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Registration change

All sophomores whose last names begin with letters A through I and J through Q will register Thursday. Two groups have been scheduled for registration because classes are dismissed Friday for Good Friday, according to a news release from the Office of the Registrar.

The release said that telephone and Internet registration on MILO will begin at 12:01 a.m. for each scheduled day.

ESPN's fall schedule includes Herd

The Parthenon

Chris Fowler came to the Big Green Dinner with a secret.

Fowler, an ESPN studio analyst, told the crowd of 510 that the Thundering Herd's Sept. 9 football game against Michigan State will be nationally televised on ESPN. The Oct. 5 game at Marshall against Western Michigan also will be televised, Fowler said.

"The main reason it's great to be here is because Marshall University football is the best college football story of the '90s," said Fowler who was invited as the guest speaker, "and maybe one of the best stories in college sports in any division."

President Dan Angel was pleased at the turnout at the 22nd Annual Big Green Scholarship dinner in Radisson's ballroom.

"It's a huge turnout and I think certainly a compliment to our program," Angel, said. "Obviously the speaker tonight is a draw, because people have seen him on television, and that's helpful."

The fund-raiser, after expenses, raised close to \$28,000.

"I thought (Monday) was a tremendous event," O'Dowd, athletic development director of the Big Green Foundation, said. "Financially, it was the most successful one we've had. It raised our level of awareness nationally with Chris Fowler, and locally, with the things we're trying to accomplish."

Fowler said that although he does guest appearances all over the nation, he was most impressed by the warm family appeal of Huntington and its devoted Marshall fans.



photo by Tamara Endicott
ESPN analyst Chris Fowler spoke Monday at the Big Green Foundation Dinner.

WVU vs. Marshall

Funding unequal due to differences in schools

Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series examining the competition for money between Marshall and West Virginia University. The first focused on the competition for students and the third will consider the competition on the athletic field.

> by ANDREA COPLEY managing editor

W.Va. Delegate Evan Jenkins, D-Cabell, characterizes the state's funds for higher education as "a large pot of money."

"A large bulk of the money is predetermined," he said. "Most institutions know where they will end up before they start off." But, there are some extra

"Money in general for higher ed is distributed based on a formula that the higher education systems have come up with," Jenkins said. "If there is any competition, it's usually over extra dollars to be put into each institution rather than competi-

tion for the whole pot of money." Seventeen percent, or \$459 million, of the state's \$2.7 billion budget goes to higher education and the arts, he said. "That amount can be pushed up or down, depending on need."

Patty Ramey, budget officer for the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees, said the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) first determines how funds are divided between the college system and university system. The RAM considers enrollment in the different systems and comparisons to regional data from the Southern Regional Educational Board, she said.

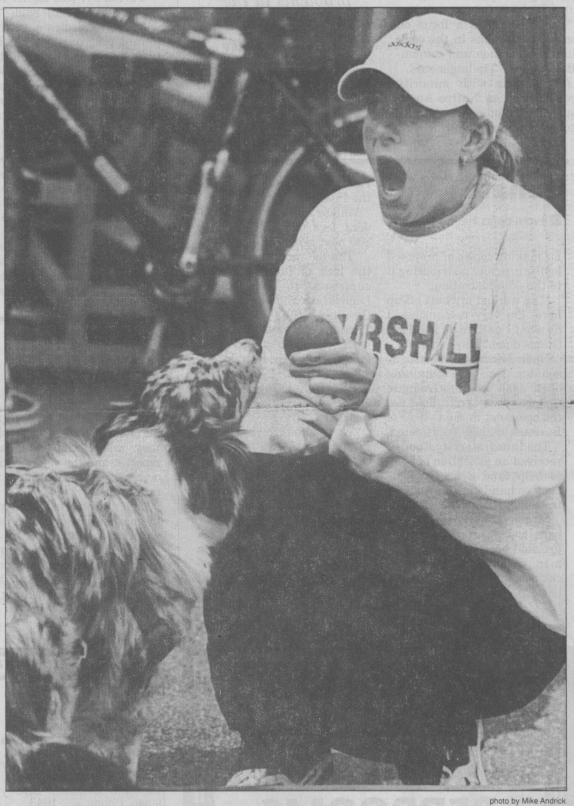
Once that is broken down, the board of trustees takes the university system's money and gives it to the universities, depending on their base budgets from the previous year, Ramey said.

For the 2000-2001 budget, the college system will receive 41.33 percent of new funds and the university system will receive 58.67 percent of new funds, she said.

The universities and colleges put in their requests for money,

Please see FUNDING, P2

Ouuuuuch!



Paula Kinder, South Point freshman, reacts to a playful bite from "Bella." Kinder was playing with the dog at Wednesday's softball game.

Senate OKs all but one

Walker presents executive staff, Student Senate rejects proposed special projects coordinator

by RHANDA M. FARMER reporter

Student Government Association President Bill Walker presented his recommendations for his executive staff Tuesday to the Student Senate.

William Haynes, who will graduate with a bachelor's degree in business management in May and will attend the Marshall University Graduate College in the fall, was appointed as the business manager.

