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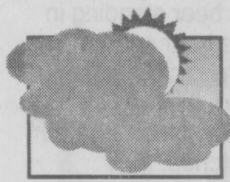
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## More than 200 register to vote

WSSA hosts voting drive on Student Center Plaza

by SARA E. PAYNE  
reporter

The 18-24-year-old demographic consistently lags behind in voter turnout, but one group has decided to try to change that.

The Women's Studies Student Association (WSSA) sponsored a voter registration drive Tuesday and Wednesday at the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

The volunteers shared information about voter registration and assisted students in the process.

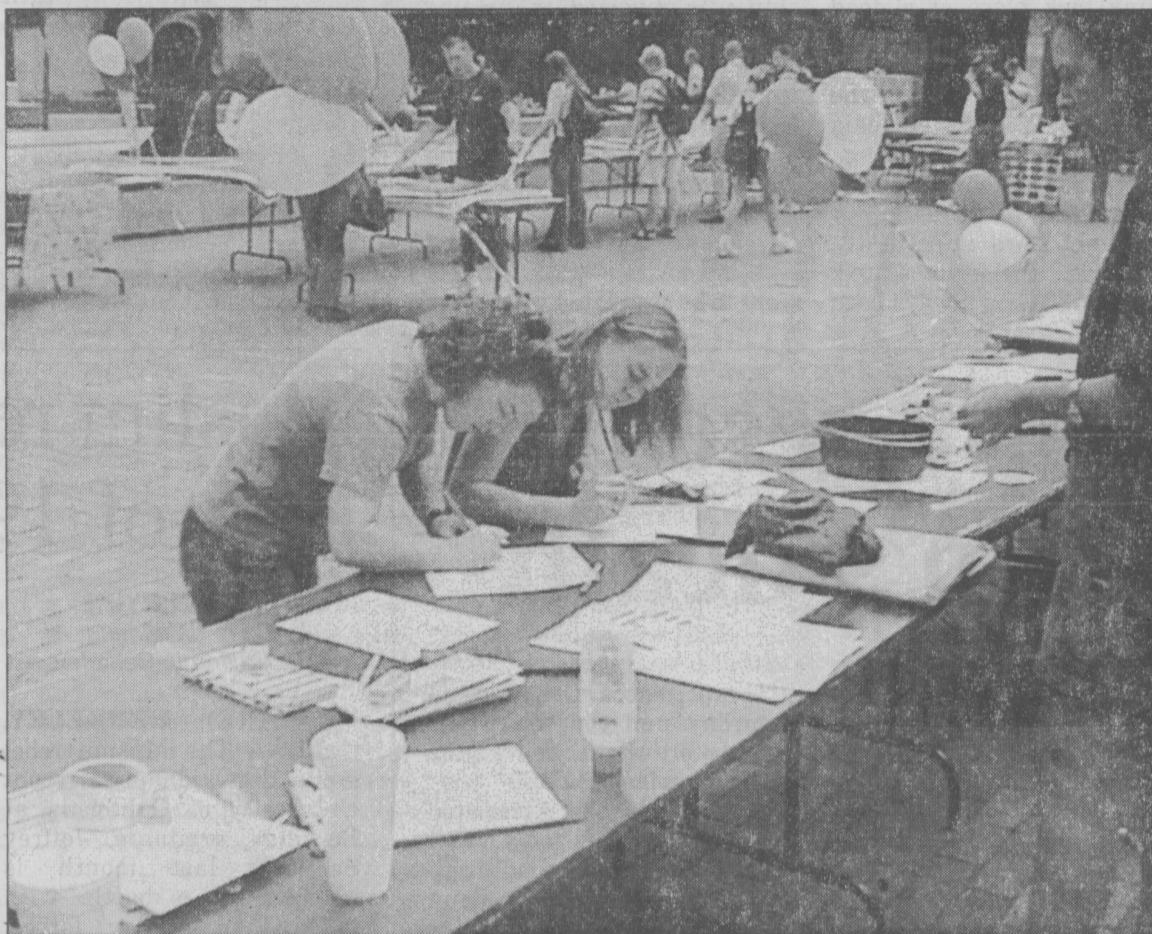
"We have wanted to do a voting drive ever since summer," WSSA President Kate Johnson said.

"Many students don't vote because they are away from their hometown," she said. "And we think that it is important to let students know that they can obtain voting status in Huntington."

WSSA registered more than 200 people over the course of the event.

"The election is November 7 and the results will affect every individual," said Nate Kuratomi, president of the Young Democrats.

"The key to get 18-24-year-olds to vote is to first get them



Brooke Finley, treasurer of the Women's Studies Student Association, registers Sarah Lamkin, Muskegon, Mich., freshman, and Candice Johnson, from Cincinnati, Ohio.

registered," he added. "And WSSA did a great job with the voting drive."

Johnson said the program wasn't intended to sway peoples' voting patterns, but to get them involved in the voting process.

"We are not trying to tell people how to vote," Johnson said. "The most important goal of WSSA is sending the mes-

sage to actually go and vote."

The two-day event featured speakers and literature to educate potential voters.

The program also featured discussions about voting issues affecting women.

"It is important for women to vote because their freedoms need to be upheld and their concerns addressed," said Paul

Kuharish, College Republicans vice president.

Dr. Lynn Rigsbee, political science professor, gave a speech on the importance of voting for a candidate that reflects the individual's views.

"Vote your heart, vote your conviction," he said. "Voting is the most important decision you will make as a political being."

## Addison arrested on felony count

by PAUL FALLON  
reporter

Former Thundering Herd football player, Bobby Addison, 20, was arrested on two felony counts and five misdemeanors Tuesday. Addison, of 1421 Seventh Ave., was arrested at 2107 Seventh Ave. at approximately 10:45 p.m.

According to the Huntington Police Department, Addison and four other suspects were at 2101 Buffington Ave. when Addison began assaulting his girlfriend and two other residents. Police allege Addison hit his girlfriend in the face and kicked her legs.

According to the report, Addison was then locked out of the apartment. He broke a window and re-entered the residence, and then chased his girlfriend through the apartment and pushed her into a wall. One of the residents of the apartment ran into the street and started shouting for help. The suspects fled on foot, the report said.

Officers from the Huntington Police Department arrived and began a search. According to the report, the officers discovered that Addison and the other suspects had forced their

way into an apartment located at 2107 Seventh Ave. The report said the residents did not know the suspects and did not give them permission to enter the residence.

Officers attempted to enter the apartment, but the suspects would not let them in, the report said.

The officers then obtained a manager's key and entered the apartment.

According to the report, Addison refused to be handcuffed. A scuffle ensued and officers struck Addison several times in the leg with a police baton, the report said. Officers were then able to handcuff Addison. According to the report, Addison had no visible injuries. The other four suspects were arrested without incident.

