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Low figures not worrying university

Adjustments led
to enrollment drop,
administrators say

by **STEFANIE FRALEY**
reporter

Marshall University is growing, right?

Not exactly, according to the Office of Institutional Research and Planning Web site.

According to the site, the enrollment for 1998's fall semester was 16,009 students. For 1999's fall semester, enrollment dropped to 15,635 students.

Yet, even though enrollment decreased, administrators at Marshall are not worried — they say enrollment was decreased intentionally.

Dr. James Harless, director of admissions, said the intentional reduction of freshman enrollment was in response to the lack of university housing.

During the fall semester of 1998, there was record-high enrollment, overcrowded university housing, and an overflow of students stayed in the Uptowner Inn.

With no immediate plans to build more student housing, Harless said an adjustment needed to be made.

"We changed the enrollment requirements for incoming freshmen," Harless said.

"Instead of a 17 on the ACT (American College Testing exam) and a 2.0 grade point average, which was the previous admission requirement, the requirement was raised to a 19 on the ACT and a 2.0 gpa."

That makes Marshall's admission requirements equivalent to those of West Virginia University.

The reduction in enrollment, which was proposed by the Academic Planning Committee, was intended to reduce freshman enrollment by 5 percent, but with the 2,381 freshmen enrolled in the fall of 1998 dropping to just 2,227 enrolled in the fall of 1999, the reduction was only 2.3 percent, said Mike McGuffey, director of institutional research.

"The new admission standards means better students. The better students enrolled, the better the chance that they will stay at Marshall and succeed," Harless said.

Preliminary spring enrollment statistics support Harless' statement.

The 1999 spring enrollment was 13,930, and the preliminary spring enrollment statistics for this semester show 14,150 enrolled students, McGuffey said.

With the only change in admission requirements being a higher test score, Harless said they acknowledge the fact that

See **ENROLLMENT, P5**

Serving the community

Impact 2000 Week
celebrates helping
others in need

by **COURTNEY M. ROSS**
reporter

Students, faculty and staff will celebrate community service this week by volunteering with Marshall and Huntington organizations.

"Impact 2000 Week: You make a difference in our community," will present an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to get involved, according to the Volunteer Services Web site.

"This is the first time we have had a community service week," P. Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs, said. "A lot of people and classes do service for the community, so we thought we could have one

week where everyone can do something. This makes it easier for students to get involved."

The events began Sunday with a walk-a-thon, which also was part of Greek Week. Walkers raised money for the Cheli Stover Memorial Scholarship Fund for Cancer Survivors. The fund benefits cancer survivors who want to attend college.

Today at 11:30 a.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center, John Hockenberry, NBC News correspondent, will give a presentation. Hockenberry's appearance also is part of Disability Awareness Week.

A panel of speakers will discuss the "Impact of AIDS" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in room 2W22 of the Memorial Student Center. Individuals who are HIV positive will be part of the discussion.

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- Barnett Child Care Center, 522-3180.
- Tri-State AIDS Task Force, 522-4357.

source: www.marshall.edu/volunteer-services/impactprojectlist.htm

Competition unifies Greeks

by **ELINE M. LOEFGREN SKEIDE**
reporter

Every year the Greek community gets together for one week of activities and competition. It is called Greek Week.

The week of activities, which began Saturday, will continue today with a kickball tournament at 4 p.m. on Buskirk Field. Also, bowling and pool tournaments will take place in the downstairs recreational area in the Memorial Student Center.

Fraternities compete with fraternities and sororities compete with sororities in Greek Week events. Greeks competed in four events Saturday. Those were tug-of-war, a limbo contest, softball throw and a comedy relay.

The events took place at 1 p.m. at the Walter "Lefty" Rollins Track Field. Greeks enjoyed warm weather and sunny skies for their competition.

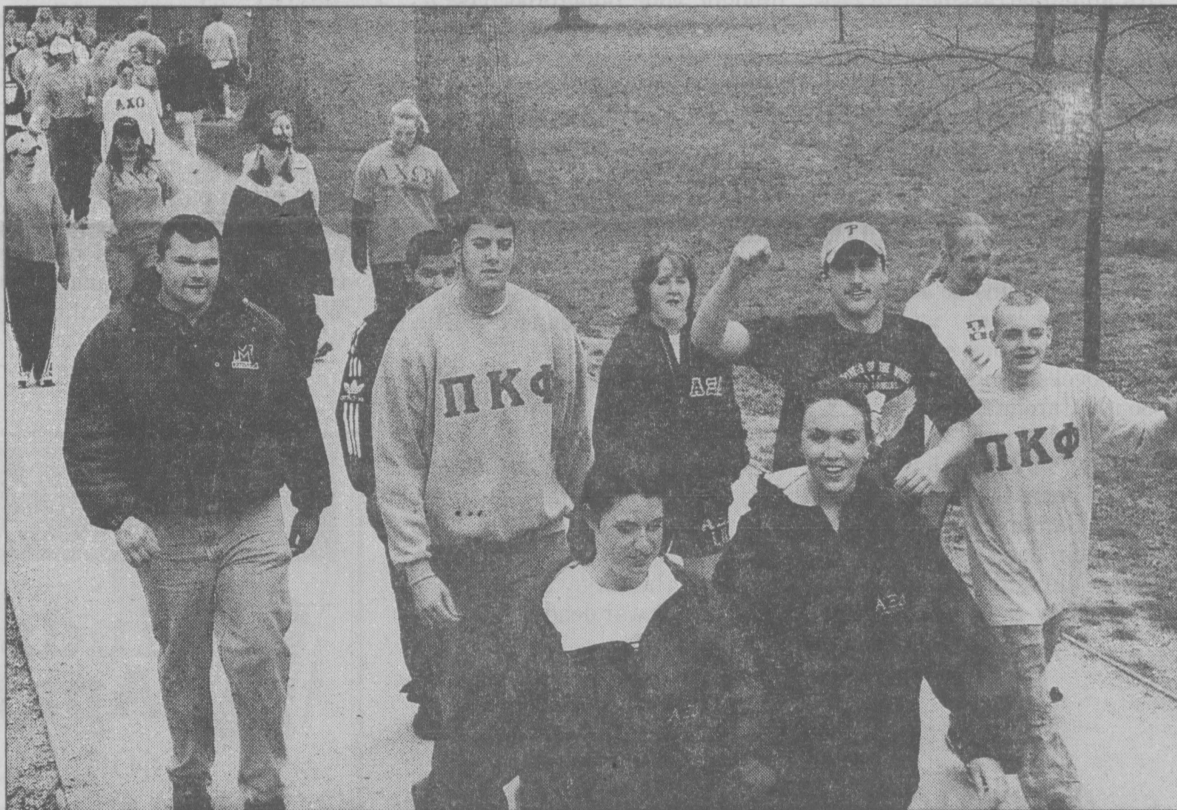
"It was a very pretty day, and everyone seemed to enjoy the games," Sabera Sobhan, co-chairwoman for Greek Week, said.

Among the sororities, Delta Zeta won the comedy relay, the limbo contest and the softball throw. Alpha Xi Delta won the tug-of-war.

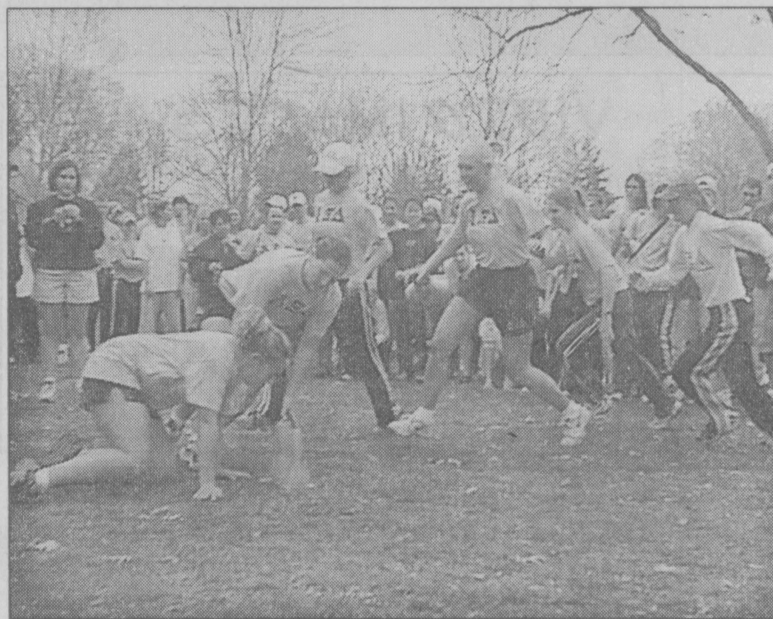
Alpha Tau Omega fraternity won the tug-of-war and softball throw. Sigma Alpha Epsilon won the limbo contest, while Pi Kappa Alpha won the softball throw.

