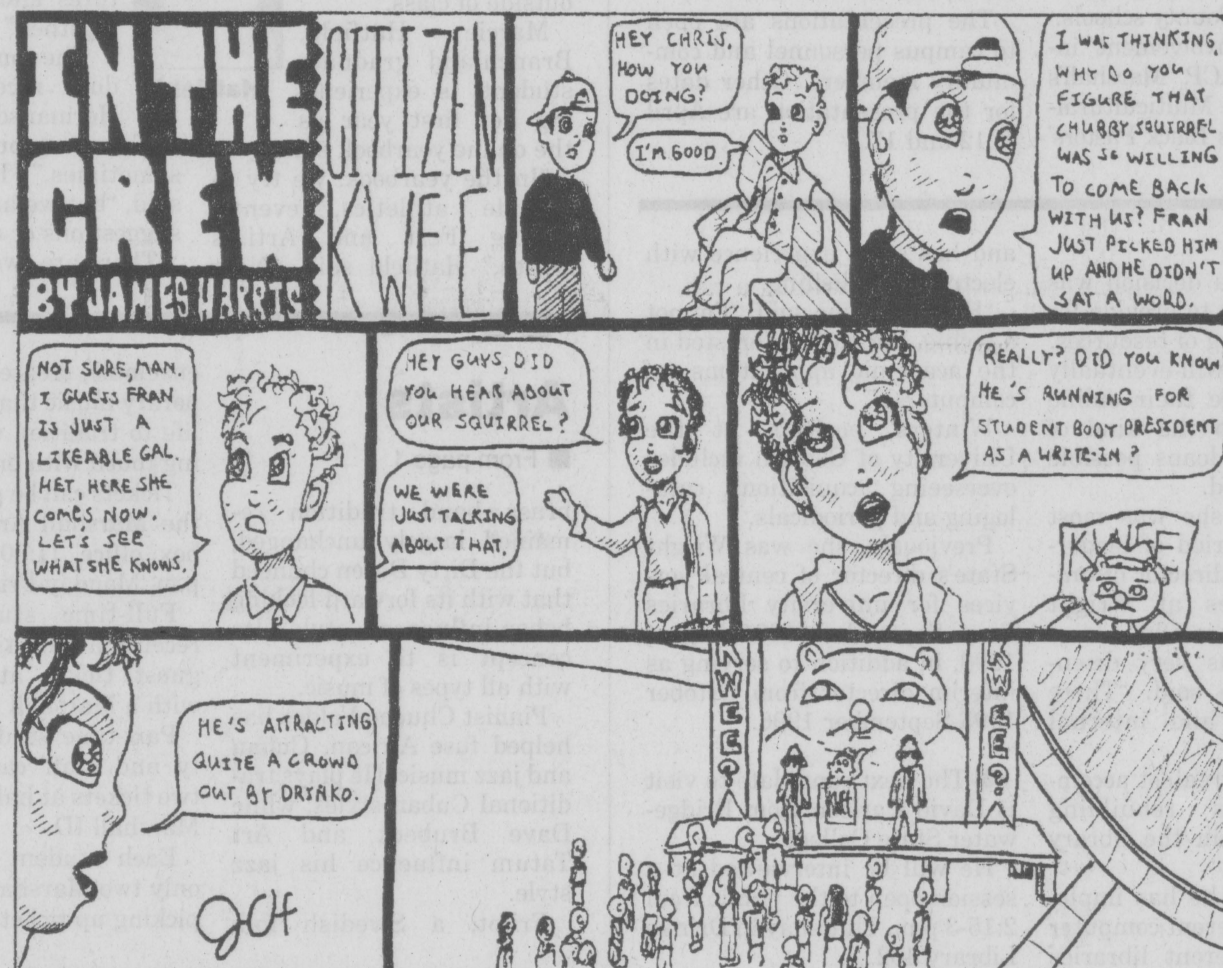
The authors argument that Tony Ponton and Patricia White don't "realize the pride" in being greek is crazy. As a member, vice-president, and president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for four years, Patricia worked countless hours to improve the quality of greek life. In addition, her greek peers selected her as president of Order of Omega, the greek honorary. Her running mate, Tony Ponton, has worked hours through his position as an SGA senator and as current student body vice-president to help greek organizations achieve their goals.

