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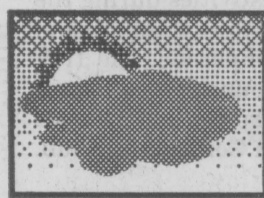
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Medical school unable to pay insurance

by EVAN BEVINS
editor

Doctor bills can be high, but in West Virginia the doctors' bills can be even higher.

As fiscal year 2000 draws to a close on June 30, the medical schools at Marshall and West Virginia University are unable to fully pay their insurance premiums. The problem extends to all state-funded agencies and has happened before.

"We were in a position of finding out in June of last year that our premiums were going to triple . . . without any real notice that that was going to happen," James Schneider, Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's associate dean for finance and administration, said.

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Schneider said the school was unprepared to deal with the \$700,000 increase. "We'd have to raise their [medical students'] tuition three or four thousand dollars a year to get that kind of increase on short notice," he said.

The state provides property and liability to all state agencies and employees, including

Marshall and its employees. The West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM) handles this insurance, according to Charles E. Jones, director for BRIM.

"We are the agency that is responsible for obtaining the insurance for all state agencies. . .," he said. "In doing that, we

charge a premium to each state agency for their share. . ."

For fiscal 2000, the School of Medicine paid the same amount as last year. Because of this, some of the insurance benefits are still in effect.

"The things that are being paid are the third-party claims," Jones said. "The first-party claims are not being paid at this time."

First-party claims involve only the state agency, for example an agency employee having a wreck in an agency-owned vehicle. Third-party claims involve people outside the agency, such as the agency-owned car hitting someone else's car.

State Sen. Oshel Craig (D-Putnam) has convened a legislative interim committee to

look into the problem.

BRIM's difficulty — and by extension, the school of medicine's difficulty — comes from unfunded liability. Unfunded liability results when insurance claims exceed the premiums.

About five years ago, BRIM's unfunded liability deficit was about \$63 million, according to a spokeswoman for Craig. Schneider said the Legislature added about \$10 million to BRIM's budget to correct the problem.

About a year-and-a-half ago, he said, Gov. Cecil Underwood recommended a reduction in BRIM's budget by about \$10 million because the agency was almost even again. The extra money from the state was reduced to \$7 million instead.

Marshall's rate increased by

\$700,000. WVU's increased by approximately \$2 million. Schneider said most of that increase gets passed along to the medical schools because they are the biggest areas of risk.

"For some reason, [BRIM], instead of spreading that out among all 150 state agencies, they elected to apply that reduction only to Marshall and WVU's insurance premiums," he said.

Drafts of statements about the issue provided by the School of Medicine say no more than \$50,000 to \$100,000 was absorbed by agencies other than the two schools.

"Those figures are incorrect," Jones said, adding, "That is the image or view that the medical schools would have you believe."

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The heat is on

Students sweat it out as temperatures rise in the university fitness center

by BEN BARISH
reporter

While the summer weather is heating up the rest of campus, the conditions inside the fitness center are heating up the tempers of students.

The fitness center has been without air conditioning since early in the spring semester, pushing temperatures inside to higher than 85 degrees on hot days.

When temperatures reach above 85 degrees, the center is forced to close down due to the increased risk of injuries.

"We usually shut down once every couple of weeks," said Cassandra Vinson, a fitness center employee.

"When you work out in extreme temperatures," she said, "Your body dehydrates severely. You leave yourself open to heat exhaustion and stroke."

Some students are angered at how often the fitness center

shuts down. "It is really inconvenient when you want to work out and can't," said MU student Fardan Carter.

Vinson said she gets upset when the center is forced to close early. "I want the students to get upset about this," she said. "This is an extreme liability issue for the university."

The Physical Plant is in charge of repairing the air conditioner. Dale Allman, director of the Physical Plant, said, "Right now we are in the process of evacuating water from the system."

"We have spent about two weeks evacuating already. We should probably be ready to start working on the system by the end of the week."

"They [the physical plant] said they probably would be ready to start working on it sometime last week," Vinson said.

MU student Mike Walker is a counselor for Upward Bound summer camps. Walker is teaching a class in the fitness center.



photo by Terri Blair

Brittanny Spears, Moundsville senior, exercises in the fitness center. The center has been without air conditioning since early in the spring semester.

"This is horrible," he said. "This is a major university. This college will have something like 19,000 students next semester and they can't fix an air conditioner."

Walker said he considered not having the class because of the uncomfortable conditions inside the center.

Allman offered a solution until the air conditioning is fixed. "If it gets too hot in there, they [the fitness center] can shut the door" Allman said.

Jazz-MU-Tazz summer festival sells out

by CHARLENE L. CORNELL
reporter

Marshall students were jazzed at the Second Annual Jazz-MU-Tazz, Marshall's summer jazz festival.

Many of the events during the festival including Live at The Forum, PA Denny cruises and Cabaret sold out.

"It was very successful," Angela Jones, director of marketing and

external affairs for the Marshall Artists Series, said. "We sold out like last year. Everyone had a great time."

Jerry Coker and Bluetra performed at Live at The Forum June 22. Live at The Forum was new this year. It was in the Jazz Forum, the jazz club in the Jomie Jazz Center.

"It's our new event," Marshall Onofrio, music chairman, said. "It was sold out.

Many audience members said it should be a regular event."

While in town Jerry Coker taught and performed with Marshall students.

"Jerry Coker was fabulous," Onofrio said. "He taught a lot. We were pleased with the student ensemble."

Aimey M. Forshey, Wheelersburg Senior, was one of the students who played with Coker. "I've never done

jazz before in an ensemble. It was a great experience."

"I thought it was interesting," Brian R. Dunfee, Proctorville Junior, said about working with Coker. "A man like that has a great deal to share. He's older and has more experience. He has a lot more ways of teaching and relating music."

The weather for the weekend was good Jones said. It was

sunny and clear for the PA Denny Cruises. The cruises were Saturday, June 24.

Mountain Stage returned to Huntington Saturday evening. Jones was unsure of attendance. The Charlie Hunter, Astral, and The Johnny Nocturne Band performed.

Work behind the scenes went smoothly according to Onofrio. "It went wonderfully," Onofrio said.

Faculty members question salary raise

by James Harris
wire editor

Earlier this month, the College System Board of Directors gave several presidents around the state raises, including Marshall President Dan Angel.

Some faculty members disagree with the decision.

Pamela Mulder, associate professor of psychology, said she would like to see what Angel is worth to Marshall.