"Greek Week creates healthy competition between Greeks," Jessica Blair, activ-

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ABOVE: Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity members built a pyramid for a Greek Week contest Sunday in Ritter Park.



TOP: Marshall Greeks participated in a walk-a-thon Sunday at Ritter Park to raise money for the Cheli Stover Memorial Scholarship Fund. **ABOVE:** Alpha Xi Delta sorority won the women's pyramid contest.

Disability Awareness Week

John Hockenberry speaks here today

by **RHANDA M. FARMER**
reporter

Two-time Peabody Award winner and Dateline NBC correspondent John Hockenberry will speak at 11:30 a.m. today in the Don Morris Room, located in the Memorial Student Center.

Hockenberry is the keynote speaker for Disability Awareness Week.

"We're very happy to have a nationally known speaker come," Sandra Clements of the Disabled Student Services Office said.

"He's very insightful on disability issues and is here to promote the idea that people with disabilities can be very successful."

As correspondent for Dateline NBC, Hockenberry earned an



Hockenberry

Emmy, a National Headliner Award and a National Press Club Honorable Mention.

His reports include a hidden-camera investigation concerning the discrimination disabled people face and coverage of Princess Diana's death.

Hockenberry is the author of "Moving Violations: War Zones, Wheelchairs and Declarations of Independence."

The book is his memoir of life as a foreign correspondent.

Copies of the book can be purchased at the Marshall University bookstore or in the Don Morris Room before the presentation.

A reception and book signing will follow the speech.

Wednesday's auditions to determine who advances to Talent Show

by **COURTNEY M. ROSS**
reporter

For those who want to be in the Talent Show this year there is one change — they will have to audition.

"This is the first time we have had auditions," P. Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs, said. "There were too many acts to fit in the time space for it to be

enjoyable for the audience."

The auditions also are supposed to narrow participants to the best student talent, Hermansdorfer said.

The Student Activities Programming Board will sponsor Talent Show auditions at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Marco's, located in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

The auditions will determine who will advance to the Talent

Students who want to participate in the Talent Show may audition at 8 p.m., Wednesday in Marco's located in the Memorial Student Center.

Show at 8 p.m., April 8 in the Don Morris Room of the MSC.

"The top four contestants from the auditions will be competing at the Talent Show," Hermansdorfer said. "The winner from

Open Mic Night will also be in the Talent Show."

Contestants will compete for \$500, \$300, \$150, \$75 and \$50, according to a news release provided by the Office of Student

Activities. Participants will be judged on talent, originality, content, showmanship and overall impression.

"The same categories will be used to judge the talent show," Hermansdorfer said.

"The programming board will judge the auditions, but faculty will judge the Talent Show," he said.

The Talent Show will be hosted by comedian Vince Morris.

"This is the first time we have had a comedian host," Hermansdorfer said. "We really think the students will enjoy it."

Only Marshall students can audition.

Audition forms must be filled out in room 2W29 in the Memorial Student Center by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

More information is available by contacting the Office of Student Activities at 696-6770.

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Sleeping on the job

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Craig Yarde, president of Yarde Metals Inc., plans to encourage workers at his Bristol headquarters to take a midday snooze today. Employees will get an eye mask to block out the light and a turkey sandwich, whose ingredients have long been believed to bring on sleep. To help, fiddlers and guitarists will play soothing music. The event is part of the first National Workplace Napping Day, started by a Reading, Mass., couple who wrote two napping guides and believe the breaks boost productivity and employee morale. At least six companies across the nation and a group of students at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., have signed on with the event, organizers said Friday.

Page edited by Carrie Smith

Trek protesting Confederate flag continues

Marchers travel 120 miles to reach S.C. on the same day as support rally

by BRUCE SMITH
The Associated Press

GOOSE CREEK, S.C. — A group of some 70 people set out today on the second leg of a 120-mile trek to get the Confederate flag removed from atop the South Carolina Statehouse.

Women in wide-brimmed straw hats joined longshoremen and politicians walking three to four abreast, though the numbers were down sharply from about 600 people who began the march Sunday.

They plan to arrive at the Statehouse in Columbia Thursday, the same day a rally in support of the Confederate flag is scheduled at the Capitol.

"The flag no longer has any part to play in our society," said Sherrill Pickard, who describes herself as "a Southerner, and proud of it."

"It's an embarrassment to people that are white and a slap in the face to people who are black," she said.

The marchers encountered about a dozen Confederate flag supporters at a rural intersection northwest of Goose Creek.

Novelist Pat Conroy joined the marchers as they left Charleston Sunday and plans to rejoin the group when they walk into Columbia Thursday.

The novelist, known for stories of South Carolina such as "The Prince of Tides" and "The Lords of Discipline," said state lawmakers don't like being told what to do.

"South Carolina white boys love to dig their heels in. There's no question," he said. "Some of them will but they are going to hurt

their state in the process."

Conroy warned that failure to resolve the flag controversy could cost the state the Spoleto Festival U.S.A., which lights up theaters and recital halls around Charleston each spring.

Marchers chanted "Bring it down" and held blue-and-white South Carolina state flags.

"The people of South Carolina — white and African-American — want the flag to come down," said Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr., who had the idea for the march. "The purpose is to say the people of South Carolina are in step, and we want the Legislature to get in step with the people of South Carolina."

Riley was accompanied by two state law enforcement agents and marched in a bulletproof vest, saying he received a death threat last week.

Confederate flag supporters also demonstrated along the route Sunday.

Mike Webb, a 23-year-old College of Charleston student, waved a Confederate flag Sunday and said marchers yelled threats at him.

"The people who were yelling at me were right in this crowd — saying, you know, 'I hope you brought your bulletproof vest,'" Webb said. "These people are a bunch of hypocrites."

Sandy Williams of James Island had ancestors who fought for the South, but said the flag should be moved.

"The whole issue is an embarrassment to the state of South Carolina and how the rest of the country looks at us — like we're a bunch of racist rednecks," she said.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has called for a tourism boycott of the state, saying the Confederate flag above the Statehouse in Columbia is a racist emblem. Flag defenders say it is a symbol of Southern heritage and honors Confederate war dead.

Clinton will visit Colorado to push gunshow issue

President seeks support to require background checks for all gun sales

by STEVE GUTTERMAN
The Associated Press

DENVER — President Clinton will visit Colorado April 12 — just days before the Columbine school massacre anniversary — to support a proposed ballot initiative to require background checks for all gun sales at gun shows, the White House said today.

Chief of Staff John Podesta said Sunday on "Face the Nation" that Clinton will make the visit, but he didn't specify a date at that time.

Podesta said the Clinton administration is frustrated that Congress has not closed the "gun show loophole" and accused Republican leaders of foot-dragging. Under current law, federally licensed gun dealers who sell firearms at gun shows must conduct background checks on prospective buyers, while unlicensed dealers are not



Clinton

required to.

"We're going to continue to press the case with the public that they ought to do it. And in the meantime, I think the president is going to try to use his efforts and his bully pulpit to go out and deal with state initiatives that are dealing with this," he said.

An official of SAFE Colorado, a gun-control group that invited the president, said Clinton will speak at a public rally April 12. That's eight days before the anniversary of the shooting rampage by two students at Columbine High School last year.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said

the time and place have not been set.

SAFE Colorado was created after the Columbine massacre, in which two seniors at the school in Littleton, outside Denver, fatally shot 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves.

Authorities say the shooters, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, used guns bought by other people at gun shows.

The organization is proposing ballot initiative in which Colorado voters would be asked to approve a requirement that all gun-show gun sales be subject to background checks, including those by unlicensed dealers.

West Virginia Republicans battle for right to go up against long-time senator Robert C. Byrd

by MARTHA BRYSON
HODEL
The Associated Press

BECKLEY, W.Va. — Two Republicans are vying for the opportunity this fall to challenge a West Virginia icon: Sen. Robert C. Byrd.

If name recognition is the key to the game, Garry Adkins and David Gallaher will have a long way to go to defeat a man whose name appears on highways, courthouses and school buildings across the state.

Byrd, who is one of only three U.S. senators to be elected to seven full six-year terms, is now seeking his eighth. He has held more Senate party leadership positions, including two terms as majority leader, than anyone.

A Democrat, Byrd is unopposed for his party's nomination, as is Libertarian Joe Whelan of Corinne in Wyoming County.

Adkins, a Kenova account-

"I'm running because I see no integrity in our congressional delegation. I think Mr. Byrd does not represent what West Virginians want of a U.S. senator."

Garry Adkins,
Kenova accountant

tant who works for CSX Transportation at its car shops in Raceland, Ky., said he decided late last year to challenge Byrd after the longtime senator voted against the impeachment conviction of President Bill Clinton.