Addison was arrested on felony counts of burglary and entering without breaking. He was also arrested on one count each of domestic battery, obstructing justice, destruction of property and two counts of battery, all of which are misdemeanors.

The other suspects were

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## Part-time Jobs Fair has large turnout

by JASON THACKER  
reporter

Students seeking to ease the burden of college expenses found several job opportunities at Wednesday's annual Part-Time Jobs Fair.

The Career Services Center sponsored the event in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. The fair, which was open to all students, presented 20 local and regional employers.

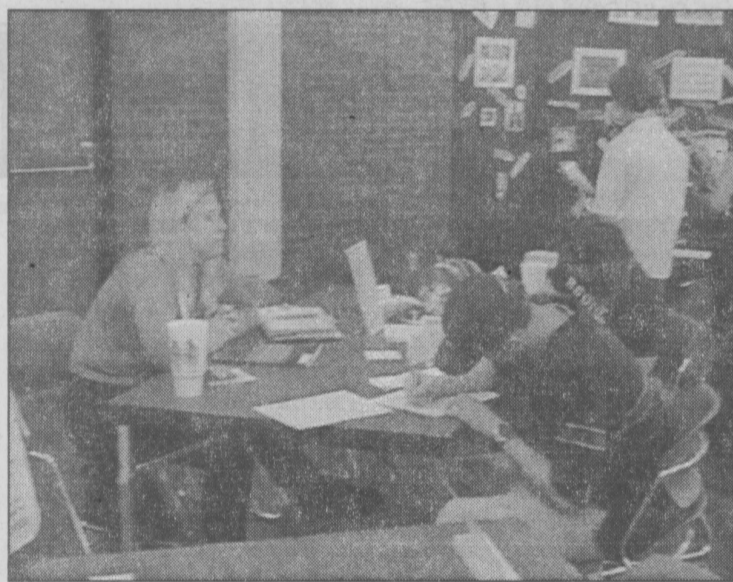
Patricia G. Gallagher, recruiting coordinator for the Career Services Center, said the fair was a success for students and employers.

"We started this fair three years ago because we recognized that employers often need help at the beginning of the school year," she said.

Gallagher was pleased with the more than 275 students who attended.

"We estimated that 300 students would come, so we hit our target," she said.

The fair presented a variety of recruiters in telemarketing, health care, retail



Students Edward W. Yates and Melissa D. Nenni meet with Michelle Watts, corporate training director for Big Sandy Superstores, during the Career Services Center's Part-time Jobs Fair on Wednesday.

and banking. Some of the participants were Alliance Research, Bank One Management Corp., King's Daughters Medical Center and Big Sandy Superstores.

Kerri L. Thomas, a senior counseling major from Huntington, said the fair assisted her job hunt.

"I am really needing a part-time job to help with all my expenses," she said. "So far I have made some good contacts and filled out several applications."

Extra money was also the driving force behind Edward W. Yates' attendance.

"I am living on campus in

Twin Towers and I need some money to help with the cost of dorm life," said the freshman accounting major from Williamson. "I will hopefully find a job here today to help with my expenses."

But students were not the only ones grateful for the fair. Employers were also pleased with the turnout.

Norma Rice, employment coordinator with King's Daughters Medical Center, said the fair was a great way for her to find people to fill positions.

"We have temporary positions open at the center," she said. "We are specifically looking for people to work positions on an as-needed basis. We are also offering some positions to nursing students."

The Career Services Center will sponsor a Career Connections Job Fair on Oct. 11 in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. The fair is open to all students.

More information is available by contacting the center at 696-2371.

## Monk to speak about Buddhism in America, experiences abroad

by MAKIKO SASUNUMA  
reporter

An American-born Buddhist monk will visit Marshall University on Friday and speak about "Buddhism in America" and his encounter with the Dalai Lama.

Bhante Yagavacara Rahula recently completed a six-month-long trek and teaching tour through the Himalayan mountains and northern India.

According to a news release, Rahula helped found the Theravadan forest monastery and retreat center, The Bhavana Society, begun in 1988 by Bhante Gunaratana in the backwoods of Hampshire County, W.Va.

He is now the second-senior monk there.

Douglas Imbrogno, an American Buddhist and the feature editor for the Charleston Gazette, said he invited Rahula to come to Marshall for a talk so people could meet a real American-born Buddhist monk.

"Often people think of Buddhism and monks as being represented by people from the East," said Imbrogno. "Yet, Buddhist teachings have really have taken root in America and the number of American teachers is growing."

Imbrogno said Marshall is a good place for a visit because of the work Dr. Alan Altany, professor of religious studies, has done in his teaching and writing about religious traditions and inter-faith dialogue between Christianity and Buddhism.

Altany said he advocates "serious interreligious dialogue." "He said vision and beliefs should be 'genuinely listened to and taken seriously.'"



Buddhist monk Bhante Yagavacara Rahula will visit Marshall on Friday.

Altany said interreligious dialogue may be one of the most significant events occurring today. As the decades pass, more and more people are coming into contact with people of religious traditions to which they do not belong, he said.

"Bhante Rahula's visit gives people an opportunity to hear and to discuss the intellectual content of religions, an area often woefully ignored," Altany said.

It has been said that college students are religiously illiterate in that few know much about the intellectual heritage of the world religions, he added.

"To be exposed to people of different perspectives, cultures and religions not only help to learn what was not known or understood previously, but to learn

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## Tickets for Little Richard concert still available

by SHALLON JONES  
reporter

Tickets for Little Richard's performance at the Keith-Albee Theatre are still available. The show, which is part of the Marshall Artists Series, starts at 8 p.m. tonight.

Little Richard, who claims to be the creator of rock 'n' roll, made his debut into the music scene in the mid-1950s, and by 1968, had sold more than 32 million records. Some of his popular songs are "Tutti Frutti," "Long

Tall Sally" and "Good Golly, Miss Molly."

The Joan C. Edwards box office will be open until 5 p.m. today. If any tickets are still available after 5 p.m., they will be sold tonight starting at 7 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Everyone with discounted tickets must bring their tickets and Marshall IDs to the performance. Those who show up without IDs will not be permitted to enter the show, said Angela Jones, director of marketing and external affairs for MAS.



Tickets for Little Richard concert at the Keith Albee Theatre are still available at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse box office.

# Former Bonfire crew says 'Stay home'

by **MARIANO CASTILLO and BRADY CREEL**  
*The Battalion*  
 Texas A&M University

**(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas** — The Texas A&M University Traditions Maintenance Council (TMC), a group of former Bonfire crew chiefs and chairpersons, denounced student support of Keep The Fire Burning (KTFB) Monday in a statement issued as a letter to the student body. TMC urged students to "stay home when KTFB has their first cut."

out, getting to know your dorm buddies, and ensuring that our student body stays as close without Bonfire as it was with it," the letter encouraged.