Haynes is president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. The former house INSIDE treasurer and house Our View p4 manager was responsible

for \$50,000 in house repairs. Haynes has no student government experience, but said he is confident he can fulfill his duties.

"Money is money," Haynes said. "I can write checks and balance budgets for anyone."

Staci Wallace was appointed campuswide community service coordinator. Her goal is "one big" community service project each month and "one smaller" community service project each week for the SGA.

"I've thought about introducing competition between groups to give some kind of reward to the groups with the highest number of community service hours," Wallace said.

She plans to involve the stu-

dent body with the community by working with Jerod Smalley, who was appointed as director of public relations.

"My goal in doing PR is not to promote the executive staff or senate, but to promote the school

as a whole," said Smalley, pointing out that he wants to make the students more in-formed about events happening on campus and improve the student direc-

Ryan Gray was not approved by the senate for special projects coordinator.

Walker will bring another suggestion before the senate next week.

"Ryan Gray would've been a great asset to the university," SGA Vice President Cory Dennison said. "He's already busted his butt for us and will probably continue busting his butt for us. It's just a shame he can't do it with a title."

Walker added, "I really feel it's unfortunate Ryan Gray was not approved as obviously qualified as he was. We sincerely hope the politics of personal destruction or personal vendettas were not used in the decision-making process, as we're sure they weren't.

"The students of MU have lost a great asset today.'

Senators elected Kristy Hays historian, who is responsible

Please see SENATE, P2

Gubernatorial candidate shares thoughts on politics

by COURTNEY M. ROSS reporter

Democratic candidate Jim Lees was at Marshall Monday evening to answer questions and

share his thoughts on politics.

Lees spoke in an informal setting of five people. He provided signs, stickers and information about himself and his strategic plans.

"The truth is West Virginia way through law school, and in and regulatory assistance for

reality is West Virginia must do as a Deputy District Attorney. better for our children, for our families and for our future."

months of the Truman Administration to a coal miner. In 1970, Lees enrolled in West Virginia University and played basketball for the Mountaineers.

In 1974, Lees began working as a police officer to help pay his

can do better," Lees said. "The 1977 he accepted employment

The discussion started with economic development and Lees was born during the last how to keep the younger generations in West Virginia.

Lees' strategy for economic growth and job creation is to target West Virginia strategic opportunities for growth, expand venture capital availability to grow West Virginia business, tax relief

small business and one-stop just because of the polls." licensing for small businesses.

Another issue discussed was mountaintop removal.

"I am opposed to mountain top removal to an extent," Lees said. "I don't want to eliminate it, just have limitations."

Lees also discussed polling.

"This is a poll driven society and polls are inaccurate," Lees said. "Candidates shouldn't believe they are going to win

Campaign finance reform was also mentioned.

Candidates are permitted to take up to \$1000 in contributions. We also don't have the soft money problem in West

Virginia, Lees said. "As a candidate, I don't like the way it is now but I can't come up with a better system,"

Please see CANDIDATE, P2

file photo/Krista Crawford Drag queen Erin Bohem performed at Marshall's first campus drag show last semester.

This is the second in a threepart series on homosexuality at Marshall. This story examines the growth and successes seen by the gay community at Marshall. Part three will look at the opposing views of homosexuality.

> by BUTCH BARKER editor

It was an important night for Patricia Knight.

Her mascara-coated eyes and dance moves always were wel-

how would members of Marshall University's campus react to her performance in drag? Would her peers and professors cheer and throw dollar tips her way as they do at the local gay bar?

Knight, knowing others would know she was really a he — a drag queen was bound to be pessimistic.

"Even at the bar, you have a fear," said Knight, who is also a Marshall student. "Will anyone crazy come in and start shooting? Things like that from time come sights at the Stonewall. But to time ran through my head."



Awareness included as part of gay community's growth

But the crowd welcomed her. "Almost half of the crowd was from the Stonewall," Knight said. "They made us feel warm and welcome."

The crowd's acceptance helped

Marshall's first campus drag Multiculturalism's subcommittee show, "Drag: Make-up, Mystique, and the Making of a Movement," go off without a hitch.

Raymie White, co-coordinator of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Outreach Office and former president of the Lambda Society, said last semester's show was a sign that the gay community is making strides. "Even though we have a long way to go, it shows we are getting somewhere," said White, a senior from Chesapeake, W.Va.

Okey Napier Jr., chairman of Marshall's Commission on

on lesbian, gay and bisexual issues, has been at Marshall since 1985 as a student and now a faculty member. He said he has seen the strides made by the gay community.

Napier said Marshall's Lambda Society, the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Outreach office and Pride Week events have been solid for a number of years now. There's one thing he has noticed that definitely differs from the past — awareness.

Please see AWARENESS. P2

Tickets available for C.O.L.A. ceremony

by KIMBERLY BAGBY reporter

The College of Liberal Arts (C.O.L.A.) wants its May graduates to get tickets to the ceremony honoring students receiving bachelor or master's degrees from the college.

"This event is for individual recognition of the graduates by walking across the stage in cap and gown to be congratulated by the dean, the associate dean, the chair of the department and faculty members of their respective departments," Angela J.

Rose, administrative assistant in liberal arts, said.

