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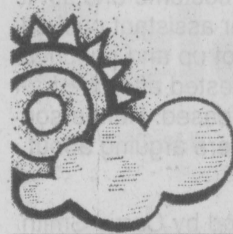
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Columbine anniversary sparks fear of violence

by TAMARA ENDICOTT
reporter

Today marks the one-year anniversary of the Columbine High School tragedy, reminding people of the violent events of a year ago and the possibility of similar incidents happening elsewhere.

With the thought of the 13 Columbine victims in mind,

many schools have added more security because of copycat concerns.

James Terry, director of public safety, said he could not disclose if Marshall adds additional security measures during such times.

"You don't put your procedures out there, because then everyone can read it and that

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sort of defeats your purpose if you tell the world what you're going to do," Terry said.

Kristen Comer, a freshman from Canton, Ohio, said she is not worried about copycat crimes.

"Marshall has a pretty safe campus," she said. "You see a lot of MU police around and I feel safe. I think that would happen at a high school and I'm not so sure that would happen at a

college since there's not all that rejection like Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris felt. They felt a lot of rejection from their high school classmates and it's not really like that in college. People are more accepting in college."

North Springs junior Rashawna Rowe added, "I do feel safer here. I think that the (high school) systems are getting worse, but I think actually there is more secu-

rity on most college campuses than there is in high schools now. I think this campus is safer than the high school I went to."

Dr. Marianna Linz, associate professor of psychology, says there's a difference between college students and high school students when it comes to violence because college students are more mature and have decided to attend school while high

school students are younger and required to attend.

Dr. Helen Linkey, associate professor of psychology, said, "With college students you sort of expect that they are adults, but I think we had this idea that high school and grade school students were innocent and that has been challenged by recent events."

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The Frontyard Brawl

Why aren't the 'Eers and the Herd playing?

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

by ANDREA COPLEY
managing editor

The aroma of a menu item called West Virginia Chicken fills the air at Bobby Pruett's Steakhouse in the Radisson Hotel in downtown Huntington. A double meaning perhaps?

"I don't want to go into it," Pruett said with a laugh, aware of his unrealized goal of getting the Mountaineers to play his football team again.

Although Marshall University and West Virginia University compete for students and money practically every day of the year, nowhere is the competition more noticeable than on the athletic field.

Pruett and WVU football coach Don Nehlen cited Virginia Tech's record high admissions applications after playing in the national championship as evidence that a successful athletic program attracts students.

"The university can't buy that kind of advertising," Nehlen said. "That would cost thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars to buy that kind of publicity.

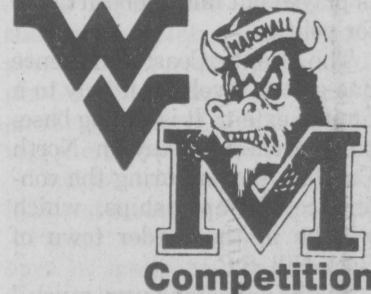


Pruett



Nehlen

In-state



"In 1988, our name was all over the newspapers of America. That had to help recruiting students," Nehlen said of WVU's Fiesta Bowl berth.

Pruett said athletics "drastically affects student enrollment. Once a student sees a school as an academic choice, the university sells itself."

The football program is no different from English or biology, Nehlen said. "It's just the most visible arm of the university. Everyone knows WVU has an English department, but they don't know much about it."

"The football team has to take an examination every Saturday and all 60,000 (fans in the stadium) know more answers than we do," he said with a laugh.

Because the athletic department is most visible, Nehlen said it is a great way to raise funds for the rest of university.

"The administration can get people to come to a football game, but they can't get them to come to a biology class," he said. "You have a lot better chance for a donation if they visit campus and the powers-that-be can explain what you're trying to do instead of a letter that says 'Dear Alumnus, We are trying to raise funds for....'"

Please see **ATHLETICS, P5**

The future of Marshall

President Angel shares visions at inauguration

by STEFANIE FRALEY
reporter

President Dan Angel stood at the podium with a green box before him.

In it was Marshall's future and a crystal ball.

As Angel spoke of the future of the university, he asked that the crystal ball be passed around the audience and that each person have a chance to touch it.

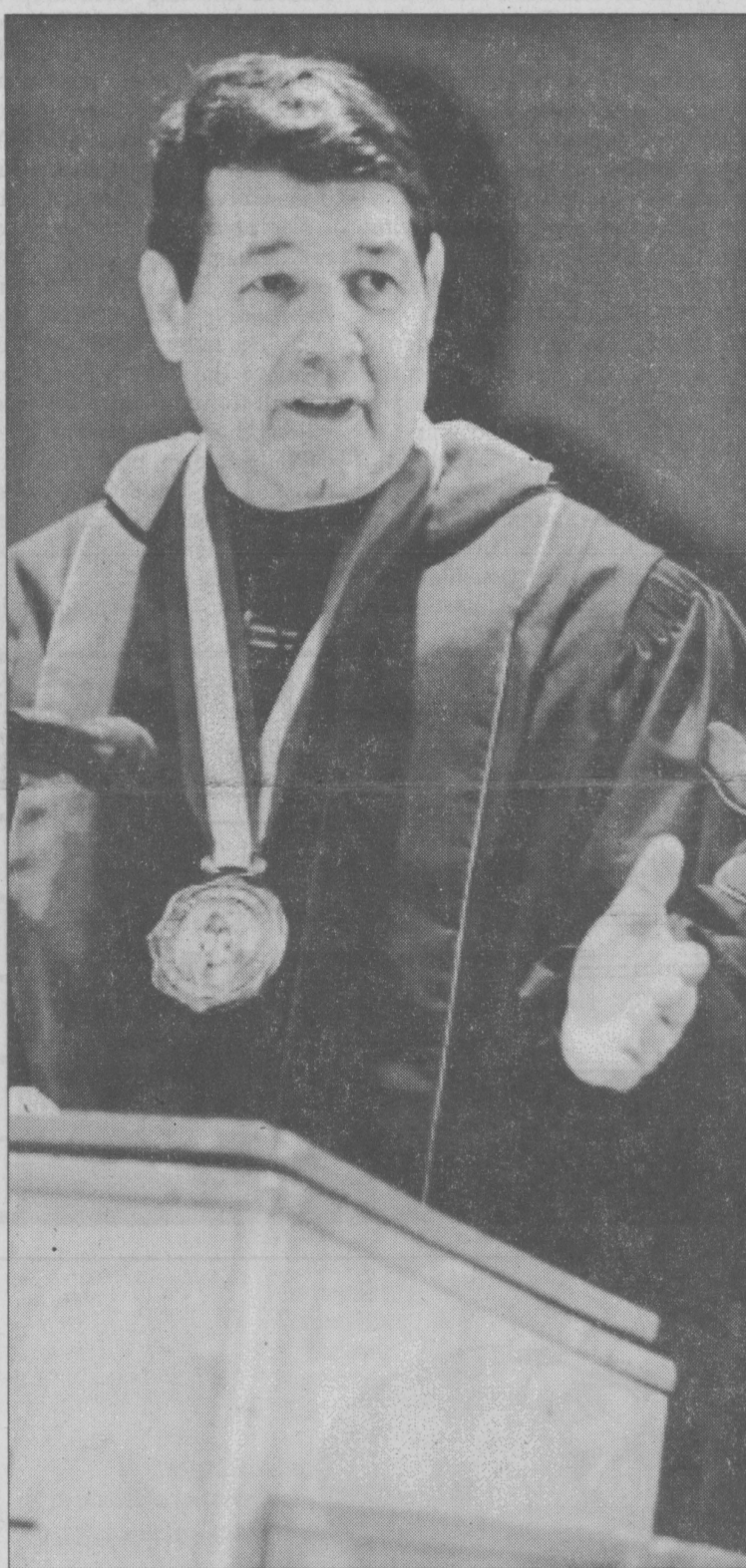
Before Angel delivered his State-of-the-University speech entitled "Owning the Opportunity," he took the presidential oath given to him by Gov. Cecil H. Underwood.