TMC, a group that claims it knows as much about Bonfire as anyone, took an official position concerning the off-campus bonfire Monday.

Members of TMC met with KTFB board members informally two weeks ago and have taken time since then to determine their position, said Aaron Rigamonti, president of TMC.

"We ... cannot support the efforts of Keep The Fire Burning," the letter stated. "We

do not feel that KTFB has enough expertise, manpower, or the proper goals to carry on the tradition of Fightin' Texas Aggie Bonfire."

KTFB board members say TMC never met with them.

Rigamonti said the informal meeting took place at a dead pot's — a former Bonfire leader — house on Sept. 6. Will Clark, a board member of KTFB, who Rigamonti said was there, said he does not recall the meeting.

"There is no amount of debating that will bring back our Bonfire or, more importantly, our friends," the letter stated. "Aggie Bonfire has always been

a symbol of bringing all Aggies together to work toward a single unified goal. We do not want to see this tradition become something to tear us apart as a university."

Rigamonti said TMC was told that previous Bonfire leadership was involved in helping KTFB.

"In the meeting that we had with [KTFB], we didn't get that feeling from them that they had enough of that leadership, and we didn't want to be associated with what they are doing," Rigamonti said. "We are not associated with KTFB; we do not want to be associated with them,

*"Spend that time hanging out, getting to know your dorm buddies, and ensuring that our student body stays as close without Bonfire as it was with it."*

**Traditions Maintenance Council,**

in a letter to a group that wants to continue Texas A&M's Bonfire tradition

and we don't intend to be." "Aggie Bonfire ... is not about division, arrogance and revolt," the letter stated.

"We feel confident that the administration will work with us and that although our version of

Bonfire is gone forever, the spirit that surrounds it will remain."

Rigamonti said he believes that of the thousands of supporters KTFB boasts, many are not in favor of the off-campus bonfire.

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## Professor to return after threats

**(U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind.** — In May, Murray Sperber fled Indiana University after receiving death threats for his criticism of controversial IU basketball coach Bob Knight.

But Tuesday — a little more than a week after Knight was fired — Sperber is back in Bloomington, meeting with his bosses to decide when to return to the school.

Last spring, Sperber stepped into the national spotlight when CNN released a tape of Knight choking one of his players and the coach came under review from Indiana.

Sperber was the only faculty member at the school to publicly call for the coach's ouster.

"I kept speaking out," Sperber said. "And as it came closer to that decision in May, I began receiving lots of threats."

"And I suddenly flashed on this vision of one of these lunatics coming flying through the door and there's this young teaching assistant and 25 freshmen and he gets violent," he said. "And so I went to my boss and said 'I can't teach under these circumstances.'"

Sperber was planning to return to Indiana in the spring. He hopes to return sooner to do what he loves: teaching students.

# Gene therapy research cause of man's death

by **ALEXIS GILBERT**  
*Daily Pennsylvanian*  
 University of Pennsylvania

**(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA** — The family of Jesse Gelsinger filed a wrongful death suit against the University of Pennsylvania and others involved with Penn's Institute for Human Gene Therapy Monday, a year and a day after the teen-ager died while participating in a Penn gene therapy research program.

The complaint, filed in Philadelphia Common Pleas Court, claims Gelsinger's death was a direct result of negligence by Penn, IHGT Director James M. Wilson and the two other scientists who ran the experiment in which Gelsinger was enrolled.

The suit lists six causes for action, including wrongful death, fraud, emotional distress and assault and battery. It asks for \$50,000 for each count, as well as punitive damages.

Filed on behalf of both Gelsinger's estate and his father, Paul, the suit echoes the violations that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration uncovered last year after a lengthy investigation of the IHGT that ended in a federal suspension of clinical gene therapy trials at Penn and a later decision by the university to end all human testing at the Institute.

Jesse Gelsinger was born with a mild form of ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency, or OTC — a disease which affects the liver's ability to break down ammonia, a by-product of protein digestion.

Most OTC sufferers die as infants, but Jesse's disease could be regulated with medication and a low-protein diet.

According to the lawsuit, Gelsinger agreed to participate in the gene therapy study at IHGT in the hopes of helping others with more serious forms of OTC, although the treatment would not benefit him personally.

On Sept. 13, 1999, the lawsuit claims, Jesse was injected with an experimental vector.

Over the next four days, Gelsinger showed increasingly serious symptoms, slipped into a coma and passed away on the afternoon of Sept. 17.

One year later, his father is still facing the tragedy.

"I experienced the pain on Saturday and for the whole week before that. I relived the whole experience," Paul Gelsinger told the Associated Press Monday.

Though Gelsinger had originally defended Penn researchers, the complaint alleges that, while Jesse and Paul were trying to decide whether Jesse was a good candidate for the gene transfer trial, researchers Steven Raper and Mark Batshaw allegedly failed to mention that other patients in the trials had suffered serious adverse side effects, and that prior to Jesse's enrollment, monkeys injected with the same virus either became ill or died — suffering many of the same symptoms that affected the 18-year-old during the days following his gene transfer.

# Muslim rebels risk lives of 19 hostages

by **ERIN HYUN**  
*Daily Californian*  
 U. California-Berkeley

**(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif.** — The Muslim rebel group that kidnapped recent University of California at Berkeley graduate Jeffrey Schilling last month is engaged in a battle with Philippine military forces, putting the lives of Schilling and 18 other hostages at risk.

The Philippine government launched an attack on the Abu Sayyaf rebels over the weekend, scattering group members and their hostages throughout the island of Jolo, located about 600 miles south of Manila, a state department official said.

Schilling, a Muslim convert, graduated from UC Berkeley in 1999 with a degree in Near Eastern studies. The Abu Sayyaf captured him in August when he traveled to the Philippines to marry fiancée Ivi V. Osani.

No one can confirm if

Schilling or any of the other hostages were killed, but Philippine officials remain hopeful that they are still alive since none of the captives have been found. The Abu Sayyaf have not contacted the government since the attack started and no one knows if all the hostages are together, the official said.


The U.S. government is in contact with the Philippine government, but has no involvement in the battles against the rebels, the official said.

"While we have urged a peaceful resolution through negotiations and stressed our concern for the safety of the hostages, the ultimate decision to use force is in the hands of the Philippine government, he said.

Philippine President Joseph Estrada's call for military action late Friday night came after five months of negotiations. Some hostages have been released, but new ones have been captured in recent weeks.

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# Student court swears in new justices, chief

by CINDY H. LIBERATORE  
reporter

With two new members and a new chief justice, the student supreme court held its first session of the fall semester.

John Janusz became the Interim Chief Justice when Bill Walker took office as student body president this past April. Last night, Janusz was sworn in as Chief Justice.

Megan Kiger and Erin Dager, who were approved by SGA last week, were sworn in as well. Emily Morse, the third new justice approved, was unable to attend.