There should have been no confusion in what the board was saying. I would have to put others at fault who in turn were looking for something to bring down the Ponton and White campaign. By simply glancing at the board you might get that idea but if you actually read it instead of going by what someone else wanted you to believe it meant, you would have gotten the idea that it was not an attack. I would suggest that everyone just take a moment and stop being so paranoid. I am sure that I'm not the only one on campus that has seen this become the CRAZIEST campaign ever and I have seen MANY campaigns.

We have seen this campaign spend excessive amounts of money on everything and I have to say, is that all necessary? In fact, I was at a local bar and was once again bombarded with more campaign tactics and while I found it quite intuitive of them, I also found it very funny. Here it is midnight and I'm getting napkins and business cards.

In all, I would have to say that it has all gotten WAY out of hand and with such speculations on the intent of publicity for a campaign you all should be more wise and read.

— Dennis Hicks,  
graduate student



## Religion has damaged human spirit

by KATRINA MARTINEZ  
The Diamondback  
(University of Maryland)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Religion has appeared in many recent articles in The Diamondback. First there was Elaine Albenda's "Let's teach the truth: evolution," (March 8); then we had "Jesus: Man or myth" (March 10). Because religion is so important, a proof of the nonexistence of God is in order because most religions depend on God or another supernatural being(s). Some good arguments are summarized on the atheism website, www.infidels.org. Below I've included arguments not on the website. These arguments use postulates from objectivism, the philosophy of novelist Ayn Rand.

According to objectivism, when people explain how the world was made, they use either the primacy of consciousness or the primacy of existence approach. Primacy of consciousness says that a supernatural being created the world, whereas primacy of existence says that reality is eternal and was never created or destroyed.

People who believe God created the world take the primacy of consciousness approach. But this approach raises problems, including the question: Who

created God? Some argue that God is omnipotent and can create him/herself.

Unfortunately, a god creating itself brings up many complications, and when trying to find the answer to a problem, one should look for the simplest answer. This way of thinking is called Occam's razor.

A simpler and more rationally sound argument is the primacy of existence, stating that reality was, is, and always will be. Ayn Rand rewords the primacy of existence into her metaphysical axiom, "Existence exists." A proof of "Existence exists" was done by the pre-Socratic philosopher Parmenides, who used slightly different terminology. He argued that reality, which he called "what-is," never came into being, because if it did: 1. It would have to come either from itself or from what does not exist (what-is not). 2. But what-is cannot come from itself because it already is. 3. And what-is cannot come from what-is not because what-is not cannot cause anything to come into being. 4. Therefore, what-is cannot come into being, and is eternal.

The same arguments are used to prove that what-is cannot be destroyed.

Primacy of existence does not cause complications the way primacy of consciousness does. With primacy of consciousness,

how God created itself is only one complication. For example, one still has the problem of which religion is the right one, and which god should be worshipped.

People have always regarded religion as a good thing, because people like to know that someone is watching over them. But few people realize how detrimental religion can be. This point is illustrated by German philosopher Ludwig Feurbach, who says that God is a projection of the qualities people find most virtuous. In other words, we envision a god who is compassionate and benevolent because we admire those qualities.

But if we project all our virtues in God, then humans are left with vices. This leads to self-abnegation, where people utter phrases like, "Forgive me, for I have sinned" and "I'm not worthy." I've always respected other people's religions, and although I may disagree with them in writing, I'm not biased against them for believing in something I don't. But I cannot ignore the damage religion is doing to the human spirit.

Instead of spending their lives worshipping a supernatural being whose existence is dubious, I wonder why people cannot examine their own self-worth, and be proud of what they have accomplished.

### The Parthenon could be a little more informative

I have been impressed with the willingness of your reporters to come to events, to stand by or participate, and to write wonderful articles. They enthusiastically cooperate, and yet somewhere along the line, articles disappear. Although this is the first time that I have had trouble with any publications, I know that others also have had bad luck. From personal experience, I know that two days is enough to get an entry written, edited and printed. In our case, the advance notice we gave should have been a near guarantee we would be included. Although we only needed a tiny block of print, I can understand that your free space is limited. However, because of the nature of our event, and the importance of student participation, we would have been willing to pay necessary advertising fees. Instead of just leaving out our announcement, we would have greatly appreciated the chance to purchase an ad.