"I'd like to see him earn it," Mulder said. "There are professors here who do not make his monthly salary in a year."

According to the classified staff salary rates, which can be accessed through the Marshall University homepage, the annual rate for the lowest paid staff member is \$11,040.

The lowest base salary for faculty during a 12 month term is \$25,000, according to the Fall 1999 Base Salaries report from the Office of Institutional Research Report for Faculty Salaries.



ANGEL

President Angel, after his \$15,000 raise, has an annual salary of \$205,000 according to an Associated Press article.

Dr. Edmund M. Taft, director of English curricula, said he thinks that President Angel has not been around long enough. He also thinks the same mistake is being made at universities that is present in American business.

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Dr. Pamela Mulder,
associate professor of psychology

"Salaries between administrators and faculty and administrators and staff is growing ever wider. . . forming three literal classes of people," he said. "That's no way to ensure any kind of harmony."

Taft said there are classified staff members who have worked for 20-25 years who make an amount in year that is less than what Angel's raise was.

Angel said he does not know

why the faculty would be upset.

"I think the regents have to make an evaluation of the president and they made their decision based on that," he said.

Taft said the board of directors, which is going to be disbanded in July, just wanted to give as much money as they could to colleges before being replaced.

"It's in very bad taste," he said.

Professor assaulted, left on roadside by attackers

SHAWN SEAGROVES
online editor

Usually professors teach the lessons, but on the night of June 22 Steve Shuklian, professor of economics, said he learned one the hard way.

"I think people really ought to know you need to be careful around here," he said "Now I understand why a lot of people, especially young women, feel uncomfortable walking around Marshall University at night."

Shuklian said he was assaulted and robbed by three young men last Thursday night while walking home around midnight. He left the Jazz-MU-Tazz concert and went to his office because he said the event was

too crowded.

After doing some research, he walked across to Calamity Cafe to listen to some live music.

He left about midnight and started walking to his residence.

According to the Lawrence County (Ohio) Sheriff's Office Offense Report, Shuklian told police, "three white males stopped in their vehicle and recognized Shuklian as a professor at Marshall University and asked him to go for a drink and he agreed."

Then "all hell broke loose," Shuklian said. "Things started happening kind of fast. They wanted my wallet and briefcase."

Please see **ASSAULT, P3**

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa -- Neither wind nor rain nor mud could keep most of the Star Trek aficionados and Riverside residents from their appointed festivities during the 16th annual Trek Fest on June 24. But the adverse weather did cause the cancellation of some of the main events of Trek Fest, including the much-anticipated parade. The Trek Fest has been held annually in Riverside since 1985, when its City Council voted unanimously to declare that the town is the future birthplace of USS Enterprise Capt. James T. Kirk, said Diane Poch, a member of the Riverside Area Community Club.

Page edited by Krista Crawford

Campus crime, sexual offenders online

by ROBERT KOCH

Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — Universities might begin disclosing the names of registered sex offenders attending classes if a new notification bill passes through the U.S. Senate.

The Campus Protection Act would require "registered sexually violent offenders" to notify the state of their enrollment. The state in turn would forward the information to University Police for disclosure.

Roberta Gibbons, assistant director of the University's Program Against Sexual Violence, said her office neither tracks nor endorses legislation. But she added she and others at the program support the bill.

"Sex offenders generally have a quite high rate of recidivism," Gibbons said. "People have a right to know whether or not they are in a community where a person that has committed such an act exists."

Traditionally, federal law has guarded student records. But high-profile cases have pressured schools to follow guidelines used by the larger community.

Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz., introduced the bill last month in response to several assaults committed by an Arizona State University student last July. The school had withheld the student's identity as a registered sex offender.

"It's an unattended loophole in the federal law, and we're simply closing it," said Tom

Puglia, spokesman for the Arizona congressman.

"It's basically like Megan's Law for college campuses," added Puglia, commenting on the proposed bill.

The 1994 rape and murder of 7-year-old Megan Kanka in New Jersey by a twice-convicted child molester prompted passage of Megan's Law in 1996, requiring states to notify communities about recently released sex offenders.

And the 1986 assault and murder of Lehigh University student Jeanne Clery by a fellow student led to passage of the Campus Security Act in 1990.

Also known as the Clery Act, the law requires public and private colleges and universities receiving federal aid to publish

annual reports listing campus crime statistics during a three-year period.

The University Police Web-site posts 150 sexual offenses for the period 1996 to 1998.

Offenses ranging from fondling to rape were reported to police, counselors, residence hall and Program Against Sexual Violence staff members and third parties. A significant portion of the reported assaults occurred off campus.

Passage of the Campus Protection Act might add names to the department's Web-site.

"We leave the dissemination of that information up to the colleges," Puglia said. "If they want to do a Web-site, or if they want to put something in the

school paper, or if they want to send something home with registration materials."

University Police Capt. Steve Johnson said the department Web-site would be the easiest way to put the information out but added further consideration would be necessary.

"We would have a discussion with University Council on how best we would meet the requirements of the law," Johnson said.

Minnesota law requires registration of "predatory offenders" for a period of 10 years.

Community notification, however, is based on risk level.

Corrections officials, police, psychologists and crime victims' ombudsmen assign an offender a risk level after reviewing the

person's criminal history, possible chemical dependency and treatment received.

Only level-three offenders — those posing a high risk of repetition — require community notification.

Lt. Bernie Martinson of the Minneapolis Police Sex Crimes Unit estimated there are 30 level-three offenders in Minneapolis.

The Campus Protection Act, which is actually an amendment to the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, passed through the House of Representatives unanimously and is expected to clear the Senate to become law.

"I think this is pretty consistent with the rest of the Clery Act," Gibbons said.

Study shows minorities less likely to gain admission to law school

by MATTHEW COOK

Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — Minorities are less likely to gain admission to law schools than whites, according to a study released Monday by Testing for the Public, a Berkeley, Calif., educational research organization.

The study, which examined the admissions decisions at approximately 175 law schools between 1994 and 1998, concluded that 72 percent of whites who applied were admitted, compared to 46 percent of African Americans who had the same grade point average.

The study, conducted by William C. Kidder, argues against using the Law School Admission Test as a major consideration in law school admissions. Minorities score lower on the LSAT than whites because the test itself is biased, the organization said.

Attorney David White, director of Testing for the Public, said the LSAT is biased for two reasons. He first cited a study

conducted by Joshua Aronson, a University of Texas-Austin educational psychology professor, and Claude Steele, a psychology professor at Stanford University, which shows that minority test-takers face pressure from stereotyping.