"I'm running because I see no integrity in our congressional delegation," Adkins said. "I think Mr. Byrd does not represent what West

Virginians want of a U.S. senator."

In addition to a vote to acquit the president, Adkins contends that Byrd is reckless with the federal government's money.

"It's spend, spend, spend," Adkins said. "He acts like he thinks the tax money is his and not ours."

Gallaher, of Beckley, is president of a small business, BeaverBec Inc., a general contracting company. He also has experience in the mining industry.

"I represent a responsible balance between environmental concerns and economic stability (that will) result in a quality, secure future for all citizens," Gallaher said.

He said he will defend West Virginia from incursions by federal agencies.

"I believe in a state's right to control and govern as uniquely as the citizens and the conditions of the state require," he said.

'Skinny envelope wall' helps students deal with rejection letters

MILTON, Mass. (AP) — At the prestigious Milton Academy, where parents spend \$26,000 a year to prepare their children for college, being a senior means fearing college rejection letters.

But students have decided not to hide their bad news.

The "Skinny Envelope Wall" — named for the thin envelope containing a rejection — already holds dozens of letters.

The forum is a way to avoid asking friends awkward questions about whether they were admitted to particular schools, and a way for young people to confess rejection without having to repeat themselves.

One self-proclaimed "two-time member" of the wall said the honesty helps alleviate the devastation of rejection.

"This makes it more like a joke; you can laugh and be OK," said Andrew Stone, who posted of rejection letters from Wesleyan and a deferral from the University of Michigan.

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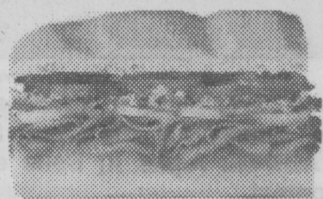
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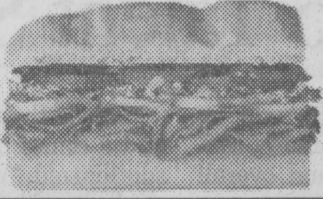
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Judge rules Microsoft violated anti-trust laws

by JOHN SOLOMON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge Monday found that Microsoft Corp. violated the Sherman Antitrust Act, legal sources said.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson found that the company used its position to "monopolize the web browser market" to the detriment of competitors, the sources said.

The judge found that Microsoft could also be liable under state anticompetition laws, said the sources, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Throughout the trial, the judge had strongly urged both sides in the case to reach an out-of-court

settlement. Those talks collapsed over the weekend, however, prompting Jackson to issue his ruling Monday. Both sides had reasons to settle the case. Among them: to avoid an appeals process that would likely keep the case in court for several years.

The judge's ruling had been expected to go against Microsoft based on harsh assessments he outlined last November in his "findings of fact." In that document, Jackson found that Microsoft repeatedly engaged in anticompetitive behavior by taking advantage of its monopoly power.

Microsoft stock was battered yesterday, losing about 15 percent of its value.

Sources familiar with the failed talks, speaking on condi-

"The ruling is just a step in the legal process. It doesn't change any situation relative to what we do."

Bill Gates,
Microsoft chairman

tion of anonymity, said Sunday that negotiations in Chicago collapsed after the company insisted on its own proposal to settle the lawsuit and not because of disputes between state and federal plaintiffs.

Even before the states made new proposals Friday, "It was clear Microsoft was rejecting the government's proposal and insisting on their own approach,"

one source said. "That approach had a lot of loopholes and would not have been effective."

Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates contended Saturday that "it became impossible to settle because the Department of Justice and the states were not working together. Between them, they appeared to be demanding either a breakup of our company or other extreme concessions."

He did not provide details of the company's offer to settle the case.

In an interview in Monday's Wall Street Journal, Gates said that regardless of what Jackson rules, his company will continue to integrate the Internet into its Windows software, even though that linkage is at the core of the Justice Department lawsuit.

"The ruling is just a step in the legal process. It doesn't change any situation relative to what we do," he said.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal rejected Gates' claim.



Gates

"The differences between the states and the Department of Justice are minimal when compared to the divergence between our side and Microsoft," he said.

Describing the negotiations as "very complex," Iowa Attorney General Thomas Miller said many factors led to the breakdown, but "the position of the states was not the cause of the failure."

Microsoft officials — including Gates — negotiated with government attorneys just days before the Justice Department filed its original complaint in 1998. An agreement appeared likely until government lawyers complained that Gates reconsidered details in an offer he made. The deal fell through, and the government filed suit.

Hearing begins in August for school funding case

Trial to determine if West Virginia students receive sufficient education

by RANDY COLEMAN
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — A hearing on whether West Virginia students are receiving a thorough and efficient education was postponed after lawyers said they were working on a settlement.

Lawyers told Ohio County Circuit Judge Arthur Recht they hoped to reach an agreement by week's end. Recht tentatively set another hearing in Kanawha County for early August.

"A resolution is closer than it's been in a long time," said William McGinley, an attorney for the West Virginia Education Association. "It's real important to get this settled. It's been hanging over the state for a long time."

Lawyers told Recht everyone involved is anxious for a settlement. Settlement discussions started last week.

"It looks good. We're very optimistic," said Dan Hedges, who filed the original lawsuit 25 years ago.

Several issues regarding funding are critical to resolving the case, Hedges said.

McGinley agreed. "This will never be resolved until the funding issues are resolved," he said.

Public education consumes about 52 percent of West Virginia's general fund budget. Of the \$2.7 billion budget that goes into effect July 1, public education will receive about \$1.4 billion.

The case started in 1975 when a Lincoln County mother sued claiming the state was not giving her children an adequate education. The original action was dismissed but was reinstated by the state Supreme Court in 1979.

In 1982, Recht ruled that parts of West Virginia's education system and its school funding formula were unconstitutional. The ruling found the system that finances West Virginia's 55 county school systems relied too much on money generated from property taxes.

In 1983, Recht approved a State Board of Education master plan for state schools. The 244-page plan called for updated facilities and broader curriculum choices and was to serve as a blueprint for future legislative action.

The Supreme Court reviewed the plan in 1984 and 1987. Although the court never endorsed it, the justices said the master plan should be implemented.

Hedges reopened the case in 1995 claiming the state had not met the conditions laid out in the master plan.

Recht said he's surprised the case is still alive.

"Once I got the opinion out, I said 'finally, that's it, it's all over. Time to celebrate.' Little did I know," Recht said in an interview last week.

The governor and the Legislature were added as defendants in 1995 and the WVEA as plaintiffs three years later.

At earlier hearings, witnesses have testified that conditions are still bad in many state schools and that some counties are underfunded.

"You have students that are starting 20 yards behind the starting line in a 100-yard dash," Murray State University president Kern Alexander said in December.

But state officials say they've done everything they can.

Putnam County Schools Superintendent Sam Sentelle says he and other school chiefs have followed every move.

"The Recht decision changes our whole way of looking at education," Sentelle said. "That decision says, once and for all, educating students in West Virginia is a state function, not a county function."

Sega unveils plans for Internet access

by RACHEL BECK
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sega Enterprises Ltd. plans to make an aggressive push into the fast-growing online video-game market this fall by launching an Internet service provider with multiplayer gaming, chat capabilities and information about its games.

Sega was expected to unveil the plans Tuesday, which would make the company the first video-game manufacturer to give a defined blueprint of how it will use the Internet to enhance play time.

"Developing a credible online

strategy is a necessity not a luxury in today's marketplace. The Internet is the top priority," said Sean McGowan, an analyst at the investment firm Gerard Klauer Mattison.

Just a year ago, Sega wasn't a contender in the U.S. video-game market. It failed to come up with a gaming system that could compete with rivals like the Sony PlayStation and Nintendo 64.

Then came its launch of Dreamcast last September. Since then, Sega has roared back and now commands a nearly 15 percent share of the U.S. video-game hardware market.

But whether Sega can keep up this pace remains in question.

Sony is expected to launch PlayStation2 here next fall, while Nintendo's Dolphin and Microsoft's X-Box are expected in 2001.

With its rivals on its heels, Sega is looking for ways to hold onto its audience, and much of that strategy involves the Internet.

Up until now, people could access the Web through the modem-ready Dreamcast and any Internet service provider.

Once online, a user could download new characters and some game enhancements from Sega's Web site, but there was very little in the way of multiplayer online gaming.

Now, Sega is forming a new company called Sega.com, which will be completely independent from Sega Enterprises. Sega.com already has received \$100 million in funding.

Part of the new company will be SegaNet, a more advanced version of the Sega.com Web site.

Dreamcast and PC users can subscribe to SegaNet, which will not only offer them online access but also will supply them with a wide range of content, such as tip sheets and cheat codes.

It will also offer a high-speed Web connection, which will allow online gamers to play against one another at a faster pace.