The ceremony will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Students are to come to the ceremony at 6:30 p.m. in cap and gown. Their names and degrees will be announced as they walk onto the stage, Rose said, and they will receive a congratulatory letter.

Rose said there has been an overwhelming response from students who would like to participate in the event.

achievements in teaching. Rose declined to give the names of the recipients pending notification of the C.O.L.A.

One of the recipients will give congratulatory remarks addressing the graduates, Rose said. She cautioned against calling them graduates because the official university ceremony is the next day at 9 a.m. in the Huntington Civic Center.

Ushers play a major role in the ceremony, Rose said. They

Three faculty members will alphabetical order by departbe honored at the ceremony for ment, and enforce crowd control. They are undergraduate students who were hand-picked through the departments for the ceremony.

> A reception will follow the May 5 C.O.L.A. ceremony in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center giving students, their families and friends a chance to speak with faculty members. Refreshments will be provided by the college.

Students may get tickets for the May 5 ceremony by contactseat guests, line students up in ing their departmental secretary.

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Thundering Herd football star charged with domestic battery

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Marshall junior middle linebacker Max Yates was arrested at 12:45 a.m. Saturday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery at his residence.

A witness said Yates and the victim were arguing and he grabbed her and shoved her down a flight of stairs.

The incident occurred at 12:35 a.m.

Yates, a two-year starter for The Thundering Herd football team, was released at 1:00 p.m. Saturday from Cabell County Jail on \$5,000 bond, spokesman for the jail

The extent of the victim's injuries was not given.

Funding

"The Legislature does do some line item in the budget, he said.

Jenkins said institutions have particular areas of expertise and are always seeking extra funding.

"Part of 547 [the higher education reform bill] said, 'We will try to dedicate funding toward programs and institutions that meet criteria or target area,' " he said. "So, if we are targeting bioresearch programs and someone steps forth and says, 'We have a great program that goes along with what you are targeting,' we are

During the legislative session, Marshall sends representatives to the Capitol to ensure the university has a voice in legislation that concerns it. "[The lobbyists] had a pretty good presence throughout session, monitoring budget

tion," Jenkins said. "They were great resources and were easily accessible when a question came up."

When the Budget Digest comes out in about a month, it can further stipulate how money is spent, Ramey said.

"The higher ed bill will change a lot [of the financing of the universities]," Ramey said. "There will probably not be a RAM [Resource Allocation Model], which we've used for about a decade. But, we will still look at peers to compare ourselves."

Jenkins said the universities' relationships with legislators are very important.

"Most legislators would not characterize themselves as being in only one camp and looking out for only one institution," he said. "I look out for higher ed in general in West Virginia. Sometimes, what is good for the state in a whole may not be good for MU, but other times what's good for Marshall is what's good for the state. No one tries to shortchange the whole system for a hometown advantage."

Jenkins said there is friendly competition for the extra money.

"What it requires is a discussion about priorities," he said. "We can't fund everything that's requested. What we have to do is really roll up our sleeves and think about how we're going to invest this money."

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which is distributed through the board of trustees, Jenkins said.

tweaking of those monies and there's certain monies that come to Marshall that are special line items," he said. Marshall's forensics program, for example, received \$450,000 as a special

likely to give them the money."

process and higher ed legisla-

Candidate

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Lees said. "I don't know if people should be able to give what they want, the candidates report it and the voters decide, or have public finance for the

Lees also stressed the importance of media support in campaigning.

"In politics you are either rich or you go get money from somewhere else," Lees said. "Then they will want something in

Lees strategic plan for education is to increase emphasis on "competency," improve curriculum, instruction and facilities in middle schools, develop an independent statewide community college and technical college system and develop "seamless curricubetween K-12 and Higher Education.

Lees also shared his opinion about the next election.

"I don't think there will be a huge anti-democratic vote this time. Odds favor the democratic nominee," Lees said.

Sociology honors group travels to New Orleans

by NICOLE L. JIVIDEN reporter

The Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Sociology Honors group is participating in the annual conference of the Southern Sociological Society today through Saturday in New Orleans.

The conference will present new research and will give upto-date information about sociology, said Linda Trollinger, Proctorville, Ohio, graduate student and AKD secretary.

Issues to be presented include gender, race, adolescence, juvenile problems, cultural and identity formation, violence, Trollinger said.

Awareness

"There's been a shift in atti-

tude," Napier said. "People talk

about GLBT [Gay, Lesbian,

bisexual and transgendered]

Napier said another important part of growth is the gay com-

munity's recognition as a multi-

cultural group among Marshall's

Commission on Multicultrual-

ism, which is a part of the Office

of Multicultural Affairs and

have reached a plateau,"

The most recent accomplish-

of a colony of Delta Lambda Phi

National Social Fraternity.

"I think at this point, we

issues - in class even."

International Programs.

and move forward."

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"It will expose us to a lot and give more perspectives from other professors," Trollinger said. "It will involve networking with students, professors and career people around the country."

This is the first year Marshall's AKD chapter has been able to attend the conference. Several fund-raisers helped them raise money to pay for the trip, Trollinger said.

Eight Marshall representatives must pay more than \$4,100 for their trip, she said.