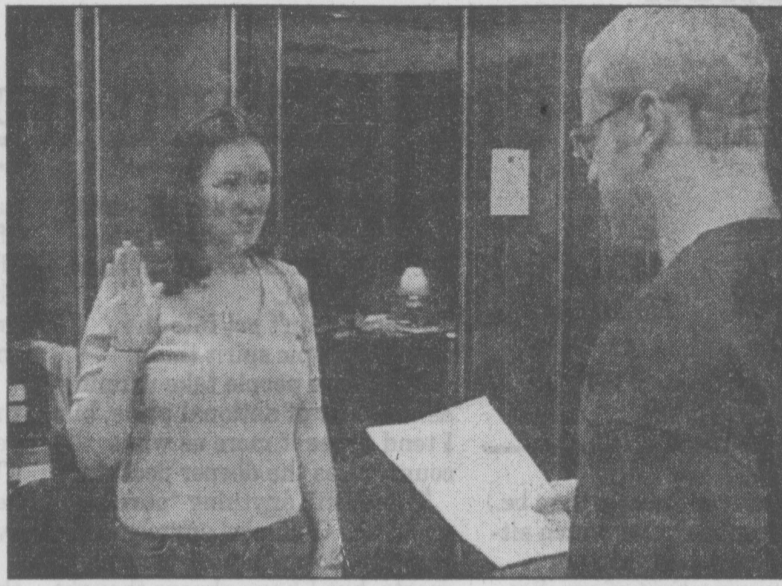
Janusz said he is excited about the new semester and wants to make changes in the student court.

"We will be going through training programs and talk to actual court justices," Janusz said. "We are going to look more professional."

Sarah Gilliam, student justice, shares Janusz's excitement. "I think it is great that we are getting more involved this year," she said.

After the justices were sworn in, two student organizations approached the court to be approved.

The Marshall Forensics



Student Supreme Court Chief Justice John Janusz swears in new justice Megan Kiger.

Association wants to increase interest and awareness of the forensics program throughout Marshall. The organization has 16 members, but is open to new students.

The Delta Sigma Pi fraternity is trying to start a charter on Marshall's campus. The business fraternity is coeducational and wants to be treated like a social fraternity. They participate in two community service projects per year and host speakers throughout the semester,

so students will have a better understanding of professional life. There are currently 18 members. Membership is open to students in the College of Business.

Both organizations were approved by the court, with the recommendation that they work to increase students' awareness of them.

The next student supreme court meeting will be at 9:15 p.m. Oct. 11 in the Student Government Association office.

# Towers East program focuses on West Virginia culture and history

by LESLIE C. DANIELS  
reporter

Twin Towers East residents had the chance to learn about West Virginia's history in a program jokingly called "Rednecks and Hillbillies."

Marshall's Residence Hall Association is offering several programs this semester on cultural diversity.

Scott Carson, a junior from Cincinnati and 11-th floor resident adviser at Twin Towers East, conducted a cultural diversity program called "Rednecks and Hillbillies" for dorm residents Wednesday night in the 1st floor study lounge.

"I want people to look at the culture and I wanted to give a different perspective," he said.

Lynda Ewen, a sociology professor at Marshall, was the guest speaker.

She talked about the stereotypes of West Virginians and others from the Appalachian area.

"We are depicted as backward, ignorant and lazy," Ewen said.

She also talked about some of the positive things about living in West Virginia and the Appalachian area.

"West Virginia has the lowest homeless rate per capita in the country," Ewen said. "West Virginians are loyal to the area and family."

Ewen also discussed the state's history.

"In the 1920s and 1930s, the Coal Miner's Union helped organize the CIO and they organized steel, auto rubber and

glass in the 1920s and 1930s," Ewen said. "They also organized worker's compensation and the eight hour work day."

Ewen discussed how in the early 1970s the Black Lung Association fought the federal government to get compensation for coal miners.

Ewen said people can find more information about Appalachian culture at [www.marshall.edu/csega/](http://www.marshall.edu/csega/).

# Alumni officers set year's goals

by ELIOT PARKER  
reporter

The new president of the Alumni Association wants to get inactive alumni involved with Marshall, and he has four more new officers to help him with that goal.

The alumni association board of directors elected Jeffrey A. Porter as president during their spring meeting. Porter's term will last two years.

Porter is a native of Huntington and a 1977 graduate of Marshall with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is a certified public accountant and president of Porter and Associates.

Most recently, Porter was the first vice president of the Marshall University Alumni Association and has served on the board since 1994.

"I am excited about the opportunities for the association to grow just like the university has," Porter said.

Porter said some of his goals over the next two years include increasing active membership in the alumni association and creating more activities for alumni. Porter said that only 9-10 percent of Marshall alumni are active, and that percentage needs to be raised.

"We were looking for someone who is a leader and can increase alumni membership and participation and we felt Jeff could help us do that," said Sam Stanley, assistant vice president of alumni relations.

Working 60-65 hours a week as a self-employed CPA makes time a concern, but Porter said he will be able to serve effectively as president.

The elected officers chosen by the board will serve one-year terms. They are Martha Hill, a 1975 Marshall graduate from Charleston, first vice president; Selby Litton, a 1973 Marshall graduate from

Huntington, second vice president; Debbie Lewis, a 1982 Marshall graduate from Huntington, treasurer, and Jack Blevins, a 1964 graduate from Huntington-secretary.

Outgoing president George Lambros, a 1977 graduate of Marshall, will continue on the board of directors as immediate past president.

New board members elected by active alumni to serve a three-year term, effective July 1, 2000, are Mike Graybeal, a 1974 Marshall graduate from Huntington; Olive Hager, a 1957 Marshall graduate from Hamlin, W.Va.; Jim Conrad, a 1958 Marshall graduate from Sidney, Ohio; Jim Summers, a 1970 Marshall graduate from Atlanta and Anne Mullarky, a 1952 Marshall graduate from Huntington.

This is Mullarky's second term on the board, while Hager has served the past year as the College of Education's representative.

# Moving Toward Freedom: Slavery and Resistance

WVU professor opens series with Middle Passage lecture

by SAEED ALSHAHRANI  
reporter

Marshall's lecture and symposium series on slavery, "Moving Toward Freedom: Slavery and Resistance," begins tonight with a presentation by a West Virginia University history professor.

The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Grace Bible Church in Charleston with Dr. Amos K. Beyan, associate professor of history at West Virginia University.

Beyan said he will discuss the Middle Passage — the transport of African slaves to America by ship — and the demographic impact of the capturing process.

He said the men of the ethnic groups brought to America did not come from South America. They came from West Africa and Central West Africa.

"I will discuss the impact and then the legacy, the legacy being the lasting impact," Beyan said. "For example, one of the lasting impacts would obviously be colonialism. Because [one of the] Europeans' ... justifications for the imposition of colonialism was a way to get rid of the slave trade."