As a student of Marshall University, I feel that the school newspaper, The Parthenon, should include information about student activities. One thing I notice is that student participation in school events is extremely low. One major way to improve attendance is through the voice of the students, our paper. Is there a way to let students know what is occurring, than to publish the events in a paper that is written specifically for them? If I am wrong that student involvement is a thing this university could improve, and if I am wrong that The Parthenon could help improve something vital, then I need to reconsider my values of university life. However, I feel that students should know in advance about the events that are taking place. Referring to the Happenings section, a day's notice is not enough. A week may be suitable. A small insert with lists of activities could possibly attract a university audience.

I think that the attentiveness of your journalists is excellent. I also believe that with your increased awareness of events, the ability of these journalists to inform students will improve and enhance the university.

— Matthew Mattson,  
Alpha Sigma Phi corresponding secretary

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# Herd won't be crying next year



**JACOB MESSER**  
Life!  
editor

Marshall Coach Greg White and his players should shed no tears this year.

Their foes will do more than enough crying for them next year. The Thundering Herd is going to be THAT good.

Sure, Marshall missed post-season berths in both the 64-team NCAA Tournament and

the 32-team National Invitational Tournament.

But there's no reason to be sad. Just wait 'til next year. That's when White and his players will have the most successful season in the coach's first five seasons.

The Thundering Herd WILL win 25 games.

The Thundering Herd WILL win the Mid-American Conference's regular season and tournament championships.

The Thundering Herd WILL go to the NCAA Tournament and, like other MAC teams this decade, advance to the Sweet 16.

And, more important than all

those other accomplishments, the Thundering Herd WILL defeat West Virginia University.

Why? Talent. More specifically, Marshall's abundance of it and its opponents lack of it.

Marshall returns its stars next season. Its Mid-American Conference opponents, particularly those in the East Division, don't.

NIT teams Bowling Green and Kent State are hit the hardest. The Falcons lose three seniors, including leading scorers Anthony Stacey and Dave Esterkamp.

The Golden Flashes lose five seniors, including double-digit scorer John Whorton.

Akron loses six seniors, including all-conference guards Jami Bosley and Jimmel Ball.

Among Ohio's three departing players are leading scorer Sanjay Adell and leading rebounder Shaun Stonerook.

Miami loses five seniors, four of whom were starters this year. Buffalo loses only two seniors, but the Buffaloes were a horrid 5-23 this season.

In the West Division, MAC Tournament champion and NCAA Tournament team Ball State loses starting guards Mickey Hosier and Duane Clemens among its three departures.

Northern Illinois loses only two seniors, but they were both starters — center T.J. Lux and swingman Rey Jones.

Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan lose six seniors each, and Western Michigan loses five.

Toledo's only loss from its 18-13 squad is senior 3-point specialist Chad Kamstra.

Marshall? Starting forward Derrick Wright is gone, as are seldom-used reserves Deon Dobbs, Josh Perkey and Brian Faulkner. But Tamar Slay, J.R. VanHoose, Cornelius Jackson, Travis Young, Joda Burgess, Sean Wuller and Marques Evans are back.

That is four of five starters and seven of nine keyplayers returning after a season of gaining experience and building chemistry.

That means White and his players won't have to waste time shuffling lineups or learning schemes during offseason workouts and pre-season practices. Instead, they can devote those hours to honing their skills and perfecting their strategies.

So save your handkerchiefs, Marshall fans. Those annoying Ohio supporters and Miami backers will need them to wipe their eyes or to wave in surrender next year.

## Rocker returns to the mound for Braves

**KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP)** — One youngster carried a sign. Other Atlanta Braves fans showed their support for John Rocker with a standing ovation.

In his first action since the World Series — and his controversial magazine interview — the reliever pitched a perfect ninth inning Tuesday night to finish the Braves' 4-0 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

"It just seemed like another night to me. I pitched 75 games last year, 10, 15 spring training games," the left-hander said.

Rocker sprinted to the mound from the right-field bullpen with a record crowd of 10,078, including a young boy with a "Rocker for President" placard, standing and cheering.