"Dan Angel brings a breath of experience in academia, the business world and government

to this new leadership position," said Underwood, who spoke about Angel's accomplishments with the Legislature and praised him for his work with SB 653, the higher education bill.

Other speakers included Dr. Sarah Denman, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs; Faculty Senate President Donna Donathan, who gave the invocation; and Cathy M. Armstrong, chairwoman of the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees.

Angel asked his wife, Patricia, to join him on stage before his speech. Shaking her finger, she walked onto stage, where Angel gave her a bouquet of flowers.

Please see **PRESIDENT, P5**

photos by Mike Andrick

ABOVE: Gov. Cecil Underwood, right, swears in President Dan Angel and gives him the presidential oath.

LEFT: At his inauguration, Angel talks about his plans for Marshall.



file photo

The Cleveland Browns invited former left tackle Mike Guilliams (63) to its rookie camp for a tryout. See story on Page 7.

Beware of census scam

by DIANE POTTORFF
reporter

Several residents of Twin Towers East have reported they have received telephone calls from people saying they are from the U.S. Census Bureau and requesting personal information.

Sgt. Angela Howell of the Marshall University Police Department said calls are being made near midnight.

Howell said students are

being told they could go to jail for six months if they do not provide the information.

Ken Wilson, local census office manager in Charleston, said students should not be receiving calls after 9 p.m.

Wilson said census workers are on campus to take information from students in person. Any calls made are for quality insurance and no personal information will be asked.

He said census workers will be going to dorms next week to

get information before students go home for the summer.

Census-takers will have identification badges, forms and data pertaining to the census, Wilson said.

Students can verify a worker who has called if they receive the name that person or report other calls that are not official census-takers by calling (888) 325-7733, he said.

Howell said students who have been called should contact her at 696-4357.

COM meeting canceled for inauguration

The Commission on Multiculturalism meeting Wednesday was canceled because of Marshall President Dan Angel's inauguration, said Feon Smith, administrative assistant for the vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs. Members were to discuss social justice. The next meeting will be in October, she said.

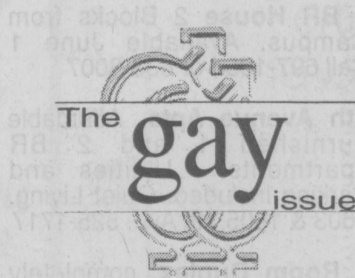
Heterosexuals have different views, beliefs regarding homosexuality

The following is the final in a three-part series examining homosexuality at Marshall University. Today's story will look at the opposing views of same-sex relationships.

by BUTCH BARKER
editor

Jay Marks couldn't help staring as the couple shared a kiss near the dance floor.

They seemed to really be focusing on each other. But what was it that compelled him to stare?



It had nothing to do with the fact that the disco ball glistened off the couples' multiple earrings. It had nothing to do with the one's spiked hair and shirt that read "Porn Star."

Maybe it was the fact that dance-induced sweat dripped from one's chin to the checkered floor. Maybe not.

"I respect their admiration for one another, but I cannot help but feel a bit sick at my stomach," Marks said. "I just can't deal with seeing two guys kiss."

That was it.

They were both men — homosexuals.

Marks watched the two men embrace on a Friday night at The Stonewall, a Huntington night club geared toward homo-

sexuals but also frequented by heterosexuals. Marks is among the straight men and women who visit the club to dance and enjoy the atmosphere.

Marks said he holds no hatred toward homosexuals. He has a cousin and several friends that are gay.

"I love the bar," he said, "and believe in gay rights, I guess, but it still gets to me when I'm subjected to two men making out. I guess it's something I have to deal with when I visit the club."

Marks does deal with it, but

Ravenswood freshman Christina L. McDaniel said she does not and will not.

"The Bible teaches that homosexuality is a sin," McDaniel said as she sat at a Memorial Student Center Cafeteria table.

"Therefore, what gays need to do is change and seek forgiveness. I know there are opposing arguments, but this is mine."

McDaniel said humans are flexible creatures and should find change easy. If not, there's a high force that can help.

"If gays just come to God to

repent and regain faith, He has the power to change them," McDaniel said. "God wouldn't make anyone do something wrong; that's why I believe homosexuality is a chosen walk of life."

McDaniel said the Rev. Jerry Falwell's ideas are some of the best she's heard.

In an interview with "Frontline," a PBS broadcast, Falwell spoke on homosexuality, especially same-sex marriages, being against The Bible.

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Georgetown responds to negligence suit

Medical Center employee may have infected former patients

by TIM SULLIVAN
The Hoya
Georgetown University

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — Lawyers representing the Georgetown University Medical Center have filed a response to a \$1.8 billion negligence lawsuit in connection to a former employee who may have infected patients under his care.

According to Interim Executive Director of External Affairs for the Medical Center Amy DeMaria, William Buckley, lawyer for the Med Center, filed the motion which denies the allegations made against Jeffrey Royal, a former technician in the intervention radiology department.

The lawsuit alleges that the Med Center acted negligently in its hiring and supervision practices. On Feb. 2, Royal was fired after being caught siphoning the painkiller fentanyl from a patient. He later admitted to acting similarly in other cases, affecting somewhere between 500 and 600 patients. He plead guilty to tampering with consumer products on April 7.

The Med Center informed the affected patients that they should be tested for HIV and Hepatitis B and C. Royal has since tested negative for all three

diseases. Last month, former Med Center spokesman Paul Donovan said he could not disclose the results of tests performed on patients.

DeMaria said that the response, which also "denies any wrongdoing," answers the complaints alleged by the suit, which represents nearly 600 former patients. The next step, according to DeMaria, is that the judge in the trial will hold a scheduling meeting, which will be the first time the litigants go before the judge.

She also said that there will be "no significant discovery" conducted between now and the scheduling meeting.

Jon D. Pels, who along with Joseph Cammarata and Keith W. Donahoe represent the plaintiffs, said that one of the purposes of the type of motion filed by the Med Center is to limit discovery to only whether the rival lawsuits can be consolidated into one class action. The motion, called a motion for protection, would preclude the lawyers from investigating the negligence charges for 120 days.

The lawsuit alleges five counts of negligence and pain and suffering. It alleges that the Med Center was negligent in its hiring and supervision practices because it did not perform a drug test on Royal prior to his hiring, as is recommended by the American Hospital Association. Cammarata also said that Royal may have had a prior record of similar behavior while employed at two other area hospitals.

High schoolers skipping college for high-tech jobs

by GREGORY ST. MARTIN
The Daily Free Press
Boston University

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — While more high school students than ever are going to college, the number of graduating seniors who are trading in backpacks for briefcases is growing.

Armed with computer skills, more graduates are choosing to toss college aside and dive directly into the job market, most with high-tech companies.

With more people hitting it big in the computer technology industry and stock market, some

students are thinking that college may not be as necessary as it once was. Some businesses are beginning to favor this school of thought as well.

Kate Fletcher, founder of Internet Solutions in Charlestown, a company that builds Web sites, said experience is a key hiring point.

Kate Fletcher,
Internet Solutions founder

"Schooling is becoming less important than experience."

"Schooling is becoming less important than experience," Fletcher said.

Fletcher said there has been a surge in the number of high schoolers looking for jobs at her company. She maintained that if a person has sufficient skills in computer programming, that person is a likely job candidate.

Lenny Lapenta, director of business development at South Boston-based Internet Graphical Interface Inc., also has observed a trend of high school students jumping into the workplace before college as a result of the computer experience they acquired in high school.

However, statistics still confirm that the overall number of students entering college is on the rise. Nearly 15 million students attended a four-year university or college last year. In 1997, 67 percent of high school seniors went to college, up from 50 percent 20 years ago.

NCAA confronts South Carolina flag controversy

by ANYA SOSTEK
The Chronicle
Duke University

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — Red isn't one of Penn State's school colors. But when they took the field against the Winthrop baseball team March 18-19, every Nittany Lion sported a red wristband in protest of the Confederate flag flying above the state capitol.

Penn State joined the growing list of sports organizations that have made a statement against the Confederate flag.