He will focus on the 1700s because it was the peak of the slave trade. "Most of the

Africans were taken from Africa about the 1700s," Beyan said. "I have argued that 9.5 million Africans were taken, others have been thinking about 5 million."

Beyan specializes in African history and teaches courses on the Trans-Atlantic slave trade. He is the author of "The American Colonization Society and the Creation of the Liberian State: A historical perspective 1822-1900."

His research focuses on John B. Russwurm, the third African-American to earn a college degree in America.

The lecture and symposium series is being presented by Marshall with financial assistance from the West Virginia Humanities Council, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## Addison arrested

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arrested on counts of entering without breaking and accessory to burglary. The suspects are Kirt N. Warner, 20, of 1421 Seventh Ave; Drayton E. Hickman, 23, of 635 14th Street; Isaiah C. Haynes, 21, of 1421 Seventh Ave; and Marcus N. Barron, 19, of 1421 Seventh Ave.

As of Wednesday night,

Addison was being held in the Cabell County Jail on \$65,000 bond, according to a jail spokesman. Warner, Hickman and Haynes were on \$20,000 bonds. Barron was released on \$20,000 bond. Officers of Huntington Police Department said they could not comment on the case. "The case is still under investigation," a police spokeswoman said.

Addison was arrested on July 21 on a felony count of malicious wounding during an altercation behind the Drink. The indictment is still pending.

## Rahula visits campus

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more about oneself and one's own religious tradition or world view, to see it from a new angle, freshly, to ask questions not thought to have been asked earlier," Altany said.

Imbrogno said Rahula will talk about meditation and

what Buddhism teaches about how one should live one's life. He will also talk about his own colorful life, as a wandering hippie in the 70s, staying high and at one point even being jailed in Afghanistan for trying to smuggle drugs out of the country to sell to finance his further travels, and how he met the Dalai Lama and other spiritual teachers.

Rahula will speak Friday at noon in Hall 134. It is free and open to public.

## Corrections

The following are corrections for the "Angel Hosts BBQ for Faculty" article that appeared in the Sept. 19 edition — the barbecue was not sponsored by Marshall University President Dan Angel, but was sponsored by the Marshall University Family Life Association, formerly the Women's Faculty Club. President Angel said the event was paid for by the

President's office. The organizers of the event were Jean Modlin, Jean Douglas, Linda Hamilton and Deborah Freidin. It was the third annual picnic for the faculty and the staff.

In yesterday's issue of The Parthenon, the honor society in the story "Gamma Beta Phi opens year by conducting two meetings" was Phi Eta Sigma.

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## OUR views

# Registration of voters a huge success

Tuesday and Wednesday, more than 200 people made an important decision.

They registered to vote at the drive sponsored by the Women's Studies Student Association.

To be honest, we are shocked, but pleased, with the number of new voters. College students are not known for being a large voting group. In fact, 18- to 24-year-olds consistently have the lowest voter turnout.

So, we commend the Women's Studies Student Association for successfully recruiting more than 200 new voters.

But, the association did not simply stick forms in people's faces to try to get as many people to register as possible.

The group also had several speakers who talked about issues in this year's elections that affect students — taxes, the environment and education.

Now the challenge is getting the newly registered voters to actually exercise their rights in the Nov. 7 election, not to mention the rest of their lives.

# New alumni officers have a big job ahead

The five new members of the board of directors of Marshall's Alumni Association have quite a job ahead of them.

According to today's story on page three, Jeffrey A. Porter, the association's new president, has a few goals for his term. Porter wants to increase active membership and create more activities for alumni.

Marshall can spend as much money as it wants trying to get more people to choose to attend school here. But we say alumni are one of Marshall's biggest assets.

Alumni are the ones who live all over the world — they certainly reach more potential students than a television commercial ever could. Certainly word of mouth is one of the most effective forms of advertising.

The more alumni active in the association, the better off the university is.

We wish the new members of the Alumni Association's board of directors luck with their goals.

# Olympic torch not the shining light it was

It's that time again... Time for another rant. And what, might you ask, am I going to ramble on about today?

It just so happens that it is a subject dominating television — the Olympics.

I can't stand the Olympics. Now maybe it is a personal shortcoming, and I'm willing to accept that. But the fact still remains, the Olympics make me cringe.

The events seem silly to me, the action is less than thrilling and I grow weary of the “circular” events. (For those of you who don't understand what I mean by “circular” events, let me explain. I use this term loosely to describe those events which go nowhere, such as back and forth, round and



ADAM GRAHAM  
guest columnist

round, whatever the case may be.)

I would much rather watch sitcom reruns than sit through another rousing bout of synchronized swimming.

Not only do the Olympics bore me, I also take exception to the commercialization of them.

Don't get me wrong, I don't think the Olympics are necessarily a bad thing (although I ques-

tion why countries are allocating funds for athletes when far bigger issues abound, such as basic human needs).

I simply can't get into the whole Olympic spirit thing.

Now some people take winning as a matter of national pride, but I tend to see it more as what country has the deeper pockets.

There isn't anything “pure” about the Olympics anymore. Not that this doesn't apply to all sports, but I have always thought that the Olympics were suppose to exemplify something more (as in who is a better athlete, not who can afford the best trainers and equipment).

I find my thinking leads me down the path that the Olympics

have degenerated from the ideals of the ancient Greeks to the greed of modern man. It isn't even about the athletes themselves anymore, rather it concerns sponsorship and television rights.

My only consolation is that they only come once every four years (that is until some brilliant TV exec decides that ratings can be improved by running them every year).

So as the Olympics churn along this year, all I can say is this: I can't wait till that torch is doused and I can get back to wasting my time on mindless sitcoms.

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## THEIR view

### Campaign finance issues cloud elections

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich.

— Anyone who watches television can't help but be annoyed with the barrage of political ads inundating the airwaves at this time of year. It seems every break in every show is filled with candidates denouncing one another in terms that are generally less than accurate.

Indeed, the problem is so bad that many advertisements have become more newsworthy than the campaign itself. A case in point is the recent Republican commercial attacking Vice President Al Gore's health care plan, which flashes the word “rats” on the screen at the end of the ad for one frame. Critics of the ad accuse the GOP of inserting subliminal messages into their commercial, while the Bush camp says it was completely unintentional (a claim which, given the excruciating detail put into the process of creating computer graphics, is dubious).

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If there are subliminal messages in the ad, Bush's campaign team has definitely crossed the line.

There is a solution to the advertising problem, though: reform the campaign finance laws. As it stands now, candidates of all party affiliations are using money donated to the party as a whole to finance advertisements that are quite clearly meant as campaign ads rather than issue ads, even if they do not specifically say so.

Overhauling campaign finance in order to change this could cut down on the number of overblown or even blatantly untruthful claims that fill every television commercial break.