He threw three straight balls before throwing strikes on seven of his last 10 pitches.

"Once again, the media is out here making a big deal out of it," Rocker said. "It was an inning of a meaningless spring training game."

Rocker retired Gregg Jefferies on a pop to third, Javier Cardona on a grounder to third, then struck out Robert Fick.

"What can you say? the guy hasn't pitched, yet he got three guys out," Fick said. "That's good. Good for him and good for that team."

Rocker was suspended by for all of spring training and the first 28 days of the season by

*"Once again, the media is out here making a big deal out of it. It was an inning of a meaningless spring training game."*

**John Rocker,**  
Atlanta Braves pitcher

commissioner Bud Selig after the reliever's disparaging comments about minorities, gays and foreigners were published. But an arbitrator allowed him to report March 2 and cut the regular-season suspension to two weeks.

Braves manager Bobby Cox also said it didn't look like missing the first two weeks of spring training hurt Rocker, who saved 1/438 games to help Atlanta win the NL pennant last season.

"He threw like we thought he was going to throw," Cox said. "It was his first time out, but it looked like his fifth."

The manager also said the reception from the crowd, the largest for a Braves home game since the team moved its spring training camp to Disney World in 1998, was not a surprise to him.

"I kind of thought that would happen," Cox said. "Everybody's willing to give people a second chance. He's getting his second chance."

Rocker said the response confirmed what he already knew.

"It finally showed you people in the media that not everybody is against me," he said.

"I've been running into nothing but positives ever since all this stuff happened ... And yet every night I turn the TV on and see how horrible a person everyone says I am. I don't see it in the public when I'm out. Now maybe some people will say, 'Not everyone is against him,' like the majority of the media is trying to make it be."

Before the game, Rocker worked his way up the right-field foul line, signing autographs and occasionally chatting with fans crowding a railing for a closer view.

Two amusement park security guards, dressed in black-and-white striped referee's shirts, moved along with the left-hander and kept a pack of photographers and television cameramen out of the way.

## Last-minute penalty kick lifts men's rugby to win

by **JAY M. MORLACHETTA**  
reporter

A last-minute penalty kick by Marshall sophomore Levi Fletcher allowed the Thundering Herd men's rugby team (4-2) to collect its fourth straight win and defeat the University of Cincinnati 8-7 on Saturday.

"Our intensity kept us in the game," said Chad Carte, senior sociology major from Charleston and team captain. "The first half we got frustrated, but in the second half we kept our composure."

Cincinnati grabbed a 7-0 lead in the first half, but Marshall rallied in the second half with a 5-point score to narrow the gap to 7-5. The Thundering Herd missed an

extra kick that would have tied the game at 7-all.

In the final minute of the match, Cincinnati was called for a penalty and Marshall was awarded a 3-point penalty kick. Fletcher nailed the kick to cap the come-from-behind win.

"We were absolutely worried, but we pulled together as a team and everything worked out," Carte said. "For myself the winning streak means a lot, as opposed to a losing streak."

Jason Hayes, Hurricane senior and marketing major, added, "We were inside their 22 meters the last quarter of the game, but just couldn't get one in. The game wasn't running too smoothly for us, but we could tell we were the better team."

Hayes said Marshall beat Cincinnati a year ago, but the Bearcats have improved.

"They were a better team than a year ago," he said. "A lot of good rugby comes out of Ohio, and they get better recruits since they're so big."

Jeff Starcher, a Parkersburg junior and business management major, added, "They might not have had much of an offense, but they played a real physical style of rugby."

Starcher said beating larger schools is becoming old hat.

"We're playing better rugby, and we're getting used to beating the bigger schools," he said. "Our reputation is building, and all other schools in West Virginia are intimidated by us."

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## Parthenon

# Hot dogs are a hot business



photo by Tracy Cook

An employee at Sam's Hot Dog Stand at 929 Fourth Avenue prepares hot dogs during a lunch rush.

by TRACY COOK  
reporter

Many restaurants have come and gone in the Huntington area, but some local hot dog stands look as though their here to stay.

There has been a certain type that has made its mark. Those who sell hot dogs seem to be successful and have found their place in Huntington.