Highway, alcohol-related fatalities hit record low

WASHINGTON (AP) — Highway deaths declined last year, with the fatality rate hitting a record low, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said Monday.

There were 41,375 people killed on American highways in 1999, down from 41,471 the year before.

That marked an all-time low rate of 1.5 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles driven, down

from 1.6 a year earlier and the third consecutive year of decline, Slater announced.

"This continued reduction in traffic fatalities is encouraging news," Slater said. "...These statistics show that our commitment to safety is paying huge dividends."

By comparison, the highway death rate was 5.5 per million vehicle miles in 1966.

There was also a decline in the

number of alcohol-related fatalities, which fell to 15,794 from 15,934 in 1998, according to preliminary estimates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Other findings from the annual traffic safety report included:

■ The number of pedestrians killed dropped 10 percent from 5,220 in 1998 to 4,695 in 1999.

■ Deaths among children under five who were passenger

vehicle occupants dropped slightly from 566 in 1998 to 543 in 1999.

■ There was a slight increase in the number of people injured, from 3.19 million to 3.2 million.

■ Motorcycle crashes killed 2,537 in 1999 compared to 2,284 in 1998.

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THEIR view

Intrusion in media must end

Staff Editorial
Michigan Daily
(University of Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — In a highly troubling exercise of influence over the media, the federal government has been rewarding network television stations and many prominent magazines for including anti-drug messages in their content for the past two years.

This situation was created when Congress approved a \$1 billion, five-year advertising campaign by the Office of National Drug Control Policy in 1997 and also mandated that for every commercial or page of advertising purchased by ONDCP, one must be given for free.

With the good economy pushing advertising rates ever higher, networks and magazines picked to carry ONDCP's ads were eager to find a way to avoid giving away their increasingly-valuable ad space to the government. As it turned out, the ONDCP was eager to offer media outlets a way out of their advertising obligations. A system was set up to credit advertising space to television stations and publications that included anti-drug messages in their programs and articles.

The result of this deal was the submission of television scripts to ONDCP for review and in some cases the alteration at the office's request. Magazines submitted stories after publication when trying to qualify for the credits. This unprecedented attempt by the government to alter television programming and magazine articles to carry the messages it wants broadcast sets a terrible precedent for allowing government influence over the media.

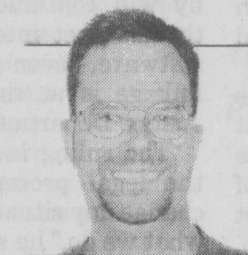
Also disturbing is the willingness of so many in the media to submit themselves to this influence in hopes of saving money. The insertion of a few anti-drug lines into a television show may seem fairly harmless or maybe even beneficial, but what is being altered by the government is the attitude about how a subject is treated across a broad range of television programming.

The government should not have such extensive control over how the media portrays any subject. Defenders of the magazine arrangement claim that when rewarding advertising credit, ONDCP only looks at already published work and therefore is not exercising control over any magazine's content. Having such large financial incentives can have an effect though, especially in magazines such as Family Circle and Seventeen, that have subjective and value-laden content.

News magazines that have submitted articles to ONDCP for advertising credit, U.S. News and World Report for example, are being put in the most difficult position. Regardless whether such influence exists or not, publications should never be placed in the situation where producing a certain type of content will result in monetary rewards.

By creating a billion-dollar drain on advertising revenues, the federal government has created a regime of censorship and propaganda through extortion. It will be extremely tempting for media outlets to ONDCP's line on drugs when refusing to do so will cost them millions of dollars.

The wonders of a research paper



MARK BLEVINS
columnist

College provides students many opportunities that they may not receive anywhere else. A sense of freedom and responsibility are two of the many new challenges students face. Writing a research paper is another challenge that comes with college life.

I am in the middle of writing a research paper as I write this. I tend to have at least one every semester, but this time the paper has to be at least 10 pages. I don't think I've ever written anything more than five, which means this will be a new experience for me. Pity the poor student who has not had to write a research or term paper before getting an assignment like the one I have.

Some students who have never written a research paper may not know where to start, but old timers know that the Internet is now a prime place to start gathering information on any topic. I've spent several hours in front of my computer

screen lately and it's not to find out the latest news from "Rolling Stone".

Believe or not, the Net can also be used constructively. I had a hard time believing it too, until I had to find five Internet resources for my paper. One learns these things quickly when his or her grade depends on it. My paper is about television talk shows in general and "The Jerry Springer Show" in particular. I had no idea how many fan pages Jerry had until I searched searching the Internet.

There's also this place that houses books and magazines, called a library. I wasn't quite sure what it was, but I had heard about it. I've been living there for the past month looking through books, indexes, and magazines for any mention of Jerry or chair throwing. I think every student should have to write a research paper because it's true that misery loves company and I feel too lonesome right now.

I've written five-page papers before and had no problem. I've even had up to 10 references for these papers, but somehow I think this paper might be a little worse. Adding five more pages doesn't sound like much, but by page four of my papers I'm just running in circles.

That's another lesson I've learned when writing papers—professors realize when you state the same idea over and over. I tried using different words, but it doesn't help. It's funny how quick professors can catch on to that sort of thing.

That's how the past few weeks have been for me — running back and forth to the library and trying to find information I can use from the Internet. If I had not had to write research papers in the past, I would feel a little lost right now. I just feel homicidal instead.

Research papers can do that to you. The more time you research, the crazier your thoughts get. Your eyes begin darting back and forth and your mouth becomes dry. The worst part of research though may be the fact that for no reason at all you start dropping that research into your everyday conversations. Are the fights on the Springer show real, for example? I don't know yet, but by the time I finish my research I'm sure I'll know more about Jerry than I ever wanted to.

Mark Blevins is a columnist for The Parthenon. Comments can be sent to him at 311 Smith Hall.

CAMPUS views

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

Senator apologizes about senate mix-up

I am writing in regards to the recent dismissal and reinstatement of Kevin Edmunds from the Student Senate.

As Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, it was my decision to attempt to remove senators that did not show up for meetings and made no effort to participate in the Senate in any fashion. To the best of my understanding at the time, Kevin Edmunds appeared to be one of these senators.

While efforts were made to contact Sen. Edmunds, they were unsuccessful due in part to a wrong listing in the Student Directory. Sen. Edmunds, as a write-in candidate, was not obligated to leave a contact number with the Election Commission and therefore had no knowledge of his election to the senate.

Sen. Edmunds does however possess a desire to be involved with the Marshall University Student Senate. After hearing of his expulsion as a senator (an office he did not even know he held), Sen. Edmunds was correct in contacting the Student Senate to appeal the decision.

After untangling the messes of wrong phone numbers and misunderstandings, the Student Senate has rescinded its decision to remove Sen. Edmunds from office.

We regret the unpleasantness and inconvenience Sen. Edmunds has gone through and applaud his efforts to become involved with the Marshall University Student Senate. In our brief conversations, he has indicated to me that he has a strong desire to be involved and aid in guiding the students of Marshall University as an effective senator.

We are looking forward to his participation and hard work.

All apologies Kevin.

— Nate Kuratomi,
senate judiciary chairman



Reader caught with drug tells his tale



HELP ME
HARLAN

Dear Harlan,
I have not yet read a drug tale in your column, so I hope you will publish mine.

One day back in November my friends and I were headed back to campus at 1:30 in the morning after a night out. We were pulled over. We were immediately taken out of the car and searched. Unfortunately, I had a joint in my pocket and was whisked away to the police department.

I'm now two months into my one-year probation, but my parole officer informed me that my arrest may not clear my record by the time I wish to apply for a job. It is sad that my future may be affected by such a meaningless and harmless crime, but it can happen to anyone.

Word to the wise, if you are in car and you have drugs, you are in danger. You do not have any rights because a determined cop will always find what you have in your pocket.

The courts aren't fair either. Good luck stoners and beware. F. Justice

Dear Justice,
And who is supposed to feel sorry for you?

This isn't so shocking — when you transport drugs you're going to get in trouble. It's not a big secret. And this isn't about a determined cop. It's about a dumb guy (you) packing a joint in his pocket and taking a risk and getting busted. You might be a smart guy every other moment, but you're momentary lapse of judgement might haunt you for a lifetime.

It could be a good idea to think about your drug habit while in court.

Dear Harlan,
I'm the youngest of six kids and also the only girl.

My three youngest older brothers are into a lot of drugs and things.

My mom has caught them with things like acid and weed, but she doesn't do anything about it. I think she trusts them way too much when they say that they will never do it again she believes them.

I also used to do drugs, but when my mom caught my twin brothers I quit.

All of my brother's friends come over here to use because they know that my mom will "allow" it. I really want to do what I know is right and let my mom in on what they do, but I don't want to break my brother's trust and my mom's heart.

er's trust and my mom's heart.