Fund-raisers have included a Valentine's Day give-away, a \$100 lottery, a candy bar sale and an auction at Renaissance sexual assault and domestic Book Company and Coffee House this past Friday,

ate student from Lexington,

Ky., and the fraternity's found-

ing president, said the first fra-

ternity in West Virginia for

gay, bisexual and progressive

men is a definitely a sign of

"Delta Lambda Phi intro-

duces a new opportunity onto

Marshall's campus," Sutton

said. "There is no fear of hiding

one's sexual orientation for

fear of being harassed or black-

David P. Fonda, a Hunting-

"If our community wasn't

ton junior and the fraternity's

founding vice president, agreed.

growing then those of us who

began this journey would have

ue," Fonda said. "Not only does

DLP signify growth but also

strength within our communi-

eventually acceptance, this

group would not have been

growth.

balled.

Trollinger said.

Members will be asking for grants from the Student Government Association and the national AKD chapter. These grants will be used to reimburse members for the money they had to pay to go on the trip, Trollinger

AKD Sociology Honors members must have completed at least 12 hours of sociology and have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

"It (AKD) offers a focus on sociology problems in the community, education and community projects," Trollinger said. AKD works with minority

Senate

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for making copies of proposed

legislature and distributing it

"I've worked my butt off up

here. I'm very responsible, I

do what I need to do and I get

Nadir Mirza was sworn in as

senator for the remaining

open seat in the Graduate

College. Two applications for

the open seat in the College of

Business are being considered.

received an allocation of \$500

to help fund a Greek year-

book to hand out to incoming

"Many know Greek num-

bers are down. Making an

updated book to put in fresh-

man packets at orientation

could help increase our num-

freshmen.

The Interfraternity Council

to the administration.

things done," Hays said.

groups, such as Native Amer-Linda Trollinger, icans, and studies community AKD secretary problems, she said.

> vice president of finance for the Interfraternity Council.

> > Walker told the senate student fees will be raised by \$90 next semester.

> > "The fee increase is due to the lack of funding that is supposed to come from Legislature and trickle down through the Board of Trustees," he said.

> > The university has been forced to raise fees by an additional \$20 following the \$70 increase implemented last semester to cover rising

> > "We're outgrowing ourselves here," Walker said. "It's absolutely necessary to have higher fees to maintain the professors salaries and general maintenance on buildings.'

Students may contact Walker or a senator from their college for more information about student fees at bers," said Donnie Robinson, the SGA Office 696-6435.

Napier said, "and it's time for never seen it possible to contin-

ment for Marshall's gay com- ty. Without the strength to

munity was the establishment strive toward tolerance and

Jonathan R. Sutton, a gradu- able to be formed."

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Underwood, Wise ready for November

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON - The gubernatorial primary isn't until May, but Gov. Cecil Underwood and Rep. Bob Wise are already looking ahead to November.

campaigning. Wise, who is giving up his House seat after 18 a lawyer who trails in the polls

An Underwood-Wise race would pit a pro-business child of the Depression against a baby boomer with labor support.

At 77, Underwood is the nation's oldest governor. He also was the state's youngest governor when he was elected Underwood is so sure he will to his first term in 1956 at 34. win the May 9 Republican pri- Back then, the West Virginia mary against three little- Constitution barred governors known opponents that he is not from serving two consecutive

Wise, 52, said he will not years, has only one opponent in make age an issue in the camthe Democratic race, Jim Lees, paign, but he often says he is "energetic" and "active."

He pledges to be more involved than Underwood. who has had light legislative agendas and rarely lobbies for his bills. The boldest proposal of his Underwood administration, a plan to rewrite state tax laws,

appears dead. to the other's power base.

Democrats outnumber Republicans 2-to-1 in West Virginia, but Underwood - the only Republican to hold statewide

increase his retirement pay.

Marockie, whose stint as an

administrative assistant ended

Monday, initially told the state

Board of Education he wanted

to use unused vacation time to

remain on the payroll until

June 30. The move would have

increased his retirement pay

The state calculates retire-

ment pay based on an employ-

ee's five highest salaries during

State officials said Marockie

has dropped that request, and

now wants to apply a year and a

half of unused sick leave toward

his total years of service. That

would increase his retirement

"I'm unaware of any depart-

by about \$3,000 per year.

the past 15 years.

pay by \$3,100 a year.



1996 because conservative and business-oriented Democrats rejected nominee Charlotte Pritt, who like Wise was a liberal strongly backed by labor.

Underwood has tried to generate labor support by taking Each man is trying to appeal the coal industry's side in a federal lawsuit over mountaintop strip mining. He also joined the industry to oppose a federal directive to reduce smog-causing pollutants.

Wise is trying to appeal to those Democrats who defected in 1996 by establishing a Business Council to help plan economic development unemployment in West Virginia.

savvy and to increase access to scholarships to prepare the work force for computer industry jobs he wants to lure to West Virginia.

Wise pledges to make stu-

dents more technologically

Underwood says he has used technology to improve education and government efficiency.