The resistance has been slowly building since January, when the NAACP first announced the boycott. Some NCAA schools in the Philadelphia area, including Temple and Swarthmore, canceled lacrosse and tennis matches in South Carolina. In addition, several prominent individuals in the sporting world, like Serena

Williams, Lou Holtz and Terry Bowden, have expressed their support of the boycott.

Although the South Carolina state senate voted last week to remove the flag from atop the statehouse, the NAACP is continuing the boycott because the bill hangs a Confederate flag at a another monument on the grounds. Similarly, the NCAA is awaiting the legislature's final decision before it changes policy.

For now, NCAA officials are taking seriously a letter they received from the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The letter asked the NCAA to move the 2002 regional basketball tournament from Greenville, S.C., if the flag is still flying.

Wally Renfro, public relations director for the NCAA, sees a sports boycott as another chapter in the long history of sports and politics.

"I think you have to under-

stand that sports in America are a microcosm of society — people love their sports," Renfro said. "This is not the first time by a long shot that sports have been used for political purposes and it won't be the last time. Sports is where human drama is played out and it doesn't stop for politics."

The Atlantic Coast Conference has gotten involved, if only to a limited extent. It is urging baseball coaches to stay in North Carolina hotels during the conference championships, which will be in the border town of Rock Hill, S.C.

"We're not saying very much," said Dee Todd, assistant commissioner for the ACC and

director of championships. "We're supporting the removal of the flag. Since our agreement had been signed prior to this becoming an issue, we have agreed to hold it there. We hope the issue will be resolved soon, since we've scheduled it there again next year."

The Blue Devils were already scheduled to stay in North Carolina and were therefore not affected by the ACC's request. As a whole, Duke has not been actively involved with the boycott.

Many sports teams also are locked into contracts with other schools, which could result in a forfeited game if one school decides not to attend.

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Celebrating Earth Day 2000

by NICOLE L. JIVIDEN
reporter

Although Marshall celebrated Earth Day a little early this year because of the upcoming Easter holiday, students who stopped by the Memorial Student Center plaza Wednesday still got to see how they could make a difference.

"We were concerned about the problem of the degradation of the environment," Dr. Jeffrey D. May, associate professor of biological sciences, said.

The celebration was given to teach students about the environment and how they can make a difference in its recovery, May said. The celebration also recognized the 30th anniversary of Earth Day, which began April 22, 1970.

"It is one of the few times the environment can get center stage and recognition," Dr. Frank S. Gilliam, professor of biological sciences, said.

Groups such as the Auto Bonds Society, the Huntington League of Women Voters, the Transit Authority (TTA) and the Ohio-Valley Environmental Coalition set up tables for the celebration.

Tables included information from the groups about how bus rides are better for the environment than driving, strip mining and timbering and their negative effects on the environment and election issues about air, water, and waste.

"Students need to learn there are some critical environmental changes that will affect their lives in the future," May, an ecologist, said.

Alternatives were given to inform students about how to make environmentally-friendly choices.

These alternatives were about transportation by buses and voting for candidates who support environmental issues.

Bus rides by the TTA are free



Dianne Badey, director of the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, distributes information about Earth Day to students.

for Marshall students in September, which also would be a solution to the parking problem on campus, Gilliam said.

The Earth Day committee met throughout the year, Gilliam said. In January, the

group began having meetings once a week to be better prepared for the event, he said.

The group decided to plan ahead and present more opportunities for Wednesday's celebration than they have in past years, Gilliam said.

Lawsuits and tears at one-year anniversary of school shooting

by ROBERT WELLER
The Associated Press

GOLDEN, Colo. — As the anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting approaches, some parents of victims have worked through their grief by hurrying to file lawsuits connected to the tragedy.

State law requires that suits against government agencies be filed within one year of the disputed action.

Some parents on Tuesday huddled in rooms in the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department to review files, listen to 911 tapes and look at videotapes shot by emergency workers.

One suit was filed Tuesday on behalf of victim Isaiah Shoels. Many more were likely from parents who accuse Sheriff John Stone's department of ignoring warnings of potential violence by the killers, mishan-

dling their response to the attack and then stonewalling information requests.

"I expect we will be filing a suit asking for damages," said James Rouse, who represents the families of five of those killed in the April 20 assault.

Teen-age gunmen Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold fatally shot 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves.

Twenty or more notices of intent to sue the sheriff, school board or Jefferson County government have been filed.

County Attorney Frank Hutfless, who represents the sheriff's department, did not respond Tuesday to written questions seeking comment.

The legal developments come as the Columbine community is bracing for Thursday's anniversary. Some have said they will attend memorial services, while others plan to leave the area.

Next time, try Federal Eggs-press

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Philadelphia radio station employees have egg on their faces after promoting a contest that asked listeners to mail raw eggs to the station.

Sam Milkman, programming director for WMMR-FM, said the scheme was hatched last week in the spirit of Easter. But they didn't realize it would coincide with the income tax deadline, he said.

"The contest was supposed to be a mind bender, but it got completely out of control," Milkman said. "It wasn't like we cracked here. People don't

listen carefully."

The Main Post Office in Philadelphia unwittingly participated in the prank by faxing the station postal regulations for mailing a perishable item.

The regulations served as the contest rules, and the first person to successfully mail an unblemished, properly packaged egg in an envelope would win the \$1,000 prize.

Unfortunately, not everyone followed directions.

Postal workers found raw eggs in mail boxes and on a dozen pieces of mail — including tax returns.

Student volunteers get what they give

Habitat for Humanity workers receive life lessons in return for their charity

by COURTNEY L. BAILES
reporter

Habitat for Humanity helps more people than just those who receive houses.

"It gives me a greater understanding of how I can help others," said Mark Plymale, president of the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity. "You learn a lot about yourself."

Working with habitat allows people to meet others and develop their leadership skills, Plymale said.

Learning how to build a house is another benefit of

working with habitat, Plymale said. Those skills can be used later in life.

"I have done every part of building a house, from top to bottom," said Chad Beam, Charleston senior.

Beam took advice from others and got involved with habitat in 1995, he said.

"When I came down to Marshall, one of the things they said was important, was to get involved with something, not to stay in my room," Beam said.

Beam was asked to work with habitat by Jim McCune, campus adviser for Habitat for

Humanity, he said.

"I was in awe," Beam said. "They [habitat] bring in all these people who don't know what they are doing and they teach them what to do."

Plymale said he became involved with habitat in much the same way.

"One of my friends invited me," Plymale said. "I got really enthusiastic about it."

Working with habitat is a good way to help the community, Plymale said.

"I really enjoy helping people and giving back to the community," he said. "They have given so much to us. It is just a little part of what we can do to give back to them."

This semester, those who work with habitat have been at

the mercy of the weather, Plymale said. The bad weather has prevented them from starting to build a new house.

Students who gave up their spring break were able to work on houses in other areas, Plymale said.

Seventeen students and McCune traveled to Conway, S.C., Plymale said.

"We put trusses on the roof, laid plywood and put shingles on the roof," he said. "So, basically, we put a roof on the house."

Eleven students traveled to Miami, Fla., and restored habitat houses to be sold to new habitat families.

More information on the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity is available from McCune at 696-3054.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Man suspected of charging \$1,500 on phone account

by DIANE POTTORFF
reporter

The following information was taken from the Marshall University Police Department reports:

A complainant in the telecommunications department reported a fraudulent telephone account had been opened April 10 and closed April 12.

The report stated the account had exceeded more than \$1,500 in long distance calls that were coming from Hodges Hall.

Steven A. Dixon, 19, was arrested April 12 on a felony charge of false pretenses after an investigation by MUPD.

He was transported to Cabell County Jail.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION: Officers observed a man showing signs of intoxication in the Twin Towers East lobby at 12:35 a.m. April 13.

Officers said Robert Hickory Dean, 20, had a strong smell of alcohol, slurred speech, staggered when walking, and had red, glassy eyes.

Dean was arrested for public

intoxication and transported to Cabell County Jail.

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS: A complainant at the University Physicians Center reported a man in the lobby was intoxicated at 1:16 p.m. April 13.

After checking with the Huntington Police Department, William J. George, 59, was arrested on two outstanding warrants for domestic battery and petty larceny.