Please help me do the right thing. I am so scared. Scared

Dear Scared,
I'm thinking your mom also believes in Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny?

When a parent catches their kids with drugs there's a good chance the kids aren't innocent and they're most likely not going to quit. You need to talk to your mom and tell her that your brothers are running a makeshift after school drug house in her living room.

You mom can simply "accidentally" catch them. And your brothers don't need know you talked to your mom if she doesn't say anything to them. Even if they did piece it together, it's only you protecting them in an attempt to ultimately save their lives. Better your brothers get a little upset with you then have one or both them accidentally kill themselves driving wasted or overdosing.

The only question is how soon you can tell your mom.

Write Harlan via e-mail at harlan@helpmeharlan.com or online at: <http://www.helpmeharlan.com>. All letters submitted become the property of the column.

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Put family first

Staff Editorial
The Diamondback
(University Maryland)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Unless you've been living on a desert island for the past four months (without your laptop, of course) you are familiar with Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban boy who has been living in Miami following the death of his mother during their voyage to the United States.

Since Gonzalez's arrival on Thanksgiving Day, he has been in the care of relatives who are fighting to keep him in the country — 90 miles and a world away from his next of kin, father Juan Miguel Gonzalez.

Miami relatives have said they are no longer willing to give Elian back to his father, who could arrive this week to await the outcome of their appeal to keep Elian.

They have said that they will allow Elian's father to visit with the boy, but no Cuban officials would be allowed inside.

While relatives and their supporters argue that Elian should be granted U.S. citizenship and be allowed to live the rest of his life here, we feel that all political undertones aside, the situation must be seen in the best interest of the child.

True, the boy has been showered by the attention of the world — not to mention with gifts and trips to Disney World — but he belongs with his father. From media appearances, it seems Elian is enjoying himself, but he is living a fantasy. Elian can't attend school because of security concerns, and according to a Good Morning America clip last week, he believes his mother is alive and searching for him in Florida.

Elian belongs at home in Cuba with his dad. The quality of life in Cuba may be below the standards here, but top priority should be given to who can provide the best care for the boy, and that's his father, who had shared custody with Elian's mother before she left to start a new life with her boyfriend and son.

Elian Gonzalez has enjoyed an extended vacation in the United States, but it's time to return him to his rightful home and his surviving parent, even if they are in Cuba.

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Teachers-to-be learn through tutoring

Enterprise Tutor Program sends 25 education majors to seven Huntington schools

by SUMMER RUGGLES
reporter

Students majoring in education are not only gaining first-hand knowledge about their future occupations, but also are working for a program that focuses on tutoring "at-risk" children and young adults in seven Huntington schools.

Twenty-five students from the College of Education and Human

"By tutoring I gain first-hand experience in the classroom with students, and it gives them a little extra attention that the teacher can't give them."

Leanne N. Dolin,
Madison senior

Services provide tutoring to students at Huntington High, Enslow Middle School, West Middle School, Central City Elementary, Peyton Elementary, Spring Hill Elementary and Guyandotte Elementary.

Students in the Enterprise Tutors (ETs) have logged more than 2,700 hours of tutoring each semester, Pamela Scaggs, coordinator of student clinical

experiences, said. One-on-one tutoring is offered during school hours, after school and evenings.

"By tutoring I gain first-hand experience in the classroom with students, and it gives them a little extra attention that the teacher can't give them," Leanne N. Dolin, Madison senior, said.

"The ETs work with the academically challenged as a 'teacher in training,' gaining on-

site experience into learning difficulties and academic achievements of students," Scaggs said.

Jennifer L. Tawney, Madison senior, said, "This gives me a better perspective of what it is really going to be like. Sometimes students won't work for their teachers, but will work for their tutor. Students are more excited to work with someone new."

Elise Murphy, Phillipi junior, said, "Through this program I am able to do this and I get to see what the school system is like. It prepares me for what I will face in the future."

Scaggs said, "The greatest part of it is derived from the relationship tutors have with the students. They gain insight into student success and student struggle."

Greeks begin their week

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ities chairwoman for Alpha Xi Delta, said. "You get to meet the people you normally don't see."

Sunday, the Greeks continued their week of events with a walk-a-thon at Ritter Park.

The walk-a-thon was a fund-raising event for the Cheli Stover Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The fund benefits cancer survivors who want to attend college.

"We probably had over 200 people participating in the walk-a-thon," Chris Nourse, graduate Adviser for the Greeks, said.

"We raised over \$600 for the scholarship fund."

After the walk-a-thon, Greeks ate hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drank soda at the annual picnic.

The pyramid building competition and soccer games also took place Sunday.

The gray sky and wet

ground did not stop many Greeks from enthusiastically participating.

"Greek Week is a good time of the year for everyone to get together," Chad Prather, Alpha Tau Omega president, said.

"It promotes Greek unity for everyone on campus to see."

There was some controversy concerning the accuracy of timing in the sorority pyramid building event, but as of Sunday, Alpha Xi Delta was declared the winner.

Alpha Tau Omega built the most pyramids and won the event on the fraternity side.

Despite the discussion about whether the timing was accurate, Delta Zeta seemed high spirited.

"We are happy we are off to a good start," Jamey L. Jones, Delta Zeta junior from Dunbar, said.

"We practiced a lot for the events and now we just want to have a good time."

The soccer tournament was also successful. Delta Zeta won on the sorority side, while Alpha Tau Omega won among the fraternities.

Impact 2000 to help others

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In addition to these programs, more than 24 community agencies and organizations will host Marshall students in volunteer opportunities during the week.

"We are pleased because there are people participating from every area we envisioned," Hermansdorfer said.

Assistance from all members of the community is needed to make the week successful, both for students and for agencies and organizations that partici-

pate, according to the Web site.

"More individuals are participating than expected," Marcie Hatfield, graduate student, said.

However, more volunteers are needed.

"There are more people from the community that need help," Hermansdorfer said.

"If anyone is interested, they can just contact the agencies. If anyone does participate, they should let the Office of Student Activities or the Office of Student Affairs know."

More information is available by contacting the Office of Student Activities at 696-6770, or by visiting the Web site at <http://www.marshall.edu/volunteer-services/>.

Enrollment decline

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some students do not perform well on tests due to test anxiety.

"Students who scored 17 or 18 on the ACT and who have a 2.5 gpa, are given consideration. Their folders are reviewed by a

committee and all things are taken into account," Harless said.

With plans for the Doctors Memorial building to be made into student housing, the enrollment standards will remain at the higher level, Harless said.

Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president of operations, is on vacation and unavailable for comment on the status of the new student housing.

Gilley returns to visit campus

Former president to speak on merits of excellence at honors convocation

by JON P. ROGERS
reporter

A familiar face will return to campus Thursday to commend honors students.

Dr. J. Wade Gilley, a former president of Marshall, will deliver a speech on the merits of excellence at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse as part of the Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation.

Dr. Richard J. Badenhausen, chairman of the council that oversees the honors program, will introduce Gilley at the convocation.

"This will be the return of Dr. Gilley to Marshall, his first time back, and is significant for that fact alone," Badenhausen said.

"This is a celebration for the entire institution and for all departments to come together to recognize student achievement and excellence in teaching. It shouldn't be viewed as something just for honors students. This is for everyone."

One student will receive the A. Mervin Tyson award, which is for the outstanding honors student of the year.

Three students will receive University Honors Book awards. The names of the recipients will not be announced until Thursday.

Five faculty members will receive awards at the convocation for excellence in teaching.

They are Dr. John J. McKernan, Dr. Alina M. Zapalska, Dr. David E. Mills, Dr. Robert E. "Skip" Grubb and Dr. James W. Hammerstrand.

In addition, Marshall students who have received awards and

MORE INFO

What: Celebration of Academics

Wednesday

2 p.m. Drinko Fellow Lecture by Dr. Robert Alexander. "Timbering in Cass, West Virginia." Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

Thursday

9 a.m. Unveiling of portrait of J. Wade and Nan Gilley. Drinko Library.

11 a.m. Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation in Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

2 p.m. Dedication of Ashland Inc. Commons between Drinko Library and Memorial Student Center.