The state employee pension system was created after Underwood left office in 1960. Unless he is re-elected or buys credit for his 12 years as a legat a time of 5.6 percent islator and his first term as governor, he lacks one year of service to qualify for a state pension.

He changed jobs so often in the private sector he has only Social Security and "minor" pensions from Bethany College, where he was president, and Princess Coal Co., where he was an executive.

"I can't afford to retire," he

Bush named a defendant in whistle-blower lawsuit

by JIM VERTUNO The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas - Gov. George W. Bush has been named a defendant in a lawsuit by the fired official of the Texas

Funeral Service Commission. She accuses him of impeding an investigation of a company that had given him campaign contributions. Eliza May alleges she

lost her job over an investigation of Houston-based Service Corporation International. She filed her wrongful the governor." termination lawsuit last year and amended it on Monday to Democratic Party treasurer, include Bush.

The lawsuit accuses the Republican presidential candidate of conspiring to interfere August after Attorney General with the agency's 1998 investi- John Cornyn called the lawsuit

gation of the company. "Defendant Bush directed, approved of, ratified, condoned and/or knowingly permitted his regulations, including whether staff to intervene improperly" SCI was using unlicensed in the investigation, the law- embalmers. The funeral home

suit alleges. Service Corporation International, one of the world's largest funeral home and cemetery operators, is headed by Bush family friend Robert Waltrip, who contributed \$45,000 to Bush's gubernatorial cam-

paigns, according to the lawsuit. Waltrip also served as a his company.

trustee for the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library in College Station and donated more than \$100,000 through his sompany toward construc-

"Their claims pertaining to the governor are feeble and of no merit," said Bush spokesman Mike Jones. "It's our understanding this lawsuit involves the same old tired, worn out claims that have already been rejected by the courts when an unjustified deposition was sought of

May is a former Texas and District Judge John Dietz threw out her subpoena seeking Bush's testimony last

political. May was investigating possible violations of funeral home board's complaint review committee voted to assess more than 20 of SCI's affiliated funeral homes fines totaling

\$450,000. She was fired after Waltrip met with Bush's top aide Joe Allbaugh, to complain about the agency's investigation of

CHARLESTON (AP) -"It's not a greed item. It's not asking for Former state Schools Superanything more than any other intendent Hank Marockie has switched tactics in a bid to department employee gets."

Hank Marockie,

Marockie tries to increase his retirement benefits

former state schools superintendent

ever accrued sick leave," said Joe Smith, who directs the state's personnel department. state Ethics Commission has "When their salary is set by statute, they're paid 24 hours, seven days a week. They're not docked for a day's absence."

Marockie resigned March 9 following complaints that he had misused money during his 11 years as superintendent.

An ethics complaint accused him of making 1,700 personal ing card and another 389 on his plaint. "They'll do a good job. This general's opinion.

ment head in West Virginia that office telephone during the past four years.

An investigative panel of the found that a full investigation of the complaint is warranted. Ethics Commission Executive Director Rick Alker would not say Monday whether the full commission is investigating the complaint, citing confidentiality laws.

"I'm pleased they felt it warranted looking into," said Wanda Carney, a Charleston law office telephone calls on his state call- secretary who filed the com-

should be pretty easy for them." Marockie said his request to apply unused sick leave toward retirement is not out of line. He

said he did not take sick leave during his 11 years as state superintendent. "It's not a greed item," said Marockie, who was attending a

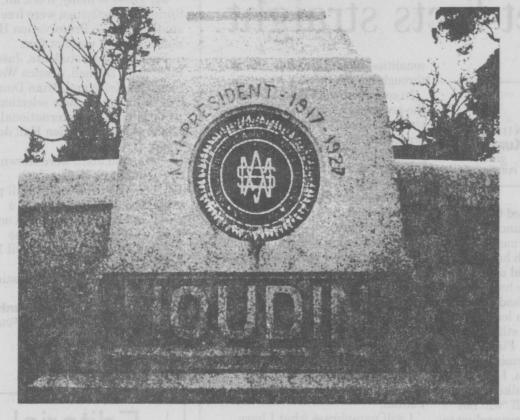
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tive Co. meeting in Washington, D.C., on Monday. "It's not asking for anything more than any other department employee gets. "I worked and didn't take

leave. Thank God, for the sake of good health, I didn't use them. To characterize this as anything more is erroneous."

Marockie also has asked the board to be paid for unused vacation time, although state law prohibits department heads from receiving annual leave, according to a 1977 attorney

Parthenon It's not just for breakfast anymore.



He's no Houdin

The great escape artist Harry Houdini said that he was determined to come back from the grave if possible. He didn't. But someone else did: Jesus Christ claimed to be the God who created the universe and said he would die and then bodily rise from the dead to prove he was God. He did.

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-WIlliam Haynes newly-approved SGA business manager

Page edited by Andrea Copley

OUR view

Improving the student directory is a challenge

More community service projects, promoting Marshall University, an improved student directory. Wait, what was that last one?

All of the above are the plans of Student Government Association President Bill Walker's newly-approved executive staff.

It's that last proposal that raises our

In the past, student directories have been notoriously erroneous.

Granted, some college students live like nomads. Many cannot be found living in the same building semester to semester, which makes trying to put together an accurate student directory a near impossibility.