He was transported to Cabell County Jail.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION: Officers observed Cloedon Crawford at 12:30 a.m. April 14 staggering at the stadium parking lot.

Officers said Crawford had a strong smell of alcohol, slurred speech, and red, glassy eyes.

He was arrested for public intoxication and transported to Cabell County Jail.

HARASSING TELEPHONE CALLS: A complainant from Twin Towers West told officers a man called April 14 and said he was from WQBE-FM.

He allegedly told the complainant to call a phone number

at 5:15 a.m. for the prizes the complainant supposedly won.

After an investigation, police said two students were making the calls as a prank.

The case has been turned over to the Office of Judicial Affairs.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION: A complainant from the University Physicians Center said an unknown white male was in the lobby of the center at 1:31 a.m. April 14.

Officers arrested John P. Holley II, 26, for public intoxication after he refused to leave the building.

Holley had slurred speech, a strong smell of alcohol, staggered when walking, and had red, glassy eyes.

He was transported to Cabell County Jail.

THEFT: A complainant reported that person or persons unknown entered a locked office in the Henderson Center and stole a JVC VHS camcorder, valued at \$400, out of a locked metal cabinet.

The case is still under investigation.

Ad Club loses contest, but learns

by NICOLE L. JIVIDEN
reporter

This past weekend Ad Club members learned about the challenges of competition.

Nevertheless, Dr. Edward C. Scheiner, professor of journalism and mass communications (JMC), said students had fun and learned more about advertising.

The Ad Club lost the National Student Advertising Competition to Western Kentucky University on Saturday.

Marshall was included in a district of nine colleges from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky, Scheiner said.

The club competed against eight other colleges in the district.

The Ad Club project included a 40-page plans book called "Osako," meaning bold and daring in Spanish, and a 20-minute presentation about integrated marketing communications in multimedia sales promotion for The New York Times, Scheiner said.

The competition, sponsored by the American Advertising Federation, was part of the JMC 425 Advertising Campaigns class project, Scheiner said.

"Students learned the competition was part of the chal-

lenge and fun," he said.

The group included Brian Thacker, senior and Ad Club president; Nitro senior Jessica Walker; Columbus, Ohio, senior Brandi Jacobs; Huntington senior Margi Evans; and Charleston junior Shannon Richards.

By working on their project and competing, students learned about problem solving and demands involved in advertising, Scheiner said.

"They are all glad to have a reprieve," Scheiner said. The client for next year's competition will be announced this fall. Then, Ad Club members will start working again.

Implementing Banner system may take longer

by CARA D. COOPER
reporter

Progress on implementing Banner HR Electronic Personnel Action Form (EPAF) has slowed because the human resources department is short one staff member.

Banner HR is the new Human Resources Information Services data system and its EPAF will replace the typewritten Personnel Action Request (PAR), Jim Stephens, associate

director of human resources said.

However, because of a recent vacancy in the human resources department, time for the development of Banner HR is restricted.

Human Resources Representative, Lalitha Ganesan, who was responsible for recruiting employees and dealing with grievances, recently resigned. Other staff members have been performing her duties, which has limited time dedicated to

implementing Banner HR, Stephens said.

The open position, which has been vacant for a month, is close to being filled, Stephens said.

"I've had real good help (with the extra duties)," Stephens said, "but it has taken time away from Banner HR."

Stephens said "it's a fixable problem" and human resources will try to meet the original June 30 implementation date, but added that the lack of time may affect that.

Three professors recognized by awards

by JON P. ROGERS
reporter

Dr. Frank S. Gilliam, professor of biology; Dr. Alina M. Zapalska, associate professor of economics; and Dr. Mary B. Moore, assistant professor of English, recently received Marshall University Distinguished Artists and Scholars awards (MU-DASA).

The awards acknowledge "distinction in the fields of artistic and scholarly activity," according to the Office of University Relations.

Gilliam was named senior recipient for excellence in sci-

ences and technology. Zapalska is senior recipient for arts, social sciences, humanities, education and business. Moore is junior recipient for excellence in all fields.

Gilliam and Zapalska will be awarded \$2,000 each and Moore will receive \$1,000.

Dr. Sarah N. Denman provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs, said in a media release, "The MU-DASA Selection Committee spent many hours of deliberation to arrive at a decision, a task made more difficult by the high caliber of the candidates."

Clarification

The College of Liberal Arts (C.O.L.A.) wants students to know that those who finished coursework in July, August or December 1999 and those who will finish in May are invited to attend the C.O.L.A. graduation ceremony at 7:30 p.m. May 5 in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Columbine

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There have been some studies producing evidence that suggests violent television, video games, rock videos and the rising focus on sex in the entertainment world could all be factors leading to the rise in violence in today's youth, Linkey said.

The consolidation of high schools into much larger high schools has also become a problem, Linkey said.

"The biggest problem with the larger schools is that there's just not as much of that individual attention and kids do not feel, a lot of times, part of a community, the way that you would in a smaller school,"

Linz said.

"They don't have that ownership of the school and they don't feel as connected. For your average run-of-the-mill healthy developing kid that's not as much of a problem as it is for a child who probably already feels somewhat isolated, who already feels like they're on the fringes."

According to recent statistics grade school and high school violence has decreased, Linkey said.


"When we see the decline in the violent activities, and so forth, I think it's because of these intervention programs that really are aimed at working in small groups and focusing more on getting kids to feel connected," Linz said. "I think that's when we see a lot of positive things happen."

Colleges use e-mail to notify accepted high school seniors

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Northwestern University is responding to successful applicants with the message: You've got mail.

Northwestern is one of a few universities sending quick e-mails to prospective students congratulating them on their admission. For some, the messages are welcome relief to weeks of nail-biting.

"It's very high-tech," said Diana Garber, a 17-year-old high school senior from East Hills, N.Y. "It made it easier because people found out early. They weren't stressed out."



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Judge Dan O'Hanlon has served as Judge of the Circuit Court of Cabell County since 1985. During this time he has twice been appointed as an Acting Justice on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and twice served as Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Judge O'Hanlon is married to Dr. Kathleen O'Hanlon who earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Marshall University and her Medical Degree from the Marshall University School of Medicine. Dr. O'Hanlon is a Full Professor of Medicine in Marshall University School of Medicine's Department of Family and Community Health. She also works for University Family Practice providing quality health care for families.

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Athletics creates rivals

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The football question

The two universities play basketball every year in Charleston, but the Frontyard Brawl Aug. 30, 1997, was the last time they tested their strengths on the gridiron.

Marshall, making its return to Division I-A and the Mid-American Conference, lost to the Mountaineers, 42-31, in its season-opener. The game attracted 65,492.

Pruett said the Thundering Herd is ready to play again. "In (WVU's) opinion, it's not to their advantage to play the game," he said. "They can schedule a game, but they don't want to. Period. We'll be glad to pay \$125,000 (to WVU to come play Marshall) and we'll take \$125,000 to go up there. When they pay \$125,000 (to other teams), they get only 35,000 people. When we come, we fill the stadium. They're making excuses not to play."

Nehlen said, "I'm just a coach; it's no big deal to me. It wouldn't bother me to play Marshall. The scheduling is done so far down the road. We had (Marshall) scheduled for four years and you backed out of three."

Pruett said WVU made a proposal for four years, but no schedule.

"They weren't willing to pay enough money," he said. "We made a compromise for one year and then decided to revisit another contract."

In a Sept. 6, 1997, article in The Herald-Dispatch, WVU Chief of Staff David Satterfield said WVU paid Marshall \$315,000 for the game.

Nehlen said Marshall wanted \$400,000, but WVU usually pays \$125,000 to \$150,000 to schools such as Ohio State and Notre Dame to come play WVU.

"You have to understand our program is different from Marshall's," Nehlen said. "We are self-sustained. We get no tax dollars. We gotta pay all of our own bills. It's a big chore to support women's sports and others that don't make any money. It's murder trying to balance the budget."

According to a Jan. 14 column by Mitch Vingle in The Charleston Gazette, Marshall receives state tax money to help fund Title IX sports; WVU does not. Marshall grants its athletic department tuition waivers; WVU pays its university for athletic scholarships. Both athletic departments benefit from student fees.

