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## Student killed in wreck

by AARON E. RUNYON  
news editor

Four years ago, Larry Coffindaffer smacked a 2-run double to lift his Chapmanville teammates to a win in the West Virginia high school baseball tournament.

Thursday, Doug Dingess recalled the hit that propelled the Tigers to the title game a state championship.

That memory was a happy moment on a sad day.

Coffindaffer, a former Thundering Herd baseball player and criminal justice major, died

Thursday when his truck went out of control on a foggy highway and hit a tree in Kanawha County.

"Larry was the kind of guy that everyone wanted to have around," said Dingess, Marshall's junior pitcher who shared the playing field with Coffindaffer in Little League, Senior League and college. "He liked to have a good time and always kept our spirits up. But



Coffindaffer

when it came to the playing field he was all serious."

According to Associated Press reports, Coffindaffer, 20, of Logan was on a deer hunting trip when the accident occurred at about 6 a.m. Thursday on State Route 214 near Alum Creek.

According to the report, Coffindaffer was the only person in the vehicle. Kanawha County deputies said fog caused the accident.

"Larry was such a great kid, from a great family," Marshall baseball Coach Dave Piepenbrink said in a telephone interview from

his home Thursday evening. "It's just a shame that it happened. It came so quick. It's tragic."

Coffindaffer, Dingess and Thundering Herd teammate Aaron Amburgey played for the Championship 1997 West Virginia Class AA team. Tigers Coach Ted Ellis said Coffindaffer played 33 consecutive errorless games that season. During their senior seasons they were the runners-up.

"He was a hard-working boy, who had a lot of fun at the game of life," said Ellis, struggling to

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## Leaky roof causes problems in Harris

by NICOLE R. PICKENS  
reporter

Some people might have complained Tuesday about having to go out in the rain. For the occupants of Harris Hall's fourth floor, however, it was not necessary to go outdoors to get wet.

"It leaks any time we get rain," Dr. Laura Wyant, professor of adult education, said.

The building's roof has leaked for one-and-a-half to two years, Mike Dunn, supervisor of carpentry, said.

Dunn said there are difficulties in patching the roof. When maintenance crews attempt to patch the holes, they usually put another hole in the roof, he said.

"We just try to patch it the best we can," Dunn said.

Leaks are also hard to find because of the gravel on top of the roof, Dunn added.

Wyant said the leaks have been minor in the past, but they are getting worse.

"We just keep getting bigger buckets," she said as she walked past a large trash can under a leak in the middle of the main hallway.

There are leaks in Wyant's office, in the hallway outside her office and on the Third



photo by Nicole R. Pickens  
Dr. Charles O. Lloyd keeps plastic over his books and desk to protect them from Harris Hall's leaky roof.

Avenue end of the floor's main hall.

Water also leaks into classical studies Professor Dr. Charles O. Lloyd's office. Lloyd said he has covered his desk, computer and bookcases are covered with plastic to prevent the water leaking from the ceiling from ruining them.

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## Creative writing group to sponsor Poetry Miasma at Marco's

by SCOTT NILES  
reporter

The Mercurial Abacus Society and Sigma Tau Delta English Honor society will sponsor the Poetry Miasma at 7 p.m. tonight at Marco's in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

The event will feature readings by group members and an open mic will be available for anyone who wants to sing.

The Mercurial Abacus Society is a new writing group on campus that meets weekly to talk about and offer suggestions for each other's writing.

Andrea Fekete, senior English major and member of the society, said the group started more than a month ago. "We started (the group) because there is no community for artists in Huntington," Fekete said.

The group has only six members, but is not looking for many more people to join.

Fekete said the larger a writing group becomes, the more difficult it is to generate a helpful discussion because it would be too time consuming.

Other members think the peer discussion in the group is an asset.