Minorities are expected to fare poorly on standardized tests, and pressures from this stereotype can lower test scores, White said. Second, White said the method in which the test is created is biased as well, in that questions are pretested and those that favor the majority are selected to be on the test.

Michael Sharlot, dean of the UT School of Law, said the LSAT is a better indicator of law school performance than g.p.a.

Sharlot said the law school considers many factors when it reviews an application. Many personal characteristics including non-academic considerations and special circumstances are taken into account, he said.

However, Sharlot said it is unlikely the LSAT will be disregarded.

Second suit filed in Virginia baby switch

by TINA HONG

Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The

mother who received national attention last year for her lawsuit against the University of Virginia Medical Center for the switch of her daughter at birth has filed a new set of charges against the hospital.

Paula K. Johnson, who had sought \$31 million from the Medical Center in 1999, filed suit Tuesday in Stafford County for \$48 million.

The discovery of the switch came in 1998, when Paula Johnson, her ex-boyfriend Carlton Conley and her supposed daughter Callie undertook paternity tests in a child support case between the estranged couple.

The tests showed that Callie was unrelated to either Johnson or Conley. This prompted Health Sciences officials to search among six other girls born in July, 1995 for the parents' biological daughter.

Kevin Rogers and Whitney Chittum died just before the Medical Center was able to

notify them of the news that their daughter Rebecca was actually the biological daughter of Paula Johnson.

Rebecca Chittum is now being raised by her non-biological grandparents after her assumed parents, Kevin Chittum and Whitney Rogers, were killed in a car accident in July 1998.

Johnson, whose previous suit was dismissed in February, alleges that the Medical Center and identification bracelet manufacturer, Precision Dynamics of California, were to blame for the switch.

Kathy Stern, Stafford County Circuit Court deputy clerk, said the lawsuit claims that Precision Dynamics "did not exercise reasonable discretion" in designing, testing and marketing their identification bracelets, the lawsuit claims.

Stern added that the lawsuit also claims "the bracelet was put on too loosely" on the babies' wrists and ankles, contributing to the mix-up between the parents' biological children.

Stern said Johnson is seek-

ing \$24 million in compensatory and punitive damages from the Medical Center on behalf of Callie, the child she raised. She also is suing Precision Dynamics for \$12 million for breach of implied warranty for herself and \$12 million on behalf of her biological daughter, Rebecca Chittum.

The suit alleges that damages stem from Callie's "loss of paternal companionship, mental anguish and loss of privacy."

One of Paula Johnson's lawyers, Cynthia Johnson of Charlottesville, said the suit is a 72-count document.

Precision Dynamics issued a statement that said it "will vigorously defend itself... against any allegations that the design of its infant identification bracelet product was in any way responsible for the inadvertent baby switching at the University of Virginia Medical Center."

Precision Dynamics spokesman Lew Phelps said "although we sympathize greatly with the families (involved)," Precision Dynamics believes "the allegations in the lawsuit have no merit."

He said "the U. Va hospital staff failed to follow" established procedures on putting the bracelets on the babies.

Johnson sued Precision Dynamics in June 1999, but asked that the lawsuit be dropped in February 2000.

Stern said the suit claims the University was negligent in training its employees well enough on how to properly put on the ID bands.

It also alleges that hospital employees moved the babies from their bassinets after their bracelets had fallen off and put Rebecca's bracelet on Callie and Callie's bracelet on Rebecca without confirming their identities, Stern said.

David Botkins, press secretary for Attorney General Mark L. Earley's office, said the state officials were unable to comment on the case because the University Medical Center had not been served with the lawsuit at press time.

University News Services Director Carol Wood said it is standard for the University not to respond to pending litigation.

Researchers use vitamin B-12 to detect cancer

by JUSTIN COSTLEY

Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS -- Collaborating for more than 10 years, two researchers from the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Clinic have developed a new technique for detecting cancerous tumors using ordinary vitamin B-12.

The procedure, patented by Dr. Doug Collins, a diagnostic radiologist from the Mayo Clinic, and his former professor, Harry Hogenkamp, a university biochemist, could help doctors diagnose cancer earlier in patients with a variety of tumors.

It might also lead to new ways for doctors to monitor treatment success or even kill cancerous cells.

In this new imaging method, Hogenkamp and Collins attached radioactive atoms to a vitamin B-12 compound and injected them into patients.

All living cells require the vitamin. But because aggressively growing cells — such as those in cancerous tumors —

consume such large amounts of B-12, doctors can use an imaging device, similar to a CT scan, to see where the radioactive B-12 has concentrated.

"This is a new method of imaging tumors," Hogenkamp said. "Eventually, what we hope to be able to do is develop other methods, using the same kind of technology, to eliminate tumors."

Hundreds of patients will need to be tested before the technique is deemed successful, but a recent study showed that of 30 patients tested, the procedure found cancer in 90 percent of them.

Detecting tumors in the brain, lung, colon and other organs, the imaging technique has been particularly effective in finding breast cancer.

While mammographic and ultrasonographic exams sometimes miss tumors in dense breast tissue, the B-12 technique was able to detect cancer and distinguish between normal and cancerous tissue, Collins said.

Early detection might just be the tip of the B-12 iceberg how-

ever.

Collins and Hogenkamp believe it is possible to attach chemo-therapeutic or radioactive agents to the B-12 compound, allowing the vitamin to carry the toxin to the tumor and kill it.

"That potential of making vitamin B-12 a Trojan horse, a carrier that can go into the cell and deliver the therapeutic or toxic agents, is fairly exciting," Collins said.

The researchers have begun testing B-12's cancer-killing possibilities in mice and plan on more testing during the summer.

Even if the mice studies produce positive results, Collins said it will be years before

human trials would begin.

Imaging tumors has been an interest for Collins since he attended the university's medical school. Remembering his old professor's expertise in vitamin B-12, Collins approached Hogenkamp about using B-12 to image tumors.

"Working with Harry has been one of the most enjoyable interactions I've had in the world of science," Collins said.

"Tapping his interest in B-12 and my interest in tumor imaging and therapy, putting those two together and these two institutions, again strengthens the argument for inter-institutional collaboration."



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Renting no more

Medical school buys \$9.3 million home

by EVAN BEVINS
editor

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine now has a place to call its own.

The school had been leasing space from Cabell Huntington Hospital.

"We closed on the sale of \$9.3 million in revenue bonds, which we're using to purchase a part of the facility from Cabell Huntington," James Schneider, associate dean for finance and administration for the school of medicine, said. "Actually, we'll end up saving about \$50,000 a year in rental charges."