## CAMPUS views

### MUFLA, not Angel, paid for picnic

Your story on the faculty-staff picnic, titled “Angel hosts BBQ for faculty,” was full of factual errors.

The event was hosted not by President Angel but by the Marshall University Family Life Association (MUFLA), and the organizers were Jean Modlin, Jean Douglas, Linda Hamilton and Deborah Freidin.

This was their third annual picnic for the faculty and also for the staff (the last omitted by your reporter).

Dr. Angel and his office did lend support to the event, however, and his presence was a fresh and

welcome change from our previous president's lack of concern for Marshall University personnel.

And why a photograph of the President with Dr. Denman, the Provost, and not one of a staff or faculty member? A shoddy job of reporting.

I would like to end on a positive note, and thank MUFLA for a very enjoyable and successful picnic.

— Nicholas Freidin  
professor of anthropology

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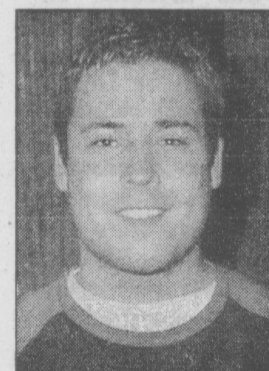
## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

Do you think the university should have control over the Web sites students can access on campus (i.e. Napster, pornography, Scour.com, etc.)?



“I don't think it really matters whether or not the university has control, because I can always just go somewhere else and access it if I really wanted to.”

— Kasey Pelphrey,  
Huntington sophomore  
majoring in public relations



“I don't think so, not in the dorms, anyway. But I could see that maybe in the library or in another public place where other people are going to have to be exposed to it.”

— Matt Weimer,  
Toledo, Ohio, senior majoring in chemistry



“I'm really computer illiterate, so I really don't know all that much about any of those sites, so it really doesn't apply to me.”

— Karen Grey,  
medical assistant senior from South Point, Ohio

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America's defending gold medalist and No. 1 seed Lindsey Davenport withdrew from Olympic tennis competition Thursday with a sprained ankle. Davenport's departure ends U.S. hopes of a medal sweep. The United States will now rely on Venus Williams and Monica Seles to medal.



# Men's soccer shuts out Winthrop

by JILL C. NETTLES and MICHELLE JAMES  
The Parthenon

After Saturday's loss to Mt. Saint Mary's, Thundering Herd men's soccer Coach Bob Gray said his team "wanted to get back on a winning way." Marshall found that winning way Wednesday as it shut out Winthrop 4-0 at Sam Hood Field.

With the win, the Thundering Herd moved to 5-1 on the season. While Marshall allowed no goals, Winthrop had a difficult time stopping the Thundering Herd, allowing three goals in the second period.

Midfielder Chris Donovan scored first for Marshall with an unassisted goal with 15:31

*"Our conference is tough and anybody can beat anyone on any given day, especially on the road."*

**Bob Gray,**  
Marshall men's soccer coach

left in the first period. The Thundering Herd's second goal, also scored by Donovan, was assisted by forward Abdul Wahab Lubega. Wahab Lubega scored the team's third goal with an assist by defender Wayne Bennett. Defender Dennis Ahebwa scored Marshall's final goal with an assist from Donovan. Goal Keeper Taly Goode kept Winthrop from scoring with four saves. Winthrop made seven saves and committed 10 fouls. The Thundering Herd was guilty of 17 fouls. The Thundering Herd had

four corner kicks in the first half, to Winthrop's three.

Bennet said the he thinks the win will help the Thundering Herd as it heads into action the weekend.

"The win is good preparation for conference play," Bennett said.

Marshall will travel to take on MAC foe Western Michigan at 1 p.m. Saturday. Last season, the Thundering Herd saw a 2-0 lead disappear as it tied the Bronco's 2-2.

Gray said he the team is looking forward to the challenge.

"This will be a tough trip," Gray said. "Our conference is tough and anyone can beat anybody on any given day, especially on the road. But, we look forward to the challenge and will be ready to play."

After the matchup with Western Michigan, Marshall will travel to play MAC opponent Northern Illinois.

The Thundering Herd will look to avenge the 2-1 loss it suffered to the Huskies in the semifinals of the 1999 MAC Tournament.



The Thundering Herd men's soccer team improved to 5-1 on the season Wednesday, as it defeated Winthrop 4-0 at Sam Hood Field.

## UNC game another reunion for Herd

HUNTINGTON (AP) — First, it was Tim Billings. Now, the Marshall reunion tour heads to North Carolina to meet up with former Herd wide receivers coach Gunter Brewer.

"It will be emotional," Brewer said. "It will be a strange feeling being on the other side of the field, I've been on that side for four years and I've got a lot invested in those kids."

The chance to beat Brewer is

certain to add a little more incentive to a Marshall team that doesn't want to go 1-2 for the first time since 1987.

"We're there to concentrate on the game and not who's coaching which team," said senior wide receiver Nate Poole.

In the season opener, Marshall faced Billings, the first-year coach at Southeast Missouri who was a Thundering Herd assistant the 10 previous

seasons. Billings was the defensive coordinator last year and there was some concern his knowledge would help Southeast Missouri.

It didn't. Marshall won 63-7.

Sure, Brewer may spill a few secrets, yet Marshall plans to have a few variations in store.

"They still have to stop us," running back Chanston Rogers said. "If they don't stop us, it won't make any difference."

## UNC: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

The North Carolina Tar Heels are the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of college football, and that should concern the Thundering Herd.

During this era of college football, teams like Florida State and Nebraska dominate the opposition every year. It is rare to find a team that has been through valleys and climbed mountains.

But the Tar Heels are one of those teams. Chapel Hill, N.C., is a community where basketball is the sport of recognition.

For a school whose most famous alumni carry a basketball and not a football, UNC has experienced successes and disappointments trying to gain national prominence on the gridiron.

In 1988, the Tar Heels' football program was in absolute disarray. The team had suffered two losing seasons in three years and three non-winning seasons in its previous four years. The attitude of the team and community was bleak, and optimism was non-existent.

As the 1980s came to a close, the winds of change brought about a spirit of good fortune



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guest columnist

for the Heels, mainly in the form of Coach Mack Brown.

By 1991, the football team was on its way to dominance and national recognition. Six years later in 1997, UNC would be 10-1 and ranked No. 7 in the nation.

Over the course of the 1990s, Brown would lead UNC to six straight bowl games and eight straight winning seasons. Mack "Dr. Jekyll" Brown had resurrected a dysfunctional team and made it a winner.

But Dr. Mack would soon become Mr. Hyde and scamper to the University of Texas before the end of the 1997 season, leaving players and fans stunned and heartbroken.

The last three years have not been kind to the Tar Heels.

Starting quarterback Oscar Davenport was injured on the second play of the first game in 1998, and that injury sent UNC on a tailspin.

Things continued to sour in 1999, as the Tar Heels went 3-8.