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## LAYING UP ON THE JOB

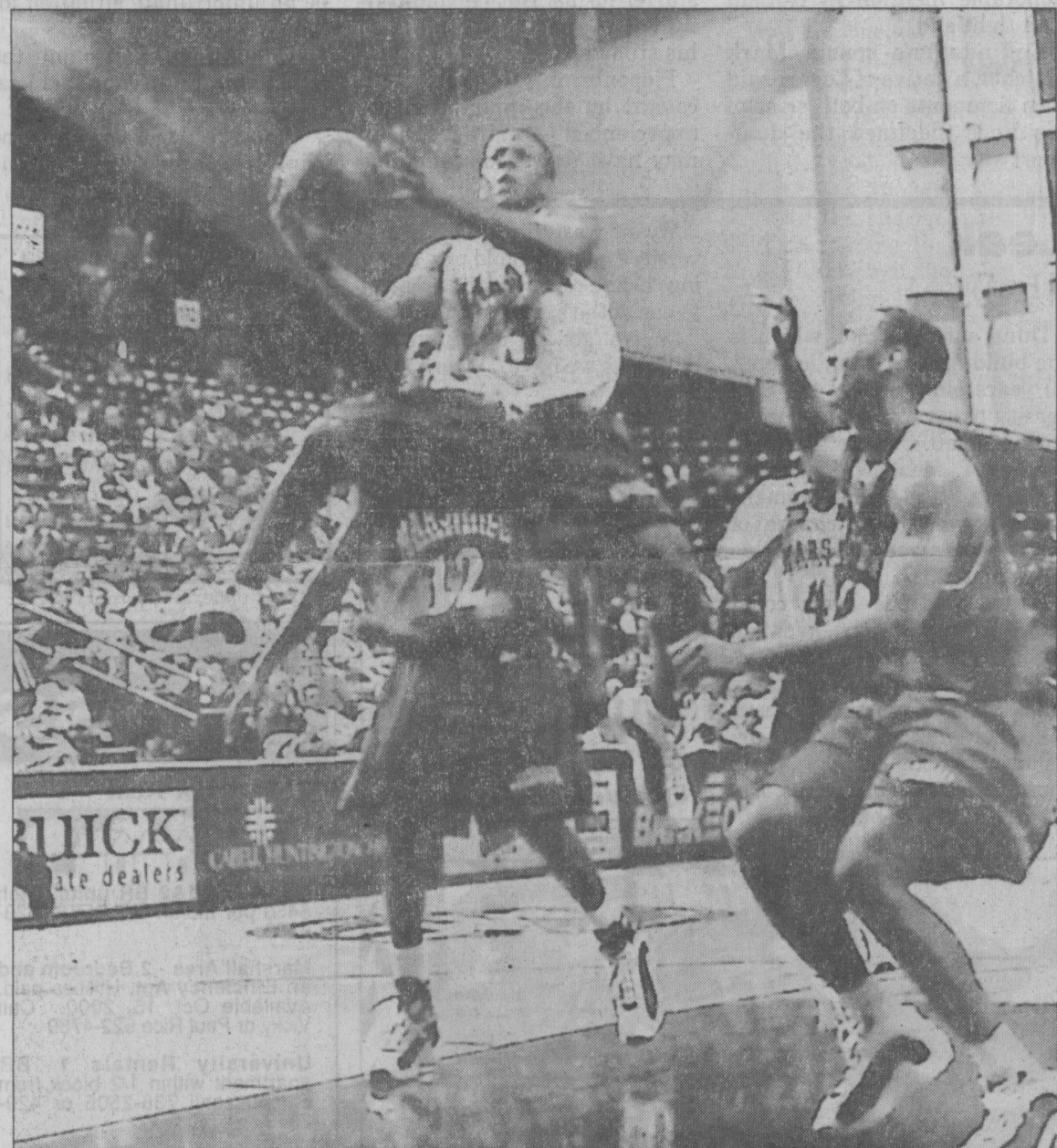


photo by Mike Andrick  
The Thundering Herd men's basketball team kicked off the preseason with Thursday Night Thunder in the Cam Henderson Center.

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## Black Legends induct members

by LUKE DAMRON  
reporter

The Black Legends will converge on campus this weekend to induct former Marshall athletes into its Hall of Fame.

Saturday's Hall of Fame inductions will be the main focus of two days of events.

The Tri-State Organizing Conference will kick-off the events at 10 a.m. today with a presentation titled "Athletes and Social Change" in Memorial Student Center 2W16.

The Hall of Fame ceremony for the Most Impactful Black Legends begins at 10 a.m. Saturday in the John Marshall

Dining Room of the MSC. Admission is \$25. It is the only event during the weekend that charges admission.

Attendees won't be going home empty handed, though.

"Each person will receive a gift from the Alumni Association and the Black Legends," said Philip Carter, president of the local chapter of the NAACP and associate chairman for the School of Social Work.

Some of the athletes being inducted into the Hall of Fame are Roy Goines, Wilson Lathan, Henry "Bud" Nelson, Robert Surratt, William Key, Doug Chapman, Randy Moss, Andre O'Neal and Rogers Beckett.

## ROTC ready for Ranger Challenge

by KATE JOHNSON  
reporter

Since the semester began, 10 Marshall Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) cadets have been getting up with the sun a few mornings each week to run.

The morning jogs are not the average run around the park, but what the Army calls a "ruck run." Cadets run 6.2 miles with ruck sacks (backpacks), rifles, boots and hats. The ruck sack carries an extra set of clothes and boots. The equipment totals 35 pounds.