Schneider said the school leased the space until they knew how certain variables such as patient volume would turn out.

After a period of time they exercised a purchase option in their original contract.

"I think it's a good thing for the medical school and the hospital both," Dr. Charles

McKown, vice president and dean of the School of Medicine, said.

He said the previous arrangement sometimes made it difficult to divide space and responsibility.

"If two people own a house . . . you never go in and say this is my part of the house and draw a white line down the middle . . ." he said.

To raise the money, the school sold bonds to banks, insurance companies and individuals.

"Over the next 25 years, we will pay back the bond holders," Schneider said. "It works pretty much like a mortgage."

The bonds will be paid back with a 6 percent interest rate. Schneider said this is a somewhat low rate, but people are willing to take that rate because the bonds are tax exempt.

Cabell Huntington Hospital still owns the atrium.

McKown said they are still shifting the arrangements.

New ad campaign gets mixed reviews

By GREG SCHUPAK
for The Parthenon

New advertisements could pop up around campus during the fall semester. These ads are not related to jobs or credit cards; they are related to drinking on the Marshall campus.

Carla Lapelle, head of Student Health Education Programs, is starting a new campaign that will show the social norms of drinking on Marshall's campus.

The project is called the Social Norms Measurement and will include student drinking averages on advertisements, booklets and pens to show that not all college students drink like common stereotypes suggest.

"One problem that has to be overcome is the misperception that everyone drinks and that everyone gets drunk . . .," Lapelle said. "We are trying to show that is not true. . . . More students don't than do drink and we need to bring that message to students."

Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, which is based out of Southern Illinois University, did the study of drinking at Marshall last year.

"Other universities around the country, like the University of Arizona, William Hobart Smith College in Geneva, N.Y., and Northern Illinois have used this campaign and it's worked well," Lapelle said.

The advertisements with the campaign say 70 percent of Marshall students drink four or fewer or zero drinks per week.

Some students attending summer school feel differently about the campaign.

"The campaign suggests that because most Marshall students allegedly don't drink much, the rest of the students should not drink as well . . . it is reverse peer pressure and it does not work either way," said Scott Niles, a senior from Rockland, Mass.

Justin Schneider, a sophomore from Maryland said, "It does not look believable. If someone wants to drink they do not need to see a constant reminder of drinking. This may have a reverse effect on students making them want to drink more. It's supposed to be a negative ad towards drinking but it reminds students of drinking."

But Lapelle is confident the program will help and there is a drinking problem on the Marshall campus.

"If one student fails out of school or is killed, it's a serious problem," Lapelle said. "Some students will never drink while others will no matter what. It's the middle-ground student who we are trying to persuade to the right direction."

Lapelle said she could not comment on the financial part of the campaign until the federal grant is presented sometime next week.

Student learning to cope with HPV

Friends, family found useful while dealing with disease

By CHARLENE L. CORNELL
reporter

One student's journey through life brings her face to face with a painful ordeal.

The Human Papillomavirus, commonly known as HPV, causes warts and cervical dysplasia. More than 60 types of HPV that have been identified. Types one, three and five cause warts on the hands and feet of children. Types six and 11 cause genital warts. Other types 16, 18, 31, 33 and 35 do not necessarily cause warts but can cause changes in cervical cells, such as dysplasia, according to Midland Family Physicians' Web-site. Dysplasia is a precancerous condition of the cervix.

Brenda is a Marshall student who is dealing with having

HPV. She asked that her real name not be used.

"It's difficult," Brenda said. "It is the toughest thing I have been through. I walk around all day wondering if anyone knows that I have it. For the first six months, I cried everyday and all night."

"When the doctor told me, I was shocked, because I had only been with three people," she said. "I fell to the ground and cried. My roommate had to pick me up. All I thought was, I have cancer, I am going to die."

A doctor can diagnose genital warts by a visual examination. A pap smear test may indicate the possible presence of a cervical HPV infection.

A pap smear is a microscopic examination of cells scraped from the cervix, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"I have had two tests for HPV," Brenda said. "The days that I waited to get the results where the worst days I went through."

Warts and dysplasia can be treated, although the virus

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Brenda,
Marshall Student

remains. The way to prevent HPV is to avoid contact with the virus, which is transmitted by skin-to-skin contact. Using a latex condom may provide protection.

Dealing with HPV can be hard.

"It is stressful and can be difficult," Martin Amerikaner, psychology department chair, said. "First find great deal of accurate information. Do not go by myths and stories."

"People panic. They don't know what it means and exaggerate the consequences," he said. "They don't have a clear understanding of what is going on."

"Supportive relationships are

important, one or more good friends or partners to share concern with. I encourage counseling services."

"One thing I am thankful for is my boyfriend," Brenda said. "I thought he would leave me, but he didn't. I thought my family and friends would disown me, but they didn't. People can be a lot more comforting than I thought."

Brenda writes in her journal when she feels she has no one else to turn to.

"It is always the same old thing, the same TV shows, same people, same activities all the time," Brenda writes. "Life is so depressing. I am tired of trying to deal with it. I am so ashamed."

Students who need to talk can contact the psychology department's clinic located in Harris Hall Room 449 at 696-2772.

Students can also contact Counseling Services in Prichard Hall's south lobby at 696-3111. Students needing medical attention can contact Student Health Services at 691-1106.

Unpaid insurance

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Jones said one reason the schools' rates increased was that Marshall and WVU are not entirely dependent on state funds.

"There are agencies in state government who only get money from state government," he said. With a decreased funding pool and premiums for those agencies increasing, rates

for agencies with funding from sources other than the state had to increase.

"It's [the increase] larger because their premiums are so much larger than anybody else in the state," Jones said. The high cost of malpractice insurance is the greatest reason for this.

Dr. Charles McKown, vice president and dean of the School of Medicine, said large awards in malpractice cases are one cause of the schools' high premiums.

"Our state clearly needs to

better differentiate frivolous litigation from justifiable recovery in the field of professional liability," he said. Increasing rewards in malpractice cases result in "rising rates in rising numbers."

McKown said the School of Medicine is not where the problems with rising insurance costs stops. Other departments at Marshall may also face difficulties obtaining insurance.

"It's a solution that has to be resolved," he said. "It can't keep reoccurring and threatening the very existence of higher educa-

tion."

A temporary, or "Band-Aid," solution may be the only way to resolve the overall problem.