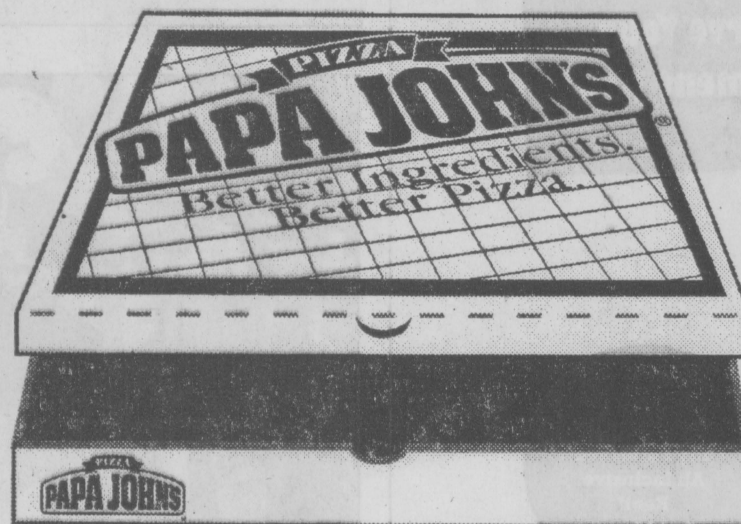
scholarships will be acknowledged.

Attendees should not expect an extended production, according to Martha C. Woodward, the executive director of the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence.

"This only lasts from 11 a.m. to 12:30," Woodward said. "We've gotten quite good at tightening things up. There will be a reception afterward, with food, in the lobby of the theater."

Elizabeth Gibson Drinko is married to John Deaver Drinko, for whom the new library is named. According to a media release, she is "an outstanding supporter of academic programs at Marshall ... primarily through the John Deaver and Elizabeth B. Drinko Distinguished Chair in Liberal Arts."

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Marshall falls short against MAC foes

Thundering Herd drops 3-of-4 in weekend play

by KIRK D. LIGHTNER
reporter

The Thundering Herd baseball team came to terms with reality this weekend.

Marshall opened its conference schedule by splitting a double-header with Western Michigan on Saturday and dropping two games to Central Michigan on Sunday at University Heights.

Marshall's record falls to 11-13-1 overall and 1-3 in the Mid-American Conference.

Marshall senior pitcher Sean Reeder dominated the first game Saturday as the Thundering Herd picked up the win 1-0.

Reeder threw a complete game shutout allowing only six hits, raising his record to 5-4 for

the year and recording the first Marshall shutout since 1994.

"Sean came out and dominated from the very start," Marshall Coach Dave Piepenbrink said. "He pitched a great game for us."

Marshall picked up the win even though it managed only three hits.



Piepenbrink

It was the first time since the Thundering Herd rejoined the MAC in 1998 that it started the league season with a win. Jason Brooks, Homer Renshaw, and Jason Ricceri had the three hits for Marshall, all singles.

Marshall's luck ran out in the second game as the Broncos won 6-1.

"We had a hard time scoring runs against their No. 1 and No. 2 starting pitchers," Piepenbrink said. "Good pitching will always beat good hitting — and that's

"We had a hard time scoring runs against their No. 1 and No. 2 starting pitchers. Good pitching will always beat good hitting — and that's what happened."

Dave Piepenbrink,
Marshall baseball coach

what happened."

Freshman Chris Wean (2-4) retired the first nine batters he faced and did not allow a hit until the sixth inning. But then the wheels came off.

"Chris threw five strong innings for us but I could see he was getting tired out there," he said. "From the time he came out of the game, our pitching fell apart for the rest of the weekend."

Junior Steve Fowler came on in relief of Wean and didn't fare any better. He gave up four

runs on four hits and didn't retire a batter.

Rustyn Lee replaced Fowler and finished the game for the Thundering Herd. Lee gave up one hit and a walk in 1 1/3 innings of work.

Marshall's hitting came around on Sunday, but the results didn't. The Thundering Herd lost to Central Michigan 11-5 and 12-9.

"Our pitching was bad all day Sunday," Reeder said. "It just went downhill the longer the day went on."

Big innings doomed the Herd in both games. Marshall allowed 18 runs in 4 innings over the two games.

The Chippewas opened the day with a 4-run first inning off Marshall starter Mickey Plymale.

Sophomore Marty Rini hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the inning to cut the lead to 4-3, but that was as close as Marshall got.

"Marty is one of those players that can change the complexion of a game in a hurry," he said. "He can hit the ball and I hope he continues to produce for us."

Central Michigan's Adam Bolthouse got the complete game win. Plymale took the loss, evening his record at 1-1.

The second game looked promising for Marshall, as it put up four runs in the first.

But the lead lasted only until the second when the Chippewas plated five runs to lead 5-4.

The Thundering Herd tied the score in the second on an

RBI double by first baseman Eric Pinkerton, who was 4-for-5 in the game and lacked only a triple to hit for the cycle. The four hits raised his season average to a team-high .381.

"Over the past couple of weeks, Pinkerton has really come around and hit the ball well," Piepenbrink said.

The game stayed close until the seventh when the Chippewas scored four runs to put the game out of reach.

Fowler threw 6 1/3 innings and took the loss. He allowed 11 hits and nine runs, all earned. Rick Suter came on in relief and got the final two outs in the seventh, giving up three unearned runs.

Marshall travels to UNC-Asheville for single games Tuesday and Wednesday. The Thundering Herd returns to league play this weekend, when it travels to Northern Illinois and Ball State for conference double-headers Saturday and Sunday.

Weekend competition good for Herd

by MICHELLE JAMES
reporter

After months of practice, Marshall's volleyball team finally got the chance to play Saturday as it traveled to Lexington to compete at a tournament at the University of Kentucky.

After defeating Dayton and Eastern Kentucky in pool play, the Thundering Herd finished third in a field of nine. The team lost to Cincinnati and host Kentucky in the top pool.

Marshall Coach Steffi Legall said she was happy with the team's play.

"I was really pleased with our effort over the course of the day," she said. "Our players came here ready to compete and

beating Dayton in that first match was really big for us."

Legall said one of the key things the team got from the tournament was the ability to adjust to players taking on different roles. Two of those players are freshman Meredith Osterhoff and sophomore Kristin Bailey.

"I thought our team did a great job adjusting to Meredith and Kristin sharing the setting position," she said.

"Our goal was to see how everybody responded to their new positions. I want to commend the team for coming mentally ready to compete and accept the new roles on the team."

Although matches played in the spring do not count toward team's records, Legall said the

competition was a good chance for the returning players to build a strong foundation that can be built on in the fall with the newcomers.

"The tournament gave us an opportunity to tell us what we still need to work," she said.

"It also gave us great proof that we're heading in the right direction and that what we've worked on in the spring has paid off."

"It was an encouraging weekend because we were able to lay the foundation for next season."

Marshall will continue spring play at 9:30 a.m. Saturday as it plays host to Morehead State and Ohio. The matches will be held in Gullickson Hall and admission is free.

Spring drills come to an end



photos by Terri Blair



In The Thundering Herd's Green and White Game on Saturday, sophomore quarterback Byron Leftwich (left) completed 18-of-26 passes for 155 yards a touchdown to lead the first-team offense to a victory over the offensive reserves led by Stephen Galbraith and Sean Smith.

In addition, Leftwich completed eight of his final 10 passes, including the 3-yard touchdown pass to Nate Poole with 3:59 left in the second quarter of play. Redshirt freshman Chris Martin (above) caught seven passes for 90 yards, both team-highs. J.R. Jenkins had the only other score with a 35-yard field goal early in the second quarter. The scrimmage ended at halftime due to injuries.

2000 football schedule

Aug. 31 Southeast Missouri State, Huntington, W.Va., 7 p.m.
Sept. 9 Michigan State, at East Lansing, Mich., 1 p.m.
Sept. 16 OPEN
Sept. 23 North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, N.C., time to be announced
Sept. 30 Buffalo, Huntington, W.Va., 7 p.m.
Oct. 5 Western Michigan, Huntington, W.Va., 7 p.m.
Oct. 14 Toledo, at Toledo, Ohio time to be announced.
Oct. 21 Kent, Huntington, W.Va., 7 p.m.
Oct. 28 Akron, at Akron, Ohio time to be announced.
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Tennis team No. 1 in MAC

Marshall downs Northern Illinois, Western Michigan over weekend

by MICHELLE JAMES reporter

It was a good weekend for Marshall tennis as the Thundering Herd went 2-0 Friday and Saturday to claim the No. 1 spot in the Mid-American Conference rankings. The Thundering Herd (13-5 overall and 4-0 in the conference) defeated Northern Illinois 6-1 Friday, but the big win came Saturday as Marshall defeated preseason conference No.1 and defending MAC champion Western Michigan.

It was the Thundering Herd's first win over the Broncos, who eliminated Marshall last year in the MAC Tournament in what coach Laurie Mercer called a "hard fought match."

Mercer said although the team was happy with both wins, it looked most forward to the Western Michigan match.

"We knew the match of the weekend would be against Western Michigan," she said. "They were picked first in the



photo by J. Nesbitt

Sophomore Anna Mitina helped Marshall down Northern Illinois and Western Michigan this weekend.

MAC and we were picked second and we were both undefeated in the conference going in."