Now the 2000 season is here, and a new decade brings questions and expectations. Will the Tar Heels continue the trend of losing that haunted the program in the late 1980s and 1990s? Only time will tell.

Marshall walks into Saturday's game after a bye week and a loss to Michigan State. North Carolina comes fresh off a 63-14 loss to Florida State.

UNC may have a chance to dismiss the "Mr. Hyde" persona that has plagued the football program. Prior to the game against the Seminoles, the Tar Heels were 2-0, and No. 1 in the country in rush defense.

Marshall has a chance to go to Chapel Hill and score a major win over a football team caught in a minor valley.

However, if the Thundering Herd struggles Saturday night, it may be because "Dr. Jekyll" decided to play.

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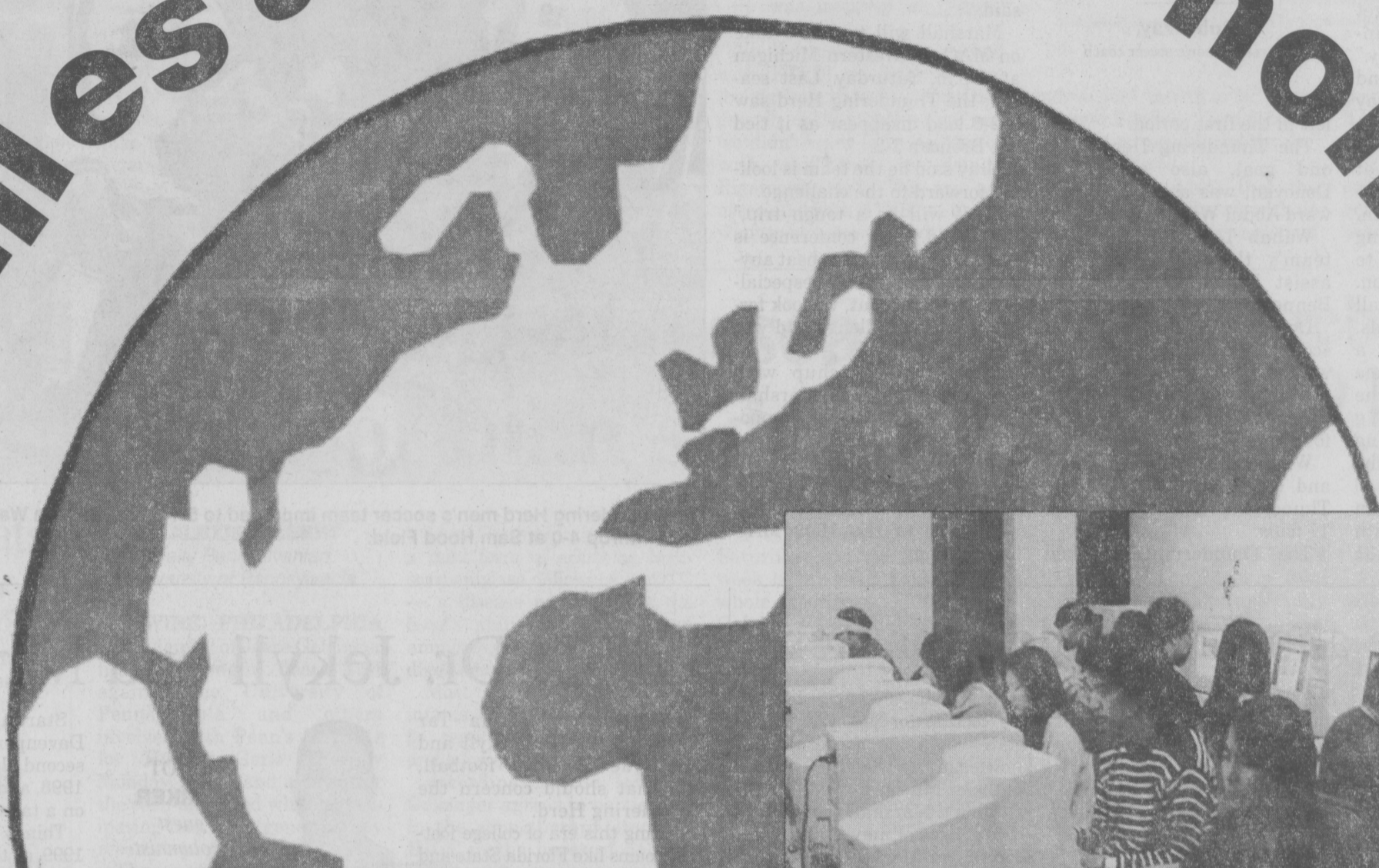
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# Miles away from home



## Program helps international students adjust to life in U.S.

by **SCOTT NILES**  
reporter

Most everyone can empathize with the nervous feeling of starting school in a new place. Remember the first day of high school?

Now imagine that experience compounded with being in a new country.

International students are facing and overcoming these challenges with the help of the Center for International Programs, an organization that brings foreign students to Marshall and offers them an educational experience in a new culture.

"The Center for International Programs was started in 1993," said Dr. William Edwards, executive director of the Center for International Programs. "Before, there were international students here, but there was not a concerted effort to bring students," he said.

The center offers many programs for international students, including English as a Second Language (ESL), which has been operating for six years. Edwards said this program was created so students with the proper academic credentials who lack proficiency in English could come to Marshall, gain adequacy in the

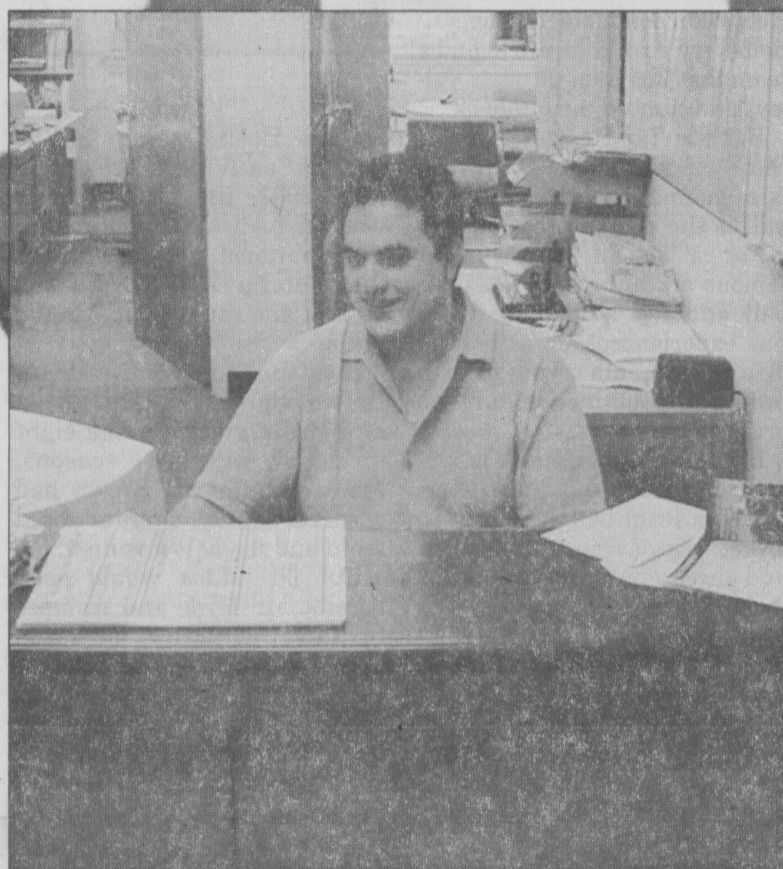


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**Juan Barrios, a graduate student from Mexico, works as a graduate assistant in the International Programs office.**

language and eventually enroll. Another program the center offers is an exchange program, where Marshall literally trades its own students for those from other countries for a semester or longer.