Marshall President Dan Angel, who professes to be a "football enthusiast," said he and WVU President David Hardesty have been talking about the possibility of a rematch.

"I would love to see us play the game," Angel said. "That

probably isn't the focus of most conversation that we're having. We have had some conversation about that and will probably have some more."

WVU Director of Athletics Ed Pastilong said another Marshall vs. WVU football game is a possibility. "If the opportunity would present itself, we would be receptive," he said.

Pastilong said one negative aspect of the universities playing is that one team must lose. "The year Marshall and WVU played, Marshall won the remainder of their games except one. Had we not played them, they might have had a perfect record (if the WVU loss had not set the tone for the loss to Miami of Ohio)."

Legislature tries to mandate game

This past legislative session, seven delegates introduced a bill to mandate the two football squads play annually beginning in 2002. The bill died in the House Education Committee.

"Our state has got enough problems with politicians as it is," Nehlen said. "They should be worrying about jobs. I don't know why they are worried about football games."

W.Va. Delegate Evan H. Jenkins, D-Cabell, said the idea behind the proposed bill was to encourage the teams to play. "Other than some PR on the issue for a day or two after it was introduced, there was never anything substantive," he said, adding he hopes something can still be worked out between the schools.

Baruch Whitehead, Marshall's director of athletic bands, said he believes the teams should play. "That kind of income was tremendously healthy for the economy of both cities," he said. "The in-state rivalry is kinda nice. People have to remember, it's just a game."

Ian T. Lovejoy, a Sissonville High School senior who was considering attending Marshall but will most likely attend Concord College, said most of the rivalry is based on sports.

"I'm not a big sports fan. It's silly," he said. "I know some people who adamantly refuse to go to Marshall because they are WVU fans. It's like they're programmed at birth. Marshall could give them a full ride, but they would rather pay to go to WVU. They should be in college for the education and not base it on (sports)."

Although Marshall and WVU may be state rivals, many think the universities can still work together for the good for the state and the students.

John Hendricks, WVU associate director of bands, said the two bands did their own shows at the Frontyard Brawl and then combined.

"We wanted to try and show that there is some rivalry, but we can still work together. It was two minutes of state harmony."

President inaugurated

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"She's a great partner and I want to tell her that I still appreciate her," Angel said.

"All I have to say is that after 35 years, he stills surprises me," she said, thanking her husband and the city.

"Let me add my thanks to you for selecting Dan. We have found ourselves extremely comfortable and extremely at home in Huntington."

Angel continued his speech as the crystal ball circulated throughout the auditorium.

He spoke of a new plan called 2010, describing it as a long-range strategic plan that will begin in May. It will begin with an 8-month group "think tank" made up of 35 members. The group, of which Denman will be the chairwoman, will set goals and initiatives for the university.

Angel also outlined other plans for Marshall, including having graduating seniors compile a portfolio to document their progress and success, taking action to improve

on Marshall's 1999 32 percent graduation rate and raising enrollment standards, as well as creating more parking and student housing.

He addressed the importance of research for Marshall, pointing out that in 1988-89 Marshall did \$4 million in research and in 1999-2000 \$16 million.

"Let's quadruple that amount again," Angel said. "If we have a legitimate need for it, then we should be doing it."

The Marshall Plan also is on Angel's agenda.

Adding to the Marshall Plan, Angel is suggesting that a Marshall Code be created. It would be based on three criteria — ethics, citizenship and personal responsibility.

He also said there are plans for a new logo, noting that his two goals for the university are to have regional and national prominence.

Angel closed the session by asking for the crystal ball back.

"This isn't my future," Angel said, holding the ball in one hand and fighting back tears, "this is our future. And that's why I wanted everyone in the room to touch the ball. Everyone's fingerprints are on here. "You are all Marshall's future."

Views differ on homosexuality

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"Marriage begins when a man and woman legally marry," Falwell said. "No other diverse family form is mentioned in scripture and in western civilization."

Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen, professor of sociology, disagrees with the notion that homosexuality is a choice and also finds it hard to believe it's religiously wrong. She said Matthew 19:12 can be interpreted to suggest homosexuality is accepted if it is a biological matter.

"For there were some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb," Ewen read from The Bible. "... and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it."

Webster's Dictionary defines a eunuch as a man born without male genitalia or without the use of them. PBS's "Frontline" home page says a eunuch was thought to have had no genitalia because he could not be with a woman. "That's modern-time terms for homosexual," the page says.

"It's all about interpretation," said Ewen, who is an active Christian. "The verse is not saying Jesus says it's fine and good to be gay, but someone might interpret it that way."

Ewen said Christians should focus less on their objection to homosexuality.

"The real issues of the world are poverty, hunger and war," she said. "Whether you smoke, drink or who you sleep with is not going to ruin the world. All those other things are."

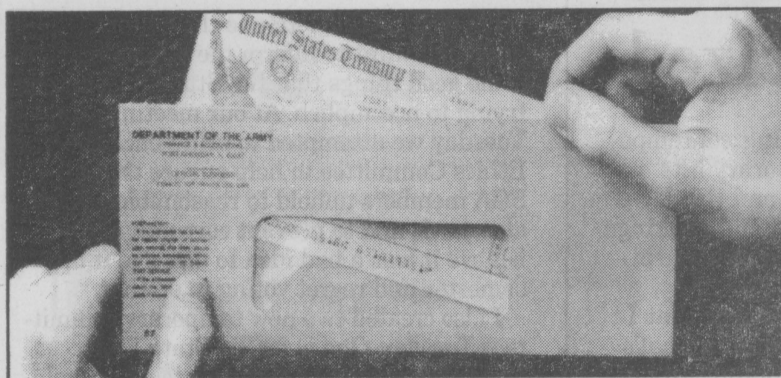
Sarah A. Darst, Pittsburgh junior, said she avoids the religious views on homosexuality but does strongly believe it is not a chosen walk of life. Darst, who is straight and engaged to her boyfriend of four years, said she has a gay brother.

"I know my brother better than anyone, and I know his sexuality made his heart ache for years," Darst said. "He would never choose to be in pain."

Darst said her brother, Ben, and his partner, Christopher, are the happiest couple she's seen in a while. "I mean, think about it, how could two men fall in love if they really weren't gay," Darst said. "People say being gay is a choice instead of a matter of the heart. That's bogus."

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OUR view Hate stirs violence

April 20, 1999. It's a day that will live in infamy.

It was a day that changed the views of educators and parents alike. It likely had the biggest effect on schools in history.

April 20, 1999. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold walked into Columbine High School with guns and bombs and ended the lives of 12 students and one teacher.

Harris and Klebold's actions stunned the nation and have been a conversation piece for people for a year now.

The Columbine incident has sharpened the minds of school administrators and law enforcement agencies. Security is tighter in a lot more schools now. Educators are more aware of potential problems and those potential problems are taken more seriously.

It's too hard for anyone to say why people become violent. It's even harder for anyone to offer advice on how to prevent violence.

What we decided to offer is advice to people in general. All types.

To the people who are picked on in life: For whatever reasons people target you, violence is no way to handle it.

No one has the right to slander someone because they dress uniquely. No one has the right to make fun of someone because they have a same-sex relationship. No one should be laughed at because they are too heavy or too thin.

Those who poke fun aren't worth creating violence over. People who are so unhappy with their lives often decide to make themselves feel better by belittling someone else. That means they're just as miserable as the ones they pretend to hate.

To those who make fun of people: Remember how it felt that one time you were really picked on. Maybe it was a classmate or a sibling. Regardless of who it was you know it happened, at least once.

Life's too precious to spend valuable time putting someone else down. These are things we've all heard before. People should realize there's a reason these words are repeated.

They're important words. Harris and Klebold were the "freaks." Their victims were the bystanders, not the ones who made the pair's lives Hell.

That goes to show hatred causes trouble for everyone. Even those who do not practice it or endure it.

Football, Christians and gays: All are newsworthy topics

I'm sure there are a number of people here who don't give a damn about Marshall football, yet there's always coverage and no complaints.