Sophomore Anna Mitina and senior Kelly Peller both had good days as each beat players they had lost to last season. Mitina's win came over the 1999 MAC Newcomer of the Year.

The match was a close one that wasn't decided until junior Ana Ceretto won her singles

match 6-4 in the third set.

Peller said waiting for the final outcome was both nerve-racking and exciting.

"We were all pretty nervous watching the last matches up until the end when Ana Ceretto won her match and then we were happy," she said.

Although Marshall had strong individual play, Mercer said the team effort secured the win.

"The main thing was the whole team competed well," she said. "It was a good day and a total team effort."

With the weekend wins, Mercer said the team is heading in the right direction.

"This puts us in first place in the conference and the regular season decides who the MAC champ is so this puts us right where we want to be," she said.

Herd softball team proving critics wrong

by MICHELLE JAMES reporter

The Thundering Herd softball team proved that it was not to be taken lightly in the Mid-American Conference as it took two of three games from MAC East favorite Kent this weekend.

Marshall (12-19 overall and 2-1 in the conference) was picked to finish last in its division in the conference during preseason voting by league coaches. But it entered Friday's game with Kent riding a one-game winning streak after it defeated Virginia Tech on Wednesday in the Thundering Herd's home opener.

The Thundering Herd won the first game of the weekend

with a 1-0 victory over the Golden Flashes (5-15 overall and 1-2 in the conference).

Marshall Coach Shonda Stanton said she was happy with the way the team held off a late rally by Kent.

"What pleased me the most was after we scored in the bottom of the fifth and their lead-off batter hit a double and they bunted her over to third but we got out of the inning," she said. "It was huge for us to show the mental toughness we've been looking for."

Marshall and Kent split Saturday's games.

The Thundering Herd lost the first game of the day 5-2 and was down 3-0 before rallying with one out in the top of

the seventh inning to take a 4-3 lead and the eventual win.

Stanton said she wasn't pleased with the first game.

"I wasn't at all happy with the first game Saturday," she said. "All the pressure was on Kent. We just had to relax. We didn't have the performance we knew we were capable of."

Her reaction to the second game of the day was different.

"The thing that has excited me the most about this team is that they have shown that they refuse to give up," she said.

"We already dropped one ball game that day and we were down 3-0 in the seventh inning with one out and we were able to come back and win the game so that's really impressive."

Pitcher Michelle Boam said the weekend wins will give the team added confidence as it continues conference play.

"This is where it counts," said Boam, a junior from Ogden, Utah. "We have the attitude now that we can beat anyone. We started off the MAC season like we wanted to and now we're just taking it one game at a time."

Stanton agreed.

"Those wins were a huge confidence boost," she said. "Anytime you can take two games of a three-game series from a top team in the conference, you're going to naturally feel good about yourself."

Marshall will be in action again at 3 p.m. Wednesday as it plays host to Wright State.

Happy homecoming for UConn coach

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Connecticut took coach Geno Auriemma on the ride of his life.

Head lolling back and arms outstretched, Auriemma savored the moment as his players carried him down the court in celebration of Connecticut's second national championship in women's basketball.

The Huskies had just defeated Tennessee, winner of more national titles than any school not named UCLA, and they did it with such skill, efficiency and precision that a game expected to be a showcase event for the sport turned into a total mismatch.

Oh, yes, UConn's 71-52 win in Sunday night's Philly final just happened to come in Auriemma's backyard.

"It really is an indescribable feeling when you win something like this," Auriemma said. "The reason you can't describe it is because you really can't put into words what the looks on the kids' faces are and what's going through their minds and bodies, and that's what this is all about."

Connecticut won because of its ball-hawking defense, offensive balance and depth — the foundation of its play all season. The Huskies took control of the game early by building a 15-point lead and just never let go in completing a 36-1 season. The loss: a one-pointer to Tennessee on Feb. 2.

They got an assist beforehand from Auriemma's 68-year-old mother, Marziello, who sprinkled holy water on the team. On this night, no extra help was necessary.

"I don't know if I've seen us play this well all year, and we got the ultimate prize," said guard Shea Ralph, voted the MVP of the Final Four.

Ralph and her teammates helped produce a sweet homecoming for Auriemma, who grew up in the Philadelphia suburb of Norristown after moving to this country from Italy when he was 7. He learned his basketball on

the playgrounds, where a guy needed an attitude to survive, and in the tough Philadelphia Catholic League.

"A lot of guys that were coaching when I was playing said I'd never be any good as a player. They were right," Auriemma said. "So I turned out to be the coach of a championship team."

"It's kind of funny to come back and they are all in the stands and they are all happy for me, because they finally saw me win something."

The game was the first national final between the teams ranked No. 1 and No. 2 since 1989. But only Connecticut, which also beat Tennessee for the 1995 national title, looked worthy of its ranking.

Tennessee (33-4), playing without starting guard and Philly native Kristen Clement who sprained her right ankle at the morning shootaround, unraveled early in the face of Connecticut's

relentless trapping defense.

The Lady Vols committed 26 turn-overs, and when they did get a shot, they usually missed badly or had it blocked.

Connecticut blocked 11 shots in all, including nine by Kelly Schumacher, a Final Four record. Tennessee made just 5-of-27 first-half shots and finished at 31.4 percent.

Connecticut had stars galore, starting with Ralph, who had 15 points, seven assists, six steals and a block. Svetlana Abrosimova scored 15 points, while Ashja Jones added 12 points and eight rebounds.

Tamika Catchings led Tennessee with 16 points.

"I'm not surprised," said Auriemma, whose team did not have a game closer than 15 points in the NCAA tournament. "This team was intent on proving that they are the best team in the country."

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In sports...

Golf

The Thundering Herd golf team's Sam O'Dell won the University of Kentucky's 15th annual Johnny Owens Invitational with a five-under par total of 211 Saturday to lead Marshall to a second-place team finish in the 16-team event at the Kearney Hill Golf Links.

The senior captain shot rounds of 70, 70 and 71 to defeat Louisville's Chris Campbell.

The individual championship was the first of O'Dell's collegiate career.

Marshall will host the 31st annual Marshall Invitational golf tournament Friday and Saturday at the Guyan Golf and Country Club.

The first round of the tournament is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Friday.

Track

Thundering Herd senior B.J. Epps recorded a MAC season-best 400-meter hurdles time of 51.73 to win that event.

He also placed third in the 110-meter hurdles with a school record time of 14.27 seconds at Ohio University's McDonalds Invitational Saturday.

Marshall's men's team finished fifth out of eight teams with 63 points.

Marshall received first-place finishes from senior Andrew Blair and junior Andrew Burchfield. Blair won the 100-meter run with a time of 10.66 seconds and Burchfield won the discus with a throw of 146-feet, two inches.

Freshman Amanda Halsey and sophomore Alicia Cain led the Thundering Herd women's team. Halsey logged a javelin throw of 108-feet, four inches for a second-

place finish, and Cain finished third with a throw of 41-feet, two inches in the shot put.

Marshall's women's team placed sixth out of seven teams with 40 points.

Marshall plays host to Ohio in a dual meet today at the Walter "Lefty" Rollins Track. Field events are scheduled for 3 p.m. and running events begin at 4 p.m.

Awards

Former Thundering Herd volleyball player Nicole Frizzo has been awarded the 1999-2000 Cam Henderson Scholarship by Marshall's Alumni Association.

The award was established in 1972 to annually recognize and honor Marshall student-athletes who best exemplify academic and athletic excellence.

Frizzo, a setter from Kalamazoo, MI, completed her volleyball career last fall, leading the Thundering Herd to a 15-15 record and its third consecutive MAC Tournament.

Frizzo led Marshall with 1,286 assists and ranked among the MAC's Top 10 with an 11.38 assists per game average during the 1999 season.

She also was the only team member to play in all 113 games that season.

Frizzo currently holds a 3.2 grade point average and will graduate in December with a degree in elementary education. She will be receive the Cam Henderson Scholarship on Saturday, April 29, at the Alumni Association's 63rd annual awards banquet.

Past winners include academic All-Americans Mike D'Antoni, Jaki Copeland and Chad Pennington.

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Rachelle Robinson, Come on down!

Marshall student wins nearly \$20,000 on 'The Price is Right'

by TAMARA ENDICOTT
reporter

A dream vacation during spring break is something students fantasize about for weeks before the much-needed break arrives.

Most feel lucky if they have a few dollars left in their pockets when they get back home.

The chances of coming back with almost \$19,500 seems impossible.

Rachelle Robinson, fourth floor resident advisor in Twin Towers West, did just that when she and six friends went to Hollywood during the break.

Robinson was a showcase showdown winner on the Price is Right.

The group of friends — Amy Clower, Karen Jenkins, Dara Pauley, Kelli Carlet, Arica Knowlton and Stephanie Haspel — stayed in a Day's Inn on Sunset Boulevard, 15 minutes away from the studio.