"What the exchange does is allow students to have a first-hand understanding of what another country is like," Edwards said.

Although no data was available, Edwards estimates that there are more than 400 international students on campus this year. When the program began, there were only 84.

Inversely, there were 24 Marshall students studying abroad when the program started. Edwards estimated that more than 100 were abroad this semester.

While the number of international students continues to increase, one question arises: How do foreign students hear about Marshall?

"One of the best salesmen is a person who went to Marshall," Edwards said. "We get a lot of word of mouth."

The Center for International Programs uses several marketing tools to attract students to campus.

Edwards said the center uses the Internet heavily to recruit students, and that the international program was the first at Marshall to have online applications.

The center places advertisements in student publications in other countries, but Edwards said using recruiters

is one of the better strategies for getting students.

"This summer, we got a special grant from the president and we had students to help do recruiting in Columbia," Edwards said.

Although Marshall's international students come from a wide range of locations, the center has established special relationships with certain schools in other countries, such as Anglia University in England.

Edwards said Marshall also has relationships with two Chinese schools, Henan (pronounced Her-nan) College in Zhengzhou and Hunan Medical College in Changsha.

Once foreign students decide to come to Marshall, they have several options for how long they want to stay and what they want to do academically.

"We have exchanges, where the students normally come for a semester or year," Edwards said.

"That means they're here as a transient student," he said.

"We have direct recruitment, where the student comes here to get their bachelor's or master's degree. Then of course, we have the ESL program."

There are currently students from 25 countries enrolled at Marshall, although Edwards said the majority of international students are from China and Japan.

So what do international students think about Marshall?

"It's nice," said Francisco Gomez, an undergraduate business major from Los Andes, Colombia. "I came to learn English and study."

Wayan Mastriyana, a graduate geography major from Bali, Indonesia,

said he decided to come to Marshall after he met an exchange student.

"You had to fight for one computer at home," Mastriyana said. "Marshall is challenging, but good."

For more information about the Center for International Programs, call the office at 696-2379 or visit the Web site at [www.marshall.edu:80/cip/intro/](http://www.marshall.edu:80/cip/intro/).

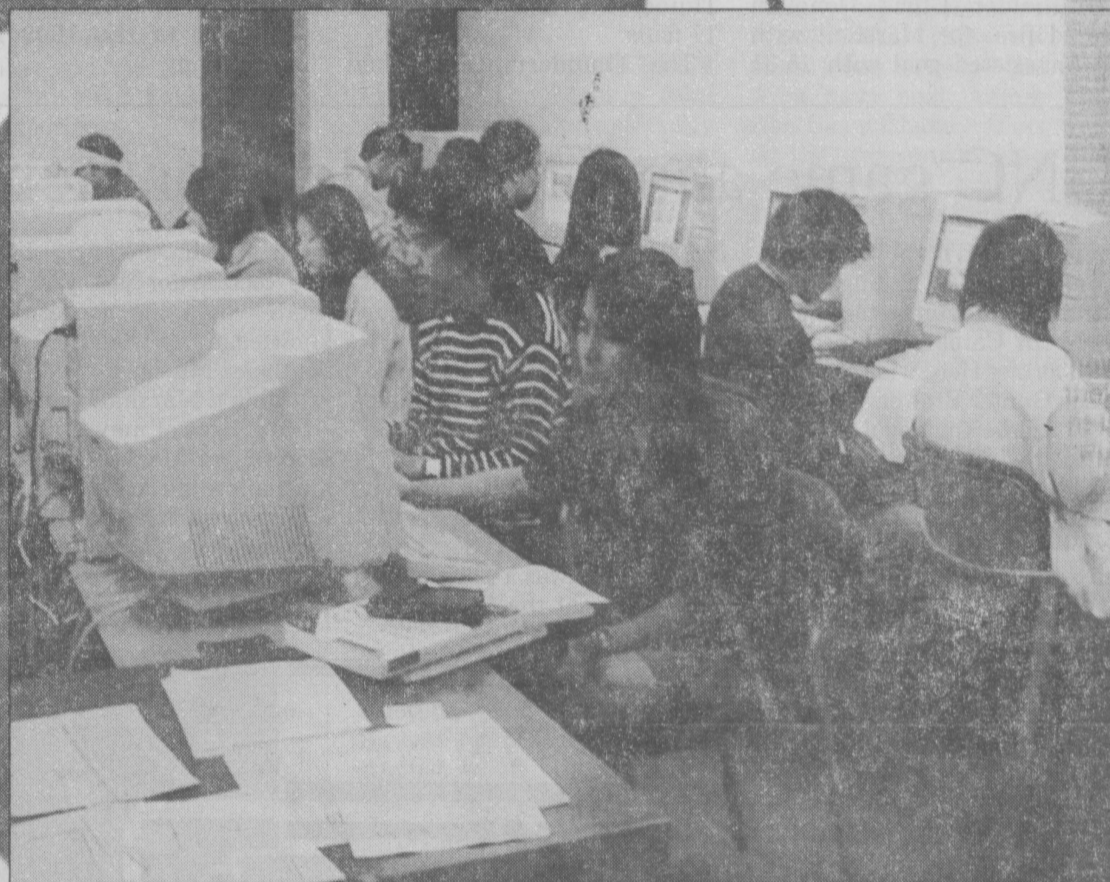


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**Some international students take a class called English Online, taught by Professor Mollie McOwen.**

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**Dr. William Edwards,**  
executive director



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**Guohu Tao is a visiting scholar from China. Tao assists the English Online professor.**



photo by J. Gregory Schupak

**Students in the English Online class learn how to search the Internet while building their English skills. For example, one assignment is to find out what American idioms, such as "Put it on the plastic," mean.**

### Hosts needed for international students

Potential host families should:

- have an interest in other cultures,
- be able to provide transportation to and from Marshall's campus, and
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If you are interested in hosting an international student in your home, contact the Center for International Programs at 696-6265.

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