However, SGA should be able to accurately print the telephone numbers of professors and staff members who have had the same extensions for years.

Perhaps editors and reporters who work for The Parthenon use the student directories the most to call sources and make appointments for interviews or to doublecheck quotes.

Actually, we should say they TRY to use the student directory.

Recently, Sports Editor Aaron Runyon attempted to call the Marshall Artists Series. Instead, he reached the Department of Art.

Whoever answered the phone was quite unpleasant, to say the least.

He tried to explain that was the number listed in the directory, to no avail.

With more than 15,000 students at Marshall, we're sure he's not the only one who has had this kind of trouble.

An accurate student directory would serve the Marshall community.

Perhaps if SGA members can get over their post-election ill feelings toward each other, then faculty, staff and students may be able to call one department — and actually speak to whomever they are trying to reach.

This project definitely piques our interest — and we hope the result is half as good as its intentions.

End of semester stress? Follow these tips

If you are feeling stressed out these days as the end of the semester approaches, take heart because you are not alone! Millions of college students across the globe are experiencing an increase in stress levels in the months of April and May, according to a report published in the Journal of Student Affairs Administration, Research and Practice.

Papers and exams are piling up, pressures are increasing about summer jobs, panic is setting in as you realize the school year is ending, graduate students are preparing for comprehensive exams, seniors may be uncertain about job opportunities after graduation — not to mention the non-school related stress. Your girlfriend/boyfriend may live in another town, you anticipate missing your friends, you dread moving back home for the summer, and you want to spend time with your friends before the semester ends, but you have so much to do.

The semester coming to an end certainly arouses some mixed feelings. For example, you are so stressed about the course work that you can't wait for it to end, yet you hate to

leave your friends, and other perks of being on your own. Definitely a common conflict and definitely an example of the types of conflicts contributing to your increasing stress level.

So, what is stress all about? According to psychologists, stress is all about pressure, frustration, and conflict. Pressure comes from real or imagined demands or expectations from others, and sometimes from us. Frustration is what we feel when something gets in the way of a goal. Conflict occurs when we have to make a decision about two competing issues and we aren't happy about either of our choices.

Given these three broad types of situations creating stress, we must keep in mind that stress impacts each of us differently. Each of us has our own differences in our perceptions of these situations. Having the biggest impact on the intensity of stress we feel, however, is the way we think about the pressure, frustration, and conflict. For example, if a final exam is viewed as critical to passing a course, and thereby critical to graduating and getting a good job, this exam situation will create a high level of

SWAIN guest columnist stress. If, on the other hand, a final exam is viewed as important to

passing a course, but won't be the

difference in the life or death of

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your career, then your stress level will likely be lower. Living from day to day includes many external events that can cause stress, but these external events are not the actual cause of our stress levels. It is how we interpret and respond to such day to day experiences that will make them more or less stressful. Low levels of stress can be motivating and invigorating, while high and chronic levels of stress can create many physical and emotional complications. Believe it or not, you can control your stress! So, take a deep breath

and check out the following tips

and begin exercising your control:

■ Take notice of your reactions to

■ Identify thoughts, reactions that are contributing to stress

Eat a well balanced diet daily

Exercise regularly ■ Use effective time management

■ Sleep at least 6-8 hours a night Reduce use of alcohol, drugs, caffeine

■ Do at least one relaxing or fun activity daily (i.e. takes a walk, a bath, daydream, meditate, blow bubbles, etc.)

■ Set realistic goals and priorities ■ Talk to someone you trust

about your worries

■ Study in short blocks, with short breaks to recharge

■ Keep perspective — look at the big picture of your life

Pick up future issues of The Parthenon for more information and tips related to the topic of stress, such as time management, test anxiety, procrastination, physical and emotional complications of chronic stress.

Tawny H. Swain is a part-time psychology instructor at Marshall.



Walker should get facts straight

Reluctantly, I am writing this letter regarding Student Government Association President Bill Walker's column Friday.

As president of the College Democrats, I and other members of our organization take exception to a comment made by Mr. Walker as to the nature of our Wednesday evening program.

This event was sponsored by the College Democrats as a FORUM, not a DEBATE. While this may sound like a technicality, there are major ramifications someone must take responsibility for if we considered the program a debate.

There were no rebuttals to candidate's comments, scoresheets, judges, or supposed "winners." Acting as one of the moderators and coordinators for the event, I was responsible for taking the side of impartiality.

In my own estimation, no single candidate stood out above any others. They simply gave their reasons for why we, as voters, should support them. It is fallacious of Mr. Walker to claim that Mr. Oliverio overwhelmingly defeated Ms. Pritt when in fact, there are no winners or losers in an open forum.



If Mr. Walker attended College Democrats meetings, functions, and planning sessions as a member of the organization (which he claims he is), possibly he would understand the faulty reasoning he has placed in front of Parthenon readers.

Mr. Walker's column leaves much to be desired in other aspects of its rhetoric. First of all, as a great friend of former Vice President Tony Ponton, I cringed when I noticed Mr. Walker, even though he and his staff "will not spend all of our time responding to post-campaign fallout," decided to mention Tony's name and his "behavior" during the campaign, whatever that means, in response to a column in which Tony's name was never mentioned.