They had to be in line for the show by 5 a.m. just to be among the 300 people chosen for the studio audience.

The group was 137th in line, where identification and social security numbers were checked and nametags were distributed.

Two studio employees then went down the line and asked everyone to tell a little bit about themselves, Robinson said. They had only about five seconds to respond, she said.

"They knew if they wanted you and they knew if they didn't want you," said Robinson, a Weirton marketing junior. "Everybody else said things like where they were from, their majors, etc. I wanted to make us stand out."

"I wanted to have just a little bit of a chance for someone to get on stage. So I put a little bit of an emphasis and perk in my voice and I just got up there and I said, 'We're from Marshall University. We're from all the way across the country. We are having so much fun here.'"

"You had no idea if you were picked. None. They just kept saying next, next, next. You had no idea if they liked you, hated you, thought you were an idiot, nothing. Then you sat in these other lines for a half an hour, while all three hundred people went through. It took forever."

At 1 p.m. the group finally was sitting in the audience and was amazed at how small the studio was compared to the way it looks on television.

Rod Roddy, the show's MC, came out and told the audience what happens during the show.

When audience members' names are called they have to go up the left stairs to get on stage, he told them. Also, no one can use the bathroom while the show is being recorded and the audience is asked not to scream in certain ways because it distracts people.

"When the show came on they

named four people right away," Robinson said. "They use big cue cards on the stage because sometimes you can't hear your name or you think you're hearing things and the next thing I knew I saw my name on stage. And then they said, 'Rochelle Robinson, come on down!'"

"And the whole place just went nuts. I said, 'I cannot believe this!' I ran and I was stumbling over everybody and since I was the last one picked I had to guess first."

Robinson's bid on the first display wasn't close enough, but she was the winner on the second display of baby furniture. Robinson then played the Master Key game for prizes, including a car and crystal stemware. She won the stemware, but nothing else.

"I was so excited to be on stage," she said. "It wasn't what I won. It was just being there."

During the contest for the showcase showdown, Robinson spun the money wheel and landed on the one-dollar section, which won her \$1,000 and a place in the showcase showdown.

Robinson did not land on the dollar mark again during her try for the \$10,000.

Her opponent in the showdown "happened to be a guy that was 87-years-old that day. It was cute. He was really nice." Robinson was runner-up for the showdown because her opponent won a new car in a previous game.

Robinson was allowed to pick a friend to sit at the bottom of the stage to help her guess the price of the showcase. She chose her best friend, Dara Pauley.

"I tried to go along and help her a little bit," Pauley said. "I wasn't much help. She did really good on her own. She was really thinking clearly and she did great. I was more excited and she was the one concentrating. It was funny."

"I had been wanting to go on 'The Price is Right' since I was little, so it was fun. Especially since my best friend won. It was great. It was a really unique experience. It's a lot different than you think from when you watch it on TV. It was definitely the highlight of the trip. We were real energetic. We got the audience to do the wave. We had a lot of fun with it."

Robinson's opponent passed the first showcase, "Things to Make You Scream," over to her to bid on. The showcase included a large "scary movie" video collection, a 7-day, 6-night vacation package to Disney World and a pop-up camper.

Robinson used her experience



photo courtesy of Rachelle Robinson

Rachelle Robinson, Weirton junior and fourth floor resident advisor in Twin Towers West, was the showcase showdown winner during her appearance on "The Price is Right" during spring break.

from watching the show, to guess \$500 for the video collection, \$3,000 for the trip and \$10,000 for the camper.

"I ended up saying \$13,000, because I didn't want to go over," Robinson said. "I think I was so focused on what I was doing and didn't want to sound stupid and guess a stupid price."

"I wasn't really caring what I won. My main goal was just to get all my friends — we had worked so hard to go on this trip — on stage. That's what made me really happy."

"I automatically won because he went over the price and all six of them ran up and attacked me on stage," Robinson said.

"We all had bright green, white-lettered Marshall shirts on. The last two minutes of the whole thing was just us waving and screaming and pointing at our Marshall shirts. It was absolutely unbelievable."

The friends spent the rest of the day calling people back home.

"It took them about 20 minutes to believe me," Robinson said. "When I called my boyfriend, he didn't believe me. He thought I was an idiot and his mom got on the phone and told me she'd kill me if I was lying."

The group celebrated with dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe and "collapsed early from being

so emotionally and physically drained."

Robinson will have to pay about 15 percent taxes on the grand total. She asked her father, Virgil, to go on the trip with her in July.

Robinson says she plans to store the stemware and baby furniture until she gets married. She says she wants to trade the camper in for a car.

The friends spent the rest of their spring break going to Universal Studios and visiting Santa Monica, Venice and Malibu beaches. They also attended a Jay Leno show and "went shopping a couple days in one of the big six-story malls. It was huge!"

Robinson and her friends were amazed so many Californians had heard of Marshall.

"A lot of people knew where Marshall was. 'Marshall? Don't you guys have a really good football team?' and 'Hey, how about that Chad Pennington?' and 'You guys are so great.'"

Robinson will not be able to watch herself on the show when it airs at 11 a.m. today because she has an exam at the same time.

Her hometown high school has arranged for classes to be excused for an hour to watch the show. Her mother, Sheila, is a substitute teacher at the school and her brother, Brian, is a senior there.



photo courtesy of Rachelle Robinson

Rachelle Robinson (center) and her friends — Amy Clower, Karen Jenkins, Dara Pauley, Kelli Carlet, Arica Knowlton and Stephanie Haspel — went to Hollywood during their spring break. Robinson won nearly \$20,000 on "The Price is Right."

Latest teen flick worse than others

by CHRIS PEIRLE
Daily Evergreen
Washington State University

(U-WIRE) PULLMAN, Wash. — Is anyone else sick of these stupid high school movies?

"Whatever it Takes" is the latest teen flick and it accomplishes the feat of being even worse than its predecessors.

The movie resembles films such as "She's All That," "Drive Me Crazy," and "10 Things I Hate About You," which isn't a crowning achievement. Granted, these movies are aimed toward a younger audience, but are today's teens really stupid enough to enjoy movies with absolutely no substance to them.

What has happened to the good high school movie? Back in the '80s, there was "Breakfast Club," "Sixteen Candles," and "Can't Buy Me Love." Those were good movies because they showed a somewhat realistic depiction of what high school is really like. The characters in "Whatever it Takes" are about as real as Pamela Anderson Lee's breasts.

Recent teen films, with the exception of "American Pie" and "Cruel Intentions," have no business even being made. Most of the teen movies today just insult the intelligence of anyone who watches them.

Although "Whatever it Takes" tries to rip off a handful of movies, it basically attempts to copy the

play "Cyrano de Bergerac." Unlike the 1987 film "Roxanne," this film fails miserably.

Ryan (Shane West) doesn't have a big nose, but he's supposed to be a nerd. His next-door neighbor is Maggie (Maria Sokoloff) and she's supposed to be a nerd too. But the school's football stud Chris (James Franco) wants to get Maggie into the sack. So he tells Ryan he'll hook him up with Ashley (Jodi Lyn O'Keefe) if he will help him get Maggie. Ashley is Ryan's dream girl and happens to be Chris' cousin.

OK, so Ryan and Chris strike up an agreement. Ryan will teach Chris how to impress Maggie, and Chris will do the same regarding Ashley.

This means Chris will have to act smart and polite, while Ryan will have to turn into a jerk.

The movie then becomes predictable. Everyone knows how the movie is going to end. It was a nice surprise to see the final scene occur at the prom. What an original way to end it.

Jodi Lyn O'Keefe was the only bright spot. The best part of this film was when she arrived at a party with a see-through dress. O'Keefe played an identical role in "She's All That." She is the beautiful, popular girl who isn't the sharpest knife in the drawer. Seeing these type of roles are the only ones she gets tells me she has about as much range as a center fielder with hemorrhoids.



photo courtesy of www.whateverittakes.com

"Whatever It Takes" resembles other teen flicks such as "She's All That," "Drive Me Crazy" and "10 Things I Hate About You." The movie, which stars Shane West, Maria Sokoloff, James Franco and Jodi Lyn O'Keefe, is inspired by the play "Cyrano de Bergerac."

Happenings...

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

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

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

Newman Center, RCIA and Our Catholic Way series, Newman Center, 7 p.m. Contact: Bill Petro 525-4618.

Residence Services, Fast Forward to Fall: Resumes and Careers, Holderby Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2000

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

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

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

Residence Services, Money Train: Job Opportunities, Hodges Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2000
University Christian Fellowship, meeting, CCC, 7 p.m. Contact: Mark Mills 696-3057.

Campus Crusade for Christ, meeting, Marco's, 9:11 p.m. Contact: prime-time@mulife.org.

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