The cadets have been training for the Ranger Challenge, a regional competition that begins today at Fort Knox, Ky.

"This is our varsity sport," Elkview senior Rodney Lipscomb said. "This is the best event ROTC puts on."

Lipscomb is the Officer in Charge (OIC) and team captain of Ranger Challenge. This is his third year competing in the event. Last year the Thundering Herd Battalion team placed 21st out of 33 teams, Lipscomb said.

"I hope to finish in the 'teens this year," he said.

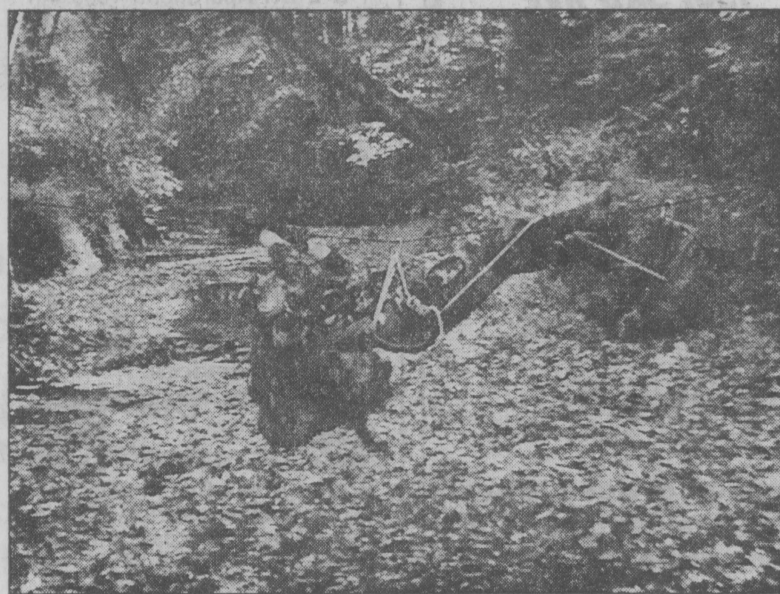


photo by Kate Johnson  
Sophomore cadet Jeff Price crosses the one-rope bridge at Camp Arrowhead in Barboursville.

While the ruck run alone may prove hard enough, it is not the only event in the challenge. Cadets must pass the Army Physical Fitness Test before competing.

Other areas of competition include M-16/M-60 rifle assembly, one-rope bridge crossing, orienteering, a written patrolling test, grenade assault course and basic rifle marks-

manship. Last week, cadets from the Marshall team practiced the one-rope bridge at Camp Arrowhead, a Boy Scout camp in Barboursville.

In the competition, only the first and last cadets can get wet in the event. A rope stretched between two trees serves as the

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## Celebrity series speaker outlines Senate Bill 653

by LUKE DAMRON  
reporter

Charleston freshman Scott Jarrell didn't know what John R. Hoblitzell was going to speak about before his Celebrity Series speech Thursday.

After the speech, Jarrell, an accounting major, still wasn't sure.

"Did he say something about financing higher education?" he asked. "Because if he didn't I'm taking that part out of my report."

Jarrell, along with several other students in the nearly full Francis C. Booth Experimental Theatre, was there to get extra credit in his Sociology 200 class.

Amanda Boyd, sophomore sociology and psychology major from Ashland, was also there for the sociology class.

"The only reason I'm here is for extra credit," she said.

Hoblitzell, chairman of the West Virginia Higher Edu-

cation Policy Commission (WVHEPC), spoke about the status of higher education in West Virginia and the effects of Senate Bill 653.

He explained the influences that shaped the formation of SB 653, including the Carnegie Foundation's report "Building for a New Century," which said West Virginia's higher education institutions are an invaluable asset to the state's economy. It also said the future of the state's economy and the future of higher education are tied together.

Hoblitzell explained how the new higher education bill would work. A new governance board will be over the institutions and several new studies will be done, including studies on tuition and tenure. A new resource allocation model will be created, as well as "watermark" comparisons to Marshall's peer institutions.

One change that may have

students raising their eyebrows is the possibility of tuition increases over the next few years.

"If you're going to aspire to be a master's level institution with a broad range of programs, you're going to have to charge the kind of tuition and get your support to a level that is reflecting of your peers in the area," Hoblitzell said.

In a bill summary, SB 653 is described as a "new focus on education as a lifelong, seamless process for West Virginia's citizens, increasing the number of degrees held by our citizens to the national average and increasing access to educational opportunities."

The Celebrity Series continues Tuesday, when James Rogues, executive director of the commission on colleges, southern association of colleges and schools, will speak at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.



# SCORES honors faculty members for their service

by SAEED ALSHAHRANI reporter

The Search Committee On Recognizing Excellent Students (SCORES) honored five faculty members Thursday with a brunch for their service to Marshall University and the community.