Mr. Walker, I will gain no respect for you if you continue dragging personalities, names, and reputations

through the mud.

In conversations I have had with the president himself, he has contradicted himself with some of the arguments he has made in his column. Since those indirectly pertain to SGA, I will not address those as I feel I have a job to do, serving the students that elected me, just as Mr. Walker does to the students that elected him.

Bill, this letter was not meant to attack you, and I apologize to you and the Parthenon readers that may take it that way. It is rather a defense of organizations and people that are extremely important to me: The name and reputation of Marshall University College Democrats, the process of Student Government, and my esteemed, respected friend, Tony Ponton.

I will paraphrase what I have heard you say many times...let's put all this behind us and work for what is in the best interest of the students of Marshall University.

Nathanial Kuratomi is the president of the College Democrats and a College of Liberal Arts senator.

CAMPUS view

Preservation Hall Jazz Band article was misleading

Your decision to use a picture of Marshall music students performing with Preservation Hall Jazz Band last Friday with a short article about SpringFest 2000 incorrectly suggests that the Preservation Hall performance was part of SpringFest.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band was on campus as part of the celebration of the dedication of the JOMIE Jazz Center and the 15th anniversary of the founding of the College of Fine Arts. This performance was not associated with SpringFest in any way — it was presented by the College of Fine

The distinction is important because we had to sell tickets at \$40 each to meet costs for Preservation Hall and the many activities associated with the dedication and anniversary.

My guess is many, if not all, SpringFest activities were free to students, while Preservation Hall, unfortunately, was not free.

Five Marshall students, Jason Barr, John Darnell, Jessica Wade, Sherman Kelly, and Brian Dunfee were honored by their selection to perform with the internationally acclaimed Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

Jason and John were shown in the photograph in Monday's Parthenon. Preservation Hall players selected the students as a result of a master class held on Friday afternoon, prior to the evening performance on April 14, 2000. Congratulations to those stu-

dents! -

- Dr. Donald VanHorn, dean of the College of Fine Arts

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Herd relay teams set records

Marshall's men's 4x100-meter relay and 4x200 relay squads set new school records at the University of Tennessee's Sea Ray Relays Saturday. The 4x100 relay team recorded a time of 41.29 and the 4x200 team had a time of 1:26.38. Andrew Blair, B.J. Epps, Derrick Dixon and Terrance Tarpley ran on both squads.

Where God leads, O'Neal follows



Andre O'Neal and his wife, Tonia, started packing his possessions and clothes from his Ninth Avenue apartment in March.

The former Marshall linebacker had no idea where he was going, but he knew the Lord was taking him somewhere.

"The Lord just led me to start packing everything I own," O'Neal said. "People were asking me what I was doing and where I was going.

"I told them I didn't know. I was just doing what the Lord was telling me because I knew He was taking me someplace."

That place, as it turns out, is Kansas City, where he will vie for a roster spot for the Chiefs when he reports to mini-camp April 27. Kansas City signed him to a

free agent contract Sunday. No one deserves such an opportunity more than the 6foot-2, 235-pound O'Neal. Not necessarily because of his athletic ability, which he has in abundance, but because of his

character and his patience. If for no other reason, O'Neal should get the shot because kids deserve a true role model in athletics, a person who is a Christian on and off the football field.

Too often players praise God and thank Him for His role in their touchdowns and tackles on the football field, only to indulge in sex, drugs and alcohol off of it. Not O'Neal, who became a

Christian April 28, 1998. "It's tough, especially for student-athletes, because there's so much out there to tempt you," he said. "The only thing I can do is live a Christian lifestyle in and out of season. As long as I do that, that will be a testimony in itself."

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"Anything I can do to glorify Him," he said, "I'm going to do. Those are great ways to show people your faith and to open their hearts and minds to the Lord."

His methods worked on a friend who plays football for Tennessee Tech.

"He wanted to talk to me about the Lord and he had questions for me, but I wasn't home for a long time," O'Neal said. "It just so happened the message I left on the answering machine before I left answered his questions and was a blessing to him.

"I hadn't talked to the guy and had no idea what he wanted to talk to me about, but the Lord put it into my mind what to say."

His faith was crucial during the NFL Draft this weekend. After seven rounds and 253 players, the draft ended Sunday night and O'Neal was teamless.

Until the deal with the Chiefs, that is. O'Neal had offers from St. Louis and San Francisco, but he chose the Chiefs, who offered more money and did not sign or draft any more linebackers.

"I just asked the Lord to give me patience during the wait and to put me in the right place in the end," O'Neal said. "I knew He would work it out and He did."

His wife, a Bluefield native and Marshall graduate, lives in Charlotte and works for Bank of America. His wife has a 5year-old daughter from a previous relationship, "but she's our daughter," O'Neal points out.

If O'Neal makes the Chiefs, his wife will join him in Kansas City. If not, he will join her in Charlotte or they will move somewhere else and he will seek another football tryout or use his bachelor's degree in adult fitness to work.

"Wherever God leads me," O'Neal said, "I'll go."