McKown said. "I'm afraid you're going to have to do Band-Aid treatment, because it is almost an insoluble problem as an immediate resolution, particularly when the Legislature is not in session," he said. "To reach a solution that will benefit all West Virginians will require a more comprehensive assessment and cooperation than is immediately available at this very moment."

Chairman leaving

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medicine and somehow found time to make substantial scholarly and research contributions at a national level."

McKown said the school will form a search committee to find a new chairman. For now, the

position will be filled by Dr. Kevin Yingling, professor of medicine and director of the internal medicine residency program.

Yingling, a graduate of the School of Medicine, was originally asked to be program director by Mufson. Mufson said the great responsibility of that position helped prepare him to be acting chairman.

"He's an exceptional, capable person," Mufson said.

Mufson, a graduate of Bucknell University and the New York University School of Medicine, joined the Marshall faculty in July 1976 after working at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago.

The press release said Mufson is best known for his research on infectious diseases. He published more than 190 scientific papers and book chapters and co-edited the

textbook "Being a Clinician." Mufson held positions at the National Institutes of Health and the George Washington University School of Medicine.

During his time at Marshall, he served as president of the National Association of Professors of Medicine, was elected to mastership in the American College of Physicians and was chair of the Federal Council of Internal Medicine.

Professor assaulted

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He said that he did not have any money in his wallet or his briefcase, but they took them anyway.

"There was a little bit of a struggle, they beat me up a little bit, took me across the river into Ohio, knocked me unconscious and dumped me out."

Shuklian said he awoke at about 5:30 a.m. on Ohio Route 243 near Coal Grove. He obtained a ride to Coal Grove where he called the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office. There he filed an offense report.

"There was a little bit of a struggle, they beat me up a little bit, took me across the river into Ohio, knocked me unconscious and dumped me out . . ."

Steve Shuklian,
professor of economics

He was then taken back to where he was dumped to find some of his personal items, according to the police report.

Shuklian was released from River Valley Hospital after being treated for "lacerations to the nose, lips and bruising on the jaw," according to the report.

Shuklian said he's not sure why they picked him. "I'm not sure if they were former students angry about something or just looking for someone to roll.

"They may have just been cruising around looking for someone to attack," he said. "I didn't think anything was wrong because they knew my name."

He says he will be more careful who he takes rides from in the future. "I've lived in Detroit, Los Angeles and Fresno, traveled to Washington DC. and New Orleans. My wife always tells me to be careful about being mugged. It's ironic the first time it happened, it

happened here."

He said that the police are working on it, [the assault case] but without good identification of the people or car it will be hard to make an arrest.

Correction

In last weeks' edition Dr. James Harless director of Admissions did not say 3,800 new students were coming to Marshall, he said they were accepted and about 1,900 will attend.

Marcie Hatfield's name was misspelled. She is a member of the orientation office.

Orientation is a one-day for new students, not two days.



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OUR view

Fit to be fried: Fitness center needs cooling off

Summer means many things to many people. But a fact about summer is that it is hot, sometimes very hot. However, it is not supposed to be hotter inside than outside.

This is a problem many students face when they decide to go work out in the fitness center. The heat is sometimes simply unbearable. Because of this the center has had to close several times lately due to the excessive heat.

The problem is students pay student fees for the privilege of working out, only to find out the center is too hot or simply closed.

Not only does this hurt students who want to work out, it hurts students who depend on working in the fitness center to pay their bills with the work study money they earn.

What is really disturbing is when the person in charge of repairing the air conditioner says if the fitness center gets too hot, they will simply close the doors.

We understand there may be problems in getting the air conditioning fixed. But comments like this give the impression that the powers that be are not really concerned with fixing it at all.

Delays in repair are basically a fact of life. Almost everybody has dealt with the cable repairman who never shows up. However, the air conditioning system broke in October 1999.

That is more than eight months that it has been in need of repair, which seems like more than enough time to find the part, get it delivered and have it installed. But if the problem is with the person calling for the repairs, maybe the heat needs to be turned up on him....

THEIR view

Cancer cure should not be competition

Staff Editorial
Daily O'Collegian
(Oklahoma State U.)

(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. -- The changing face of genetic science is expanding the possibilities for cures to many diseases.

Thanks to the National Human Genome Research Institute and Celera

Genomics Corp., the world has gained access to the most complete genome map ever assembled. But isn't it a shame that this map, which could pave the way for cures to cancer and other diseases, was only released because the threat existed that one of the organizations might claim the fame for charting it first. The projected date for releasing the information was about five years from now, but the competition lit a fire in both organization's eyes prompting the rapid discovery.

This makes us wonder how long organizations are going to make people hold the hand of their loved one who is dying in a hospital bed before they decide to step forward with results. Wouldn't it be great if these companies could work together toward the cure for cancer with the same vigor as they worked to beat each other to the frontier of genetic science.

Although this scientific advancement will take time as President Bill Clinton said, it is casting hope that more precise and effective treatments will be on the horizon, providing a day "that our children's children will know the term 'cancer' only as a constellation of stars."

IN THE CREW

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New law unfair, impossible to enforce

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(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas

— Beginning July 1, changes to the Federal Higher Education Act will take effect, altering the process by which students apply for financial aid. Initially passed in 1998, the act contains a provision that makes a clean drug record a condition for granting financial aid. Previously, the question about drug convictions on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form was optional. Now, under the new law, a response is mandatory.

Students with a single conviction for a drug related offense are subject to having their aid suspended for one year. The second offense results in a two-year suspension of aid, and the third conviction causes aid to be suspended indefinitely.

What does Congress hope to accomplish with this regulation? The ostensible answer would seem to be that the potential denial of financial aid would serve as a deterrent to college students contemplating experimenting with drugs. Realistically speaking, however, it is more likely that the new regulation will simply encourage dishonesty among applicants.

Students on 25 college campuses, along with the NAACP, have moved in protest of the new law, claiming that it is unfair, and demanding congressional repeal.

This newest outgrowth of the hideously unsuccessful "War on Drugs" campaign is nothing more than another piecemeal solution to a problem that seems to pervade society to its deepest levels. Predicated on the "carrot and

stick" deterrence ideology, Congress hopes to transform eligibility for financial aid from an American right into a prize to be awarded to those displaying desirable behavior profiles. Noble ambitions aside, however, it must be noted that the law is, by its nature, inherently discriminatory.

Targeting a minority of college students, the financially disadvantaged, reveals the presupposition, carried by the discourse of the law and its enforcement, that poverty is synonymous with criminality. Is this really a tenable assumption?