I'm sure there are some atheists out there that would rather not read about what the Campus Christian Center is doing this weekend, but we still tell you because someone out there cares.

I'm sure there are a lot of people here that could care less about beauty pageants, yet today's Life! page features at least three students who do.

It's called diversity. Diversity comes in all forms. That's our goal as a newspaper. I have said that time and time again since I became editor. It was a part of my introductory editorial and I've mentioned it every time a diversity issue arose, like now.

I thought I made a point as to why a three-part series on homosexuality would be featured this week in The Parthenon.

Apparently I did not. I wrote an editorial the first day the series ran. I explained that this wasn't a tactic to beat a dead horse. Frankly, because the horse is still alive.

I said the gay issue is still an issue. People still get fired up about it. Some people still want to read about it. Some may



BUTCH BARKER
editor

even be willing to learn something about the issue.

In fact, two letters to the editor today show that it's still an issue.

Although the authors are saying they're tired of reading about gay issues, they use phrases that prove what I said earlier — it's still an issue.

One calls gay rights "stupid." The other says people can be gay as long as they aren't at Marshall.

That's the most ridiculous thing I've read in a while. Why can't people be gay at Marshall? Why can't they be gay on the street? Why do people always say "keep it in the bedroom?"

Could it be because they think gay people are together only for sex?

Who knows what they think. But there's plenty to argue about with that, which means there's still a lot of learning to do by some people.

Some people may not want to learn anything or even read sto-

ries. But there are plenty who do want to read about it.

I am here to make sure this paper has something for everyone. I'm also here to report on current issues. You better believe if this was the 1960s we'd be reporting on civil rights left and right.

And there would be opposing views then too. It's hard to imagine that people openly said things against blacks as they do now against gays.

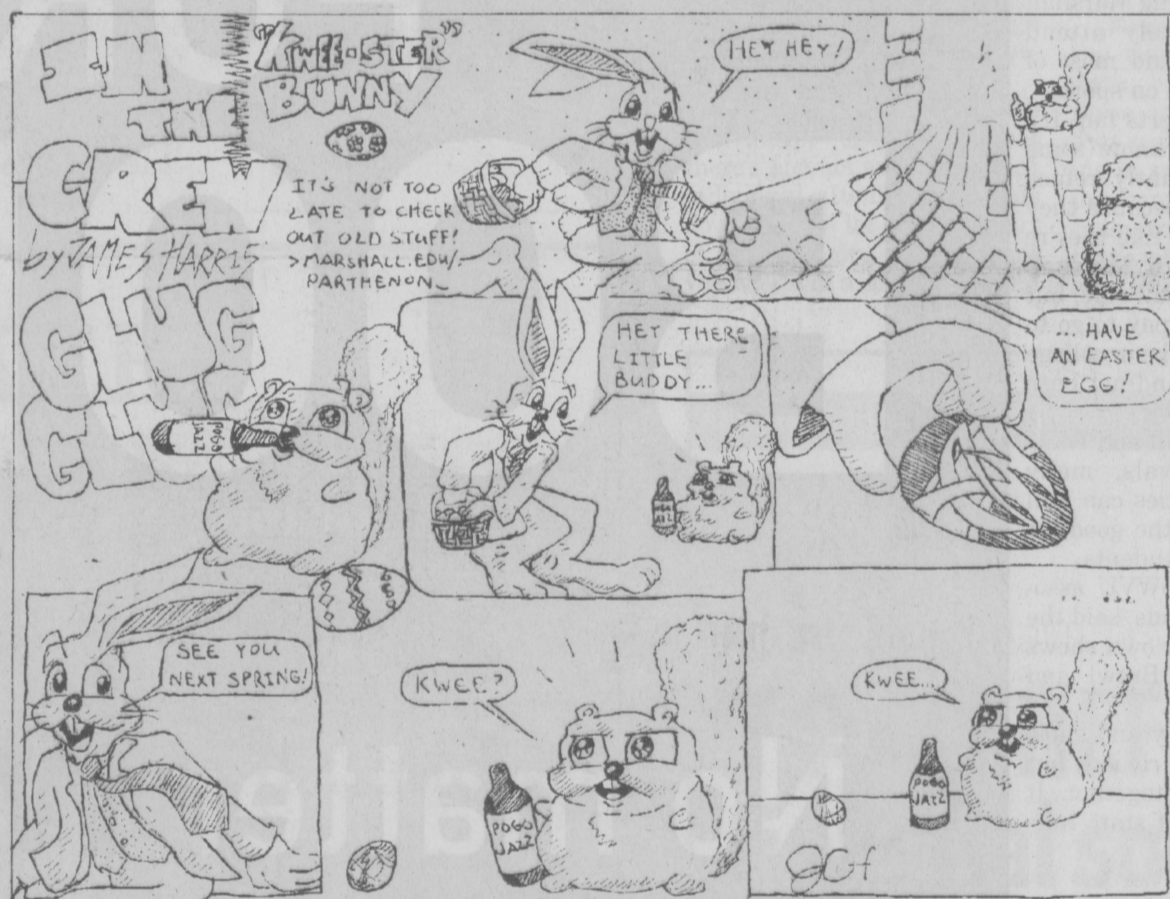
But we all know it's true.

Anyway, my point of all this is to explain our reasoning.

Michael Doran wrote in his letter to the right, "It seems to me that the more you shove this issue in peoples' faces and demand acceptance, the more people you will turn away from your cause."

Excuse me, but I, nor is anyone else on my staff, demanding acceptance of homosexuality. We do not state opinions in news columns. Every now and then, on the Opinions page, we offer suggestions to students about equal rights. We say, you don't have to accept anything, just give everyone a fair shot at rights.

Butch Barker is editor of The Parthenon. Comments can be sent to him at barker14@marshall.edu.



I'm a fan of the musicians I criticized

Normally, I don't respond to letters concerning my column. I get a nice feeling knowing that people are reading it, whether they agree with my opinion or not. Concerning my column about older rock'n'roll singers, I stand by everything I wrote.

I also feel the need to add that I am a fan of every band I criticized in that article.

I already addressed the issue concerning The Backstreet Boys and Britney Spears in another column, so I won't repeat myself. It seems to me that once upon a time music was about more than making money, as it appears to be now.

When The Rolling Stones and The Who started out it was not because of the idea of mega-million tours. The Rolling Stones got together because of a mutual affinity for the blues. The Who formed as a way to get out of their small town in England. I have read books about both of these groups, reading two about The Who so I know a little about their history.

The days of not "selling out," as some put it, are long gone. The ability for these groups and others like them to mount so-called "reunion tours" and charge obscene amounts for tickets reduces the music of rock and roll into mere product being pumped out to make



MARK BLEVINS
guest columnist

money.

Pete Townshend, guitarist for The Who, even admitted in an 1989 Musician article that The Who's 1989 reunion tour was only for the money. If people want to shell out lots of cash to watch a 56-year-old man try to re-capture his youth, such as Mick Jagger, that's fine. You can hear the original Stones classics any day of the week on a classic rock station, which is much cheaper.

My problem with these groups is that some don't even try to make new music or even re-capture their early glory, as in the case of The Rolling Stones. If the Stones would come out with an album on par with their 1971 classic "Exile on Main St." I might feel differently. I'd be happy if they would come out with an album as good as "Tattoo You" at this point.

Also, the Arbitron ratings, the ratings for radio stations and formats, dispute the claim that the oldies format is first or second in radio ratings. The number one format is news and

talk radio with adult contemporary and contemporary hits coming in second and third. These are the national rankings and can be found at www.arbitron.com.

I like all of the music that I criticized in my column. That's why I wrote the column. In my opinion these groups do nothing for their history in rock and roll by staying on the concert trail past their prime. They do nothing for their memory by putting out embarrassing albums such as "Bridges to Babylon," the latest Stones cd or "Join Together," a document of the horrible Who reunion.

If someone truly wants to remember or discover what these groups were like, then I suggest buying one of their classic albums and forgoing the latest cds or tours. For an excellent Rolling Stones introduction, buy "Beggars Banquet" and to discover The Who, listen to "Who's Next."