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ABOVE: Natasha Johnson slides home for the first run in Marshall's 4-1 win in game two.

BELOW: Junior pitcher Sara Gulla releases Tuesday in game two at Dot Hicks Fields.

Gulla homers for MU win

The Parthenon

Thundering Herd junior pitcher Sara Gulla hit a threerun home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to give Marshall a 4-1 victory in its doubleheader sweep of Ohio on Tuesday at Dot Hicks Field.

With the score tied 1-all, Nichole Corrigan singled to lead of the inning. Corrigan was sacrificed to second base and Vanessa Clarkson was intentionally walked, setting the stage for Gulla's gamewinning dinger.

It was the second time in three games the Thundering Herd has won with a home run in its final at-bat.

Marshall won the opening game 4-1 led by sophomore Danielle Esenwein, who was 2-for-2 with a double.

Michelle Boam relieved starting pitcher Natasha Johnson after four innings, holding Ohio hitless and recording two strikeouts to earn the victory.



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Rugby team falls short in MAC tourney

by JAY M. MORLACHETTA reporter

Marshall's men's rugby team was stripped of its right to be named champion in the Mid-American Conference Tournament at Bowling Green University this past weekend.

· A stipulation in the rules enabled Bowling Green to edge out the Thundering Herd strictly on the amount of points scored in the tournament.

Marshall defeated Bowling Green 10-8 in the second game of the tournament.

Although the two teams had identical 3-1 records for the weekend, Bowling Green was awarded the conference title due to an obscure rule.

"It's a bad situation because we felt we deserved to win the tournament," said Jason Hayes, Hurricane senior and forwards captain.

"We are bitter about being stiffed for first place," he continued, "but we're satisfied as a team knowing we're the best the MAC has to offer."

Hayes said Marshall arrived behind schedule for the first match against Ohio and had only seven minutes to play.

The Thundering Herd was defeated 7-0, but went on to pummel Western Michigan University 41-5 and defeated Central Michigan 24-5.

Marshall finished its spring season with a record of 11-4, three tournament titles, an appearance in the National Midwest Regional Finals.

In addition, the squad had two consecutive West Virginia State Championships and an undefeated Fall 1999 regular

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Summer vacation?

Not for some students

by ROBIN JUSTICE reporter

With the end of the semester approaching, students can take three months to forget about school, rest and relax.

Or maybe not.

It appears many students will be busy with class, full-time jobs and their families this summer. Some students are choosing to

Huntington junior Kevin Mangus said he plans to take classes in session A this summer.

stay in school for the summer.

"I think going to class every day during the summer session will help me get a start on next semester," Mangus said. "Summer school will help me define my goals for the upcoming semester."

Mangus said he also will work full-time during the summer to save money for the fall semester. He said the summer will be a good break, but he already is looking forward to returning in the fall.

"I'm close to graduating," Mangus said, "so I'm a little excited. The end is in sight."

Gallipolis, Ohio, said she will work in Huntington and take classes in one of the sessions.

Coen said she isn't excited about going to summer school, but thinks it will be helpful.

"I would rather not go to school this summer," she said. "In the end, I know my work won't be piled on when I'm close to graduating."

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Coen **Barnes**





Some students will be working full-time this summer, but they hope to accomplish other goals throughout the summer. Jessi Walker-Lipscomb, a Will-

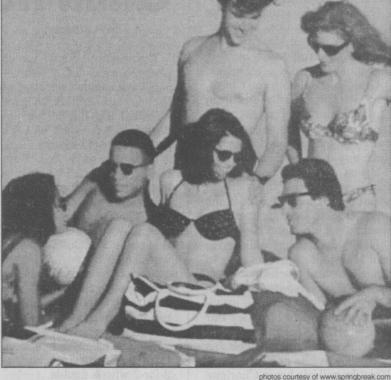
owood, Ohio, junior, said she will be working this summer. Lipscomb said she also hopes to work on some art projects and photography during the summer.

Lipscomb said her work schedule is flexible and gives Melanie Coen, a junior from her more free time than the grind of the school year.

"It will be nice having my own schedule," she said. "There is not as much juggling with things I have to do and places I have to go."

Lipscomb said she will be busy this summer, but plans to spend time with her 3-year-old son.

Vickie Barnes, an Ashland sophomore, said she had only



Many of the students interviewed by The Parthenon on Tuesday said they would be hitting the books instead of the beaches and

one objective this summer spend time with her 15-year-old daughter and 9-year-old son.

pools during their summer vacations.

"That's all I need to do," Barnes said.

McDowell freshman William Carrington said he is going home to work for the summer. Carrington said he also plans to lift weights and get in shape to try to be a walk-on for the Marshall football team in the fall.

Carrington said his summer schedule will be full, but he hopes to have some time to rest and forget about school.

"I'm going to relax," he said. "I'm not going to overdo it."

Philadelphia freshman Amira Dickerson said her plans for the summer include work and school in her hometown, but her summer won't be all work and school. "I'll definitely take a vacation

kerson said. Some students said a busy summer still is a good chance to

somewhere this summer," Dic-

forget about academia. "School will be the last thing on my mind," Williamson freshman Jonathan said.



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