Stewart's Original Hot Dogs, Sam's Hot Dog Stand and Farley's Famous Hot Dog's are three establishments specializing in hot dogs and chili sauce.

Stewart's Original Hot Dogs was founded in 1932 and is the oldest restaurant in the Tri-State. The proprietors were John Louis Mandt, his wife Gertrude, their son Harry and his wife Isabelle. The original drive-in was located at Fifth Avenue in Huntington and only sold root beer and popcorn. Total sales for the first day of business were 50 cents.

Hot dogs and chili were added to the menu during the second year to increase sales. Gertrude made the sauce and it became a huge success.

Today, there are five locations in the Tri-state. The same secret sauce recipe cooked in the 1930s is still made by hand. Barbecues, french fries and Lite'N Lean items have been added to the menu, but the hot dogs remain the company's specialty.

Stewart's is now run by the third and fourth generations of the original family.

John Mandt Jr., vice president of operations at Stewart's, said he began working there when he was 13 years old.

Stewart's hot dogs are the only wieners sold at Marshall sporting events and have been voted "Best in the Tri-state" every year since 1995.

Sam's Hot Dog Stand opened in 1983 on Fourth Avenue and 12th Street in Huntington.

Owner Frank Lucente, a native of Fairmont, said he frequently visited Chick's Confectionery when he returned home while attending graduate school at Marshall.

"It got so bad that I would buy a dozen and freeze them and take them back to school with me," Lucente said. "I even had to buy a microwave to warm them up."

After doing this for several years, he decided to open his own stand in Huntington. Lucente asked the owner of Chick's Confectionery if he could have his chili recipe, but the owner refused.

After further research, Lucente found the recipe's originator and received the recipe.

Lucente spent six months perfecting the chili sauce with Rocco Muriale, owner of Rocco's Ristorante. After they created their sauce, Sam's Hot Dog Stand was born.

Rocco and Lucente worked together for a few years, before Rocco took over sole ownership of Rocco's Ristorante and Lucente took over the hot dog stand.

In 1990, Lucente started

franchising and there are now 25 stores.

"We make our sauce and coleslaw in the store and we are the fastest hot dog makers in town," said Mary Johnson, owner of the fourth Avenue Sam's Hot Dog Stand.

Farley's Famous Hot Dogs opened its doors in 1968. The original restaurant still exists in Barboursville.

Buckey Farley, co-owner of Farley's, said his grandparents opened the store because his grandfather was tired of working at Inco Alloys International Inc. Farley's parents helped his grandparents get the business started and keep it going.

His grandmother created the sauce that is still served today.

Farley said all of the food is cooked fresh and made to order. In 1986, Farley entered the family business to help his mother run the restaurant.

Farley's used to be affiliated with Stewart's, but when Stewart's stopped brewing root beer by hand, the Farley family left and renamed their business.

"We make our own syrup for the root beer and brew it fresh," he said. "It is not prepackaged."

Farley's serves chili sauce seasonally, but it is the hot dog sauce that the company is proud to serve, Farley said. Employees also serve shakes, sandwiches and side orders.

There are currently three establishments in the Tri-state, with the Barboursville establishment being the oldest and the original building.

## Editors discover finding best hot dogs is a matter of taste (buds)



THE EATING MEDIA

With little money and big appetites, Life! editor Jacob Messer and sports editor Aaron Runyon hit the streets of Huntington to test the quality of hot dogs at the local stands.

Managing our paltry journalism wages and hunger pains, we visited Stewart's Original Hot Dogs, Sam's Hot Dog Stand and Farley's Famous Hot Dogs for lunch Tuesday.

Messer bought one hot dog — with chili, mustard, ketchup and onions — at each location. Runyon also got one hot dog at each place, but he opted for only chili on his wieners.

The hot dogs establishments were judged on their employees' service, their hot dogs' appearance and, most importantly, their hot dogs' taste.

The first stop was Farley's in Barboursville. Hot dogs are \$1.10 there.