It is impossible to know what percentage of those students who do not need financial aid have been convicted of drug offenses, because there is no such question on the general university application for admission.

The unevenness of the new law places those students who rely on financial aid at a disadvantage, proclaiming their proclivity to "socially deviant" behavior on the basis of their economic background.

This sort of stigmatization seems equivocal to a sort of "class profiling," placing individuals into a category with a set of presumed characteristics requiring closer scrutiny and greater governmental regulation. Such "profiling" has been found discriminatory with respect to race, and there appears to be a direct parallel with the discrimination that will probably occur under the new law.

Additionally, the law is fundamentally unenforceable. Students wishing to protect their financial aid eligibility will lie on their applications. How can the already over-taxed resources of university financial aid offices be expected

to verify the criminal record of each and every applicant? Will such offices learn to rely on FBI-like background checks to ensure that no drug offender receives federal money? What would that procedure cost?

Legislation of this kind, intended to further a societal goal at the expense of reducing individual liberties, might work in the case of affirmative action. The higher education act, however, seems incapable of achieving its lofty goal of purifying college campuses. If the impetus behind Congress' action is to reduce drug use among college students, targeting the few while ignoring the debauchery of the many is the wrong way to go about it. No wonder people are protesting.

Congress has a historically established predilection to occasionally attempt to legislate morality. Prohibition, abortion proscription, and similar laws have always sparked protest from segments of the population and have almost always failed to accomplish what was intended. What place is there for punitive anti-drug regulations in higher education? Aren't the penalties incurred from a drug conviction serious enough?

The message that the government seems to be transmitting with this new law is different from that of the "War on Drugs" generally. No longer are those who use drugs merely uneducated. Now they are unfit to be educated.

Why not, in the interest of fairness, just require every college applicant to answer the drug conviction question prior to admission, and then bar those with drug records from attending college at all? The effect would be the same, only not so discriminatory.

Chicken debate, medical school: both sides mean well



EVAN BEVINS
editor

HIS VIEW

I'd like to take a few inches of page space to talk about an important debate in American society today.

I'm talking of course about Burger King's "Save the chickens!" vs. Chick-Fil-A's "Eat more chikin." The former is a plea from the characters from the movie "Chicken Run." The latter, a suggestion from partially illiterate cattle who have grown tired of being fast food's main course.

These dueling taglines may seem to be just another commercial curiosity, along with "Make 7Up yours." But these seemingly harmless slogans set up a fast food paradox. How can we eat more chickens and yet save the chickens at the same time?

Obviously, it comes down to personal beliefs. If you believe that cows are the most valuable farm animals, you may want to heed Chick-Fil-A's advice. On the other hand, if you want those Burger King-sponsored chickens with English accents to be around for "Chicken Run 2 — The Scrambled Egg Menace," you'd better grab a Whopper.

I don't think either restaurant intended to spark such a moral debate. They're just trying to sell a few sandwiches.

You can make a comparison (well, sort of) with a situation here at Marshall — the medical school. While working on the story about their insurance troubles, I heard different numbers and facts from different people.

I certainly don't think the administration at the medical school is complaining unjustly. They made out a budget expecting a certain amount of money and they didn't receive it.

I also don't think the Board of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM) is trying to stick it to the medical school. They have to cover the insurance of state agencies that don't receive money from other sources like the universities do.

Each side is simply doing their job. The medical school wants to protect their interests and control their costs. BRIM wants to cover insurance premiums for state agencies, the medical school included.

They're not trying to create this convoluted state of affairs, but it happened anyway. I'm sure they would like an easy answer that would fix the problems for everyone. But, that won't happen anytime soon.

In the chicken debate, it's more likely both sides can coexist. At the moment, there isn't enough money to cover the costs of the medical school and BRIM. But there are enough fast food buyers to satisfy chicken and burgers.

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Blame the media for lack of respect for women athletes



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The sight during the finals of the 1999 Women's World Cup soccer championships will stick in most young males' heads for the rest of their lives.

No, I am not talking about the glorious shot from U.S. soccer star Brandi Chastain that clinched the world championship, but that of Chastain going to her knees and ripping off her shirt in celebration after her shot went in.

Even commercials sprouted after the celebration, with Chastain and three guys playing foosball. Chastain scores and the three guys look at her and say, "What's up with the shirt?" Chastain's "exposure" prompted both the media and parent groups to start a national debate of wearing sports bras in public.

Instead of putting the spotlight on the issue of the glorious championship the 1999 U.S. Women's Soccer team just won, the very next day USA Today put a story on the front page about how Chastain's actions were inappropriate.

The local media was in on it too. On the front page of our local newspaper here in Huntington, a story ran on public display of sports bras. A few weeks later, a Huntington High School girls soccer player took off her shirt to practice in a sports bra and was told to put it back on by her coach or she couldn't practice. Another story ran on the front page.

This debate put women athletics one more step back in achieving the respect and popularity they deserve. Why not put a huge spotlight on the fact they won a world championship? I guarantee if the men's team would have won the World Cup there would have been a front page stories all across the nation. The Marshall women's basketball team won the Southern Conference Tournament in 1997 and earned their first berth to the Women's NCAA Tournament.

Was there a wrap or special edition of the local newspaper? Not hardly, but that same year, the Marshall football team won the Mid-American Conference Championship and there was a huge front page wrap the next day.

Women athletes are still being sold as sex symbols. For example, Mia Hamm, Anna Kournikova, Chastain, and former U.S. Olympic swimmer Summer Sanders have all been exploited for their looks to do endorsements. Why not sell them as athletes, and step away from the marketing cliché "Sex sells"?

Needless to say, women athletes aren't being held back by the public anymore. The WNBA is becoming more popular. More women and young girls are beginning to participate in organized sports. It is becoming a "whole new ball game." It is us, the media, who take women's athletics and put it on the back burner in publications and during broadcasts. Have you ever seen a lead story on a sports news broadcast about women's athletics?

Here on Marshall's campus, women's athletics are not very

popular. Students find it hard to take a couple of hours out of their day to walk to the Henderson Center to watch a women's basketball game or volleyball game. Students who live in the dorms, especially those in Hodges, Twin Towers and Holderby Hall, don't walk the few feet to the softball field and tennis courts to watch the softball team and tennis matches.

The women's teams don't have ESPN or ABC coming to visit and nationally televise their games. I guess the ratings wouldn't be big enough. I know that is part of the deal, but I believe that as the interest grows and the media stops looking at women as sex symbols, the ratings will come.