Just turn your radio to an oldie station or a classic rock station and you'll find out why The Stones used to be called "The Greatest Rock'n'Roll Band in the World." Unfortunately, they haven't lived up to that name in a very long time.

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

CAMPUS views

Can we just move on to something else, please?

After beating this dead horse for a month when somebody drew on (Delta Lambda Phi's) posters, I thought we had finally moved past this. Do we really need to go into the gay / lesbian / straight thing again? It seems to me that the more you shove this issue in peoples' faces and demand acceptance, the more people you will turn away from your cause.

I am just tired of hearing about the whole issue. Can we all just move on to something else? I really think the military has the best policy on this. Don't ask, don't tell. If everyone — straight or gay — would keep their bedroom activities in the bedroom, this would not be a big issue. Let's be adults and move along to an issue that is newsworthy.

— Michael T. Doran,
Milton sophomore

Marshall should adopt don't ask/don't tell policy

I've sat back for over a whole year of school here at Marshall, and have read letter after letter about gays and gay rights. We at Marshall have been flooded with a range of ideas on the goods and bads of being gay.

Everywhere we turn we see someone or something proclaiming gay rights and someone else saying that it is wrong. I am so sick and tired of turning to the editorial and seeing someone saying that they are gay and proud. Quite frankly I along with most students at Marshall am appalled by this. Marshall is supposed to be a place where we can come and strengthen our minds. Yet we are so stuck up on something as stupid as gay rights. Being gay is your choice, you do not have to parade it around the campus. I feel, as do many people, that it is prohibiting much more important things. Gay people just as normal people have rights that have been given to them in the constitution. They do not need to gain special privileges. I think that the whole reason that they put up such as fuss is because they want people to tell them what they are doing is right. Just like little children who want someone else to join them when they are doing something wrong.

Gay people don't want rights, they want their lifestyle to be accepted as right. Therefore they parade it around and call anyone who disagrees a close minded individual. I think all this needs to stop because it has become way out of hand. I did not come to Marshall to learn about the homosexual lifestyle. So if people want to be gay, let them do it on their own time away from Marshall. That way we can get along better and do what we came here for. Just like the military we all should adopt the don't ask, don't tell policy.

— Chris Irvine,
Marshall student

SGA has some positive aspects too, senator says

I'm writing this letter to the editor because I want to inform the students about some good things that the Student Senate is trying to accomplish. At our meeting Tuesday we attempted to bring back the Ethics Committee to help ensure that all SGA members uphold to reasonable ethical standards and to prevent corruption. I believe it was a bad idea to dissolve it last semester and regret voting to do that.

I also created two new temporary committees Tuesday. One is for Tri-State Youth Field Day and the other is for teacher evaluations. Tri-State Youth Field Day is a service project that Brandi Jacobs started, in which the SGA and the Athletic Department hosts a day for underprivileged children where they play games and compete in sports. Last year several football players volunteered to spend time with the kids and I hope they choose to help again this year.

Earlier this semester, Brandi's administration, the Student Senate and some members of Faculty Senate began an effort to publish the teacher evaluations that we all will soon fill out for our professors. Most universities do this and I believe that it is an excellent way for students to make informed decisions when they schedule for classes. In the last election, students overwhelmingly voted to support this initiative, and now it's time for SGA, Faculty Senate and the administration to act.

This is just a short list of some of the things Student Senate is trying to accomplish, and now I call on the newly-elected president, Bill Walker, to propose his agenda for "doing the best we can possibly do for the students of Marshall."

If anyone has any questions, suggestions or complaints about SGA please feel free to come and speak at our regular meeting at 4 p.m. in Room 2W29B of the Memorial Student Center, or e-mail me at scarbro4@marshall.edu.

— Derek Scarbro,

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Central Florida, Marshall to play

Knights, Herd agree to home-and-home series

by **AARON E. RUNYON**
sports editor

Central Florida, led by versatile signalcaller Duante Culpepper, was a finalist to play opposite Marshall in the Motor City Bowl in 1998, but game officials decided on Louisville and talented quarterback Chris Redman. In 2003, the Knights finally

will get their chance to play the Thundering Herd.

The teams will play Oct. 11, 2003 in Huntington and Oct. 2, 2004 in Orlando.

Central Florida, an independent school that moved up from Division I-AA to Division I-A in 1996, has compiled an 8-2 record against Mid-American Conference teams.

Central Florida Coach Mike Kruczek said the school's decision to play against the MAC is a result of its scheduling problem and its desire for strong competition.

"We felt we could be competi-

tive with the MAC," he said, "and we knew it would be nothing but positive to play good competition."

"We've played well against good teams," Kruczek said of his team's Southeastern Conference-loaded schedule. "But not many people will play us here."

The Knights are 23-21 since joining Division I-A, defeating the MAC's Northern Illinois and Ball State once, and Bowling



Kruczek

Green, Eastern Michigan and Toledo twice.

With Central Florida's addition, Marshall improves an already increasing number of strong road games through 2004, including dates with Michigan State, North Carolina, Virginia Tech, Tennessee and Georgia.

Marshall Coach Bob Pruett wants that competition.

"They called and wanted to play us," he said. "They struggle



Pruett

to get teams to play them just like we do. It's a great matchup. We recruit a lot of players from that area. It will be a good, competitive game for both schools."

Kruczek also is excited.

"In Orlando we have a lot to compete with," he said. "We have Florida, Florida State and Disney World, so we have to take on competitive teams to be favorable with the public."

"We're pleased to work out this series. I feel both teams have made an outstanding transition to the Division I-A level. It's neat to have those two teams in a game together."

Guilliams invited to Cleveland for tryout

by **JACOB MESSER**
Life! editor

The Cleveland Browns invited Marshall's Mike Guilliams to their rookie camp and the former left tackle accepted their offer Wednesday morning.

"I feel good about getting a shot," said Guilliams, a 6-foot-5, 298-pound Beckley native.

"I'm not really disappointed that I didn't get drafted or sign a free agent contract, because whether you get drafted, sign a free agent contract or get invited to rookie camp, you still have to prove yourself and make the team."

"That's what it all comes down to."

Cleveland's rookie camp is April 28-30.

Guilliams, a three-year starter who ended his career with 54 straight starts, said his experience and intelligence will help him make the team.

"Those two things, I think, will propel me past the other rookies," he said.

Guilliams is the eighth former Marshall player to be drafted or signed by an NFL team this week. Chad Pennington, Rogers Beckett, Doug Chapman and James Williams were drafted by teams, while John Grace, Andre O'Neal and Girardie Mercer signed free agent contracts.



Guilliams

Herd fans may need a reality check after NFL Draft



MICHAEL ADAMS
sports columnist

Draft day may have added a little more euphoria to the hearts of many Marshall fans.

I don't mean to spoil the party, but there is a reality check that needs to be had by all.

Before I start, I want to add my advisory warning to this column. Some of you die-hard Marshall football fans won't like what I am about to say. Some will probably disagree, but please don't hate me.

I will be the first to admit I was overwhelmed with excitement this weekend. It made me proud to see the amount of attention Marshall football was getting. This is well deserved from a program that rebuilt itself.

I have some questions about

the overwhelming popularity of football players selected in this year's NFL Draft. Which ones will become superstars? And which ones will have a short stay in the NFL?

Lets take the obvious first, Chad Pennington and the New York Jets. Where did this come from? Chad would have fit in well with the Baltimore Ravens, Denver Broncos or the San Francisco 49ers, but those teams decided to pass on him.

After the 49ers decided to pass on Pennington, it became a little clearer to me as to what was going on. Pennington looks real good on paper, but questions are circulating about his capability of becoming a rising star in the NFL.

ESPN said one of his weaknesses is he is unable to throw the ball unless his feet and body are perfectly aligned. He also has a hard time throwing the ball out of the pocket and he was well protected at Marshall.

Why would the Jets, of all

teams, select a quarterback when they have two decent ones in Vinny Testaverde and Ray Lucas? Does he really need that long to grow?

Pennington is a great quarterback and could be a quality NFL quarterback, but I do not think he needs to make Pro Bowl plans anytime soon.