**Messer:** I loved Farley's hot dogs because I could actually taste every component of the hot dog in each bite.

The wiener, which was the plumpiest and longest of the three, had a strong beef taste. More importantly, Farley's employees were not stingy with the toppings. They piled a generous portion of chili, onions, mustard and ketchup on my hot dog. The chili was very sweet,

### Who has Huntington's best hot dogs?

Stewart's	Sam's	Farley's
Stewart's received three hot dogs from Jacob and three from Aaron for an average of three hot dogs out of a possible four.	Sam's received one hot dog from Jacob and four from Aaron for an average of two-and-a-half hot dogs out of a possible four.	Farley's received three hot dogs from Jacob and one from Aaron for an average of two hot dogs out of a possible four.

although it was a bit too runny. I prefer a more meaty chili.

But the large, sweet slivers of onions, splashed with tangy mustard and ketchup, more than made up for the runny sauce. Also, my hot dog's bun was warm and soft.

I gave Farley's three hot dogs out of a possible four.

**Runyon:** I disagree with Messer. I hadn't eaten in nearly 24 hours, so the Farley's hot dog should have hit the spot.

It hit the wrong one.

The mess covered my hands halfway through the meal and I was lucky to not have stained clothing. Runny sauce and a soggy bun may have been a treat at Alcatraz, but my standards are a little higher.

When consuming a hot dog I like to savor the first bite into a sauce-coated crisp wiener. Instead, my mouth was filled with a bitter iron-tasting paste. I guess the "special" sauce was in the pot a little too long.

The hot dogs are worth a try, but the stand's location may be the biggest contributor to my disappointment. I don't recommend driving five miles through deadly U.S. 60 traffic for a mediocre hot dog.

I gave Farley's one hot dog. The next stop was Sam's Hot Dog Stand at 929 Fourth Avenue. Hot dogs are \$1.04 there.

**Runyon:** When judging my hot dog I look for a crisp exterior and a juicy interior. Sam's had both. The tasty wiener was

enveloped in a little toasted bun and provided a surprisingly filling treat for a small price, which is important to frugal students with budgets.

My only complaint is finding parking in the busy downtown area. Still, Sam's is the closest to campus.

I gave Sam's four hot dogs.

**Messer:** My turn to disagree. Sam's may be the cheapest of the three establishments, but you definitely get what you pay for with its small, tasteless hot dogs.

The toppings were very dry. The chili was paste-like, cold and overpowered the other tastes. Also, there was little ketchup and mustard on my hot dog. Plus, the onions slivers were very small and there were

only a few of them.

The untasty wiener, which was the smallest of the three establishments, and its toppings were placed inside a cold, slightly hard bun.

In both taste and appearance, my hot dog was very disappointing.

I gave Sam's one hot dog.

The final stop was Stewart's at 2445 Fifth Avenue. Hot dogs are \$1.15 there.

**Messer:** Stewart's is the most expensive of the three locations, but — like Sam's — you get what you pay for with its hot dogs.

The long wiener was poking out of its bun, which was very hard and cold. The chili, which was the best of the three hot dog stands, made up for the dis-

appointing bun, though. It was very sweet and mixed well with the taste of the toppings, which were abundant.

My hot dog was extremely messy. Several times I had to push the toppings back into the bun because they were oozing out the sides. That's a good thing. Hot dogs aren't known for their prime ingredients, so anything that takes my mind off what I'm eating is a good thing. Stewart's does the trick.

My only complaints are slow service and cold buns.

I gave Stewart's three hot dogs.

**Runyon:** Stewart's was founded in 1932. Judging from the lines there Tuesday, some of its original patrons still may be waiting on their food. Our wait was about 10 minutes for only two hot dogs.

In addition to the stalled service, the paper napkin packaging was stuck to the hot dog sauce. Paper has many wonderful qualities, but its taste is not one of them.

Nevertheless, my inconveniences were worthwhile. The wiener wasn't as crispy as the others tested, but the moderately spicy ingredients make Stewart's hot dogs one of a kind.

I gave Stewart's three hot dogs.

**Conclusion:** We both would have preferred wieners off a charcoal grill and buns covered with butter and toasted. But for a plain ol' hot dog and a cheap meal with-in a short driving distance, Stewart's Original Hot Dog's, Sam's Hot Dog Stand and Farley's Famous Hot Dogs are three options. Deciding which one is the best is up to your taste buds because ours didn't agree.