My question is—why not? Have you watched Anna Martina play a tennis match? It is just as exciting as watching Tamar Slay shoot a three pointer or Chad Pennington throw a touchdown pass. Have you seen sophomore soccer player Lindsey Jayjack play? She is just as physical as the male players.

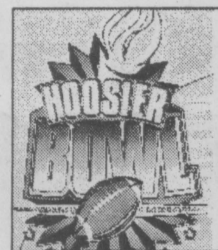
These women work just as hard, if not harder as men, to achieve their goals.

I really suggest students take the time this upcoming year and catch these women in action. You won't be disappointed and you might come to the realization that women athletes aren't quitting. They will continue to rise above the level, even higher than men, just to make it to the top. They play for championships too.

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A second bowl game?

The Hoosier Bowl, which is awaiting NCAA certification, could begin operation in 2001 and would like to invite the MAC and Conference USA according to the bowl's Web Site www.hoosierbowl.com. The bowl would be played in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Looking toward future

Women's soccer team aims for title in 2000

By **MICHAEL ADAMS**
sports editor

In the short history of the Marshall women's soccer program, Head Coach Teresa Patterson has took her team and made some great advancements.

In the upcoming season, the women's soccer team has added 11 recruits, including a high school all-American from Stillwater, Minnesota, to a team that lost only one senior and returns 15 letter-winners.

Amanda McMahon, a midfielder from Minnesota was selected to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America High School All-American team in 1999. McMahon also was named "Ms. Soccer" in Minnesota while playing at Stillwater Area High School.

"This is a very good class," Patterson said. "This group will be a great compliment to our returning players and they should give us the added boost we need to make a run at the Mid-American

Conference title."

Returning this season is Marshall's lone all-conference selection sophomore midfielder Lindsey Jayjack. Jayjack was one of only five freshmen selected to first or second All-MAC teams.

Jayjack led the team with 19 points, the most recorded by a single player in the program's two year history. In 1998, Michelle Moss led the Herd with 11 points.

Jayjack, along with Kelly Kennedy, Erin Locy and Erin Steinke are all spending their summer playing with the semi-pro W-League affiliate Kentucky Phillies. Also playing in a summer league is Karla Ledford, a transfer from the University of Nebraska.

"The fact that a number of our kids have found a place to play this summer is great," Patterson said. "Our foundation has been laid for the future and we look really good for this season."

Also joining the Herd this season is Jayjack's sister Allison from Dublin Coffman High School in Columbus, Ohio. Patterson said Allison has a lot of natural talent and is a great competitor.



Patterson

Highlighting the 2000 season, is the annual game with West Virginia University. MAC powerhouse Ohio University will visit the Herd September 15.

Marshall played its inaugural season in 1998 and posted a 4-13-1 record. In 1999, the Herd improved to 6-10-3.

The women's soccer team will begin its season at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25 against Youngstown State at Sam Hood Field located on the east side of the Marshall Stadium.



Marshall soccer player Michelle Moss is one of 15 returning letter winners.

Martin taken first by Nets

By **CHRIS SHERIDAN**
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kenyon Martin of Cincinnati, the consensus college player of the year, broke down in tears Wednesday night as he was selected first overall in the NBA draft by the New Jersey Nets.

"People deal with different situations in different ways," said the 6-foot-9 center-forward whose collegiate career was ended prematurely by a broken leg. "That was my way of dealing with it."

Stromile Swift of LSU went second to Vancouver, and high

schooler Darius Miles went third to the Los Angeles Clippers.

It was a busy draft night on the trade front, especially for the Orlando Magic.

Orlando sent two players, Corey Maggette and Derek Strong, along with the 10th pick (Missouri's Keyon Dooling) and cash to the Los Angeles Clippers for a future first-round pick. Orlando also traded the 13th pick, NCAA leading scorer Courtney Alexander, to Dallas for a future No. 1.

The Chicago Bulls needed a center and picked one, Chris Mihm, but then traded him to Cleveland for guard Jamal Crawford. The Bulls also picked a power forward, Marcus Fizer, despite having co-Rookie of the Year Elton Brand already manning that position.



Martin

Miles, perhaps surprised at being chosen ahead of Fizer from Iowa State, came onstage and hugged the commissioner — yet another draft night rarity — before patting Stern on the back of the head.

Fizer was taken by the Bulls with the fourth pick. It was the start of what would be a busy night for the Bulls, who owned three No. 1 picks as well as three consecutive picks early in the second round.

Picking fifth, the Magic went for Florida forward Mike Miller. The somewhat surprising selection brought a burst of applause from the bus load of friends and relatives who drove down from Miller's hometown of Mitchell, S.D., and secured seats in the front three rows just to the commissioner's right.

Atlanta selected Cincinnati guard DerMarr Johnson with the sixth pick, and Chicago took Mihm seventh and Crawford went eighth to the Cavs.

"I didn't think I'd go this high. I thought I'd go somewhere in the lottery, but not eight," said Crawford, who played only 17 games for Michigan because of a 12-game NCAA suspension and averaged 16.6 points.

But the trade left the Bulls without a center, fueling belief that they might be able to acquire Jermaine O'Neal from Portland.

The selection of Joel Pryzbilla by the Houston Rockets with the ninth pick brought a different kind of impassioned response from the crowd at the Target Center. They booed — loudly — for the 7-1 sophomore center who played locally at Minnesota and quit the team late in the season.

The Detroit Pistons selected Michigan State guard Mateen Cleaves with the 14th pick keeping him in Michigan.

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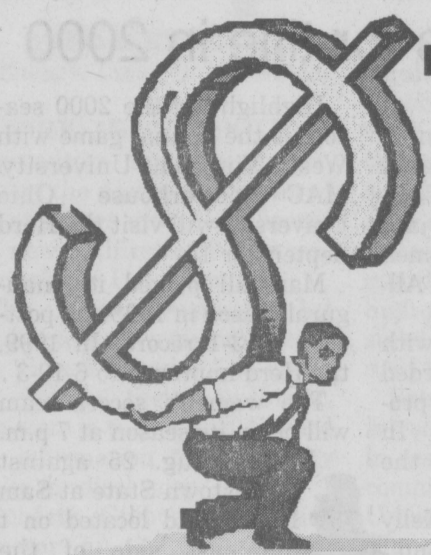
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The price of fame



President Angel sports a Championship ring from the Thundering Herd's 1999 MAC victory.

Some of the biggest names at Marshall say that being a local celebrity can have drawbacks

by CHARLENE L. CORNELL
reporter

In a town where the fire hydrants are painted green and white, it is a mixed blessing when Marshall employees are embraced by the community.