Rogers Beckett might have been the best unheard of player in this year's draft. Beckett was overshadowed by the high popularity of Pennington and really didn't get the attention he deserved.

The San Diego Chargers didn't look at it that way. The Chargers were quick to pick Beckett, using their first pick and the 42nd pick overall to select the talented safety. Beckett has the size, speed and agility to make it in the NFL. He is a very intelligent player and can read pass routes with his eyes closed.

I have no doubts Beckett will continue to impress many of his critics and the Chargers.

Should he develop, Beckett could become one of the best at his position in the NFL.

Next, Doug Chapman. He might be a good pick. I use "good pick" very loosely. Minnesota, home of Randy Moss, selected Chapman in the third round with the 88th pick overall.

Here is a guy who can usually turn it up against great teams. He is strong, quick and has good vision to avoid tackles. Chapman has every physical characteristic to make it in the NFL with the exception of one mental characteristic — attitude.

ESPN.com's analysis on Chapman stated he is prone to injuries that usually get better by Thursday or Friday. Chapman has what it takes, but attitude could be his downfall.

The Seattle Seahawks shocked this writer when they selected James Williams in the sixth round with the 175th overall pick. Williams is a great athlete. Like Moss, he has speed, agility and is able to make big plays.

The only problem with Williams is his inability to run pass routes and his catching ability.

The only logic to the Seahawks picking Williams is his kick-returning ability, one place the Seahawks needed some work. ESPN said Williams is the best-kept secret in the draft.

Marshall is a common name in the NFL. Some great players from Marshall are making a name for themselves. Moss, Troy Brown, John Wade and Billy Lyon all have been successful in the NFL.

Hey, I am not trying to put a damper on the celebration. I wish nothing but the best for Chapman, Williams, Pennington and Beckett. Let's just hold off on the high expectations.

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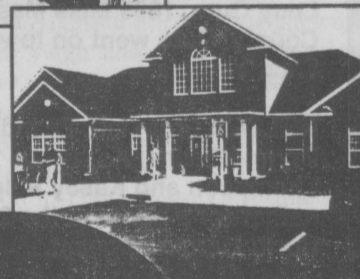
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Capturing the Crown

Three Marshall students take pageants seriously

by RHANDA M. FARMER
reporter

Most little girls are allowed to stay up past their bed-times one Saturday night a year. Many will drift off to sleep later that night with visions of crowns and bouquets of roses floating through their minds. For some girls the Miss America Pageant becomes an event that they watch year after year. For a select few, the Miss America dream can become reality.

Marshall students Brandy Barkey, Brynn Blevins and Kasey Pelphrey have taken the first steps in fulfilling that dream. As local pageant winners, they will compete for a chance to become the next Miss West Virginia June 22-24 at Robert C. Byrd High School in Clarksburg.

According to the official Web site, the Miss America Organization is the world's largest provider of scholarships exclusively for women. In 1999, scholarships for contestants at all levels of competition totaled more than \$30 million.

The Miss America Pageant focuses on scholastic achievement, talent and candidate platforms, with less of an emphasis on appearance. The candidates' total scores are determined by competition in four categories. Talent makes up 40 percent of the total score, interview 30 percent and the



Barkey



Blevins



Pelphrey

swimsuit and evening wear competitions 15 percent each.

Blevins, Miss Appalachia, is a Huntington graduate student with a BA in Fashion Merchandising who has competed in pageants most of her life.

"I started competing in pageants when I was four, but I've only been involved with the Miss America Organization for three years.

"My mom started me out in them, but it was nothing like a JonBenet [Ramsey] sort of thing. I quit at a later age but missed it and decided to get back into it," Blevins said.

Not all contestants are lifetime pageant participants. Pelphrey, Miss Mon-Valley, competed in her first pageant last year. Huntington sophomore and Public Relations major Pelphrey said she won the first pageant she participated in.

Barkey, Miss Mason County and Pt. Pleasant Radio/TV Broadcast senior, competed in local fair and festival pageants before entering local Miss America pageants.

"When I was little, all the women in my family would get in front of the TV, eat popcorn, and watch the pageants," Barkey said. "My mother was really the one who convinced me I could do it."

The contestants said the support of their families and friends has been an integral part of their success.

"Everyone has been so encouraging — from my parents to my sorority sisters to people in my classes. I couldn't do it without my friends and especially my family. They work so hard to let me do the things they never got to do at my age," Pelphrey

LEFT: Miss Mason County 2000 Brandy Barkey, right, poses with Lucy Ours, 1999 Miss Mason County. Ours went on to win Miss West Virginia.

BELOW: From left, Brandy Barkey, Brynn Blevins, Katherine Thompson and Kasey Pelphrey, gather for a photo at the 2000 Miss North Marion Pageant.



Above photo provided by Brynn Blevins, below photo provided by Kasey Pelphrey

ABOVE: Huntington graduate student Brynn Blevins is crowned Miss Appalachia. Blevins will compete for Miss West Virginia in June.

RIGHT: Huntington sophomore Kasey Pelphrey after being crowned Miss Mon-Valley. Pelphrey is among three Marshall students who will compete for the chance to go to the Miss America Pageant as Miss West Virginia.

"You have to be the best you can be talent-wise, platform-wise and interview-wise."

**Brynn Blevins,
Miss Appalachia**

said.

As supportive as their friends and families have been, they have encountered negative reactions from people.

"A lot of people think it's a beauty pageant and it's not," Blevins said. "It's a personal competition because you're judged against yourself."

"You have to be the best you can be talent-wise, platform-wise and interview-wise."

Barkey said people have lots of misconceptions about pageants that need to be changed. "I get tired of people saying, 'Oh, she's a pageant girl' like we're just on a stage parading around for entertainment."

"It's a scholarship pageant. Each girl is in college furthering their education and trying to make a difference in their community."

"There are different kinds of pageants and people tend to lump them all together," Barkey said.

The talent competition sets the Miss America Pageant apart from more appearance driven pageants. Each contestant is given the opportunity to showcase a talent, which makes up the majority of her total score.

Blevins' talent is ballet en pointe. "I try to dance one or two hours a night, usually between 1 and 3 a.m. because it's the only time I have to practice," she said.

Pelphrey's talent is also ballet en pointe. "I do a lot of floor preparation for my talent. It's probably the hardest thing for me to get done," she said. Pelphrey will dance to "In His Eyes" from the Broadway musical "Jekyll and Hyde" in the Miss West Virginia Pageant.

Barkey's talent is dramatic monologue. "It seems like they want you to be a singer or dancer in order to win.



Some people say dramatic monologue isn't a true talent, but you wouldn't say that Tom Hanks is not talented.

"It is a true talent, but it's very under-appreciated," Barkey said.

The girls all agreed on one indispensable object for successful pageants.

"Duct tape. You can do so much with it," Blevins said.

"The first Miss America preliminary pageant I was in, I saw these girls taping their boobs and spraying their butts and I was like, what in the world, but then I learned," Barkey said.

Duct tape can be used to hold contestants in their dresses or hold their dresses in place. Contestants use Stick-um, a spray used by football players to make their hands sticky, to keep their swimsuits in place during the swimsuit competitions.

"Preparation H is another one of those little secrets. You can put that on your thighs and then wrap them in plastic wrap to make them look firmer," Barkey said.

Despite the long hours and the hassles, all the girls say they wouldn't change any of it.

"It's all worth it whenever little girls come up to you and tell you they saw you in a pageant," Barkey said. "I had one girl come up to me after the Miss West Virginia pageant and tell me I was her role model."

"That really made me feel good that I had touched her life in some small way."

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guide for activities
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Christ, Prime Time,**
Marco's, 9:11 p.m. Contact:
primetime@mulife.org

**University Christian
Fellowship, meeting,**
Campus Christian Center,
7 p.m. Contact: Mark Mills
696-3057.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2000

Newman Center, mass,
Newman Center, 10:15 a.m.
and 7 p.m. Contact: Bill
Petro 525-4618.

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2000

Baptist Student Union, meet-
ing, CCC, 9:09 p.m. Contact:
Keith McKim 696-3051.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2000

**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.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2000

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

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

**Student Organization for
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