"I remember the night I went to my first football game," President Dan Angel said. "The day I got appointed as president, I wasn't even here yet. I went to the championship MAC football game that night and just tons of people came by and said 'Hello.'"

Angel has a skybox at Marshall University Stadium, however, he said he spends most of the game entertaining university benefactors.

"I have been a president four times, so this isn't my first presidency, but I don't remember being greeted in such a visible way," Angel said. "We went to Wal-Mart the first weekend I was here. I think 30 people stopped us to say hello and welcome us to the community. That was kind of odd and different. I liked it."



Photo by Terri Blair

View of the inside of President Dan Angel's skybox at Marshall University's Stadium

Unusual incidents happen to Marshall's celebrities.

"I remember one thing that happened to me the first weekend I was here as president," Angel said. "I went down to Jim's Spaghetti House. I walked in there and Jim, the owner, got up on a chair and announced to all the people in the restaurant that I was the new president of Marshall University. Then as he got off the chair he motioned for me to get up on it and make a few remarks. I did. So that was unusual. I think it was probably the most unusual thing."

"It has been a good marriage," Greg White, men's basketball coach said. "I played here for four years. I know the condition of the program. I know the capabilities. I know the expectations are very high."

Visibility has a price. Yet Angel and White do not find it a problem.

"I think people feel you're fair game when you're out there," Angel said. "They may come over to you. They feel comfortable talking to you and occasionally sit down with you whether you invite them or not and that's all right. It's a good thing to be embraced by the community."

"On game day you're out in the arena and you sell out every game, of course, you are recognized," White said. "You're out there sitting on the bench."

"In Huntington you're not just Greg White. You're Greg White the Basketball Coach. You constantly have to own up to that. It can be difficult."

"Going to a restaurant sometimes your privacy is invaded by well-meaning people," White said.

"You can go to Bob Evans and enjoy your meal for 30 to 40 minutes, sit there and read your paper," he said. "My meal is never like that. I could never just sit there and read the paper. Someone always comes up and says 'How's recruiting?' It's a good problem. People are interested. I have been in situations unlike this at Pikeville College where there was no interest."

Lance West, director of athletics, said, "It's flattering when people walk up to you like they



Photo by Terri Blair

President Angel's view of the field from inside his skybox at Marshall University Stadium

know you. Huntington people sincerely care about you. My family and I feel fortunate to part of the community."

Community involvement, speaking and camps are favorites of Marshall celebrities.

"I love kids," White said. "I know what camps did for me growing up. Camps are terrific. We have the largest camps in the area, roughly 1,000 kids now. Look at what camps do for kids, you never know when you're going to say something positive to a kid and change his life forever. Maybe he's not been getting that at home. Maybe he's not getting that positive push he needs at home. Maybe he is kind of beat up a little bit emotionally and you're able to change that, say come on, you can do it. You never know when they are going to hang on to that."

Angel said, "When I am speaking, I always ask people how many graduated from WVU. Some hands go up. Then I say how many graduated from, or went to Marshall, a lot of hands go up. I want everyone to relax tonight, no special treatment. I just want you to know before I speak today I am going to take this microphone off the handle because my championship ring keeps hitting it."

Angel and his wife, Pat, live in a house provided by the university.

"It's spectacular," Angel said. "I don't know how you couldn't like it. It's big. When I moved here, my wife had to go to Texas and pack all of our stuff so she wasn't here for a month and I was in this huge house all by myself."

Head Football Coach Bob Pruett, was unavailable for comment on this issue.

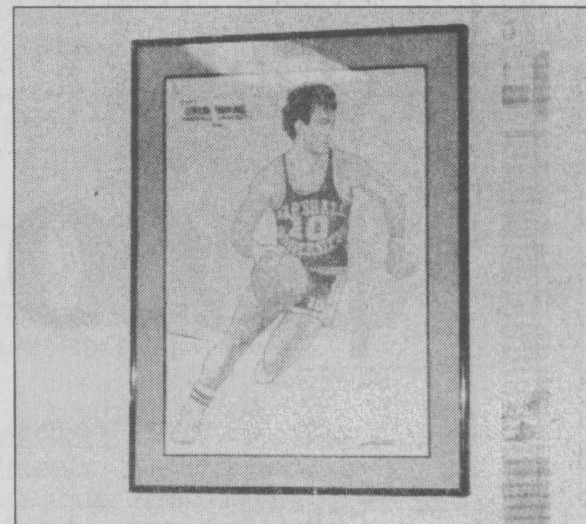


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Drawing of Greg White when he was a player, now hangs in his office as a coach.



Photo by Terri Blair

Director of Athletics, Lance West at his desk.

Fourth of July celebrations offer entertainment, fireworks

by CARA D. COOPER
LIFE! editor

Entertainment, food, fun and fireworks are all a part of a great Fourth of July celebration and Huntington and Barboursville are trying to live up to the tradition.

Radio station WTCR 103.3 is sponsoring Freedom Fest 2000 at Huntington's Harris Riverfront Park, Judy Eaton, promotions director, said.

"We have done this for years and years," she said. "We do it to thank our listeners for listening."

Freedom Fest 2000 will feature local performers Rhett Akins, Paul Pace, Amy Chaney, The Blaine Brothers and others, Eaton said.

The headline act will be country west-

ern performer Aaron Tippin.

The celebration kicks off at 4 p.m. and will have a variety of food vendors to choose from, Eaton said.

She said Freedom Fest will end its Fourth of July celebration with fireworks, which will begin between 10 and 10:30 p.m.

The Barboursville community has also planned a Fourth of July celebration of its own.

It will be held at the Barboursville Community Park and will feature food vendors as well as three different performers, Charlie Woolcox, finance director for the city of Barboursville, said.

The McDowell Family, a gospel group from Florida, will perform two shows between 4 and 6 p.m., with Huntington native, Brandon Caserta following with

two performances of his own between 6 and 8 p.m., Woolcox said.

Just as Caserta is finishing his set, a local parachute team will jump from an airplane and land at the park while carrying the American flag, Woolcox said.

After the parachute team lands, the Charleston group Santa Cruz will take the stage and perform its two shows between 8 and 10 p.m., he said.

The grand finale is a show of fireworks, featuring 1500 shots and will begin at 10 p.m., Woolcox said.

Along with its normal activities, Camden Park will also have two performances by country western newcomer, Todd Dunford. His performances will begin at 3 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. And fireworks are slated to start at midnight, a spokeswoman for the park said.