The honorees this year were Donald L. Van Horn, dean of the College of Fine Arts; Dr. Harold C. Shaver, dean of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications; Dr. Michael L. Norton, professor in the College of Science; Dr. Clara C. Reese, College of Education & Human Services, Division of Human Development & Allied Technology; and Dr. Marjorie Keatley, Community and Technical College, Business Technology.

The brunch began with high school registration for the March 10 SCORES festival "Global Interaction Through Education."

"I think the program itself is just terrific," Marshall President Dan Angel said. "Historically, the university has put \$15,000 into this program yearly. We added \$5,000 to the budget this year, even in a year when we had a 3 percent cut that was mandated by the governor's office."

Angel said the university is going to add another \$5,000 for each of the next two years to increase the program's income to a minimum of \$30,000.

Donna Donathan, president of the Faculty Senate, presented the honorees with certificates.

Sherry Brooks, SCORES project coordinator, said tuition waivers are awarded to the festival's outstanding students.

"The nominees report the top scores in their respective contests. The highest scoring student will receive the Robert A. Wheeler Scholarship, which includes a one-year tuition waiver and \$1,000 per year for a maximum of four years," she said.

# Need some antique china?

# Surplus yard sale cleans out MU's closets

by NICOLE R. PICKENS reporter

Electronic equipment, furniture, antique china and a variety of other items no longer used by the university are going to be sold to the highest bidder.

Marshall is having a surplus property sale from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, William J. Shondel, purchasing and materials management director, said.

The sale opens half an hour earlier this time to allow people to browse before work, said Barbara J. Smentkowski, purchasing and materials management administrative assistant and administrative manager of the sale.

Shondel said the sale is open to faculty, staff, students and the public.

"Our yard sales are just a way for the departments to clean out their closets," Carol A. Skaggs, supervisor of central receiving, said.

"Plus, it gives the departments a chance to get a little money and maybe buy some new equipment," she added.

Skaggs said there will be about 1,200 items in the sale.

"One man's trash is another man's treasure," she said. "We have a little bit of everything."

Some of the items in this sale include books, software, computers, printers, copiers, riding lawnmowers, a 1985 Ford van and antique china.

Electronic equipment, including computers, will be in the receiving area Sorrell Maintenance Building on 20th Street to allow people to test equipment to ensure it works

before bidding on it.

All other items will be in the Dancoe Building located off of 22nd Street and Fifth Avenue next to the day care center.

At the sale, people have the opportunity to make sealed bids on items. Bids are written down, stamped with the time and date the bid is made and dropped in a ballot box.

The bids are entered into a computer program that ranks them. The item is then offered to the first person to make the highest bid, she said.

Smentkowski said the highest bidder for each item will be notified Wednesday and Thursday, and all items must be picked up and paid for by 4 p.m. Oct. 27.

The sales' profits are usually between \$13,000 and \$14,000, Shondel said.

After each sale, the profits are

divided among the Purchasing and Materials Management and the Office of Accounting and the departments that submit the items.

Shondel said each department receives 60 percent of the profits from the items they submitted to the sale.

Purchasing and Receiving gets 30 percent of the profits, which helps to cover the sale's expenses, he said. The Office of Accounting receives the remaining 10 percent.

The Purchasing and Materials Management office handles all paperwork associated with the sale and contacts the highest bidders, Shondel said. The receiving department lays out the items and handles the pick-up of the items, he said.

The university has the sales in October and April.

# ROTC

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bridge. The first team member crosses the water to secure the far side, as another member secures the near side. Those crossing the bridge tie a rope around themselves in a "Swiss seat," a harness in which the D-ring is hooked. This metal ring is used to secure the cadet to the rope bridge.

Cadets cross the bridge by using their arms and legs to pull themselves across. When all but the near-side cadet is across, the ropes are removed and the cadet crosses through the water.

Major John Block, Ranger Challenge coach, said the team crosses once, waiting five minutes before crossing back. The team is judged by its time, and

points are removed if anything touches the water.

Lipscomb said there was a problem with the one-rope bridge at last year's competition.

"There were mental problems and I hope to knock the time down to a respectable time," he said.

Recently the team has practiced rifle marksmanship and rappelling with the other cadets in the battalion.

Members of the team are Lipscomb, Charleston freshman Glen Blackburn, Lavalette senior Paul Chapman, Huntington freshman Mel Cummings, Burgettstown, Pa., senior Jon Malone, Huntington senior Ira Miller, Huntington sophomore Scott Perte, Moatsville sophomore Jeff Price, South Point graduate student Jason Reed, and Opekiska senior Matt Wolverton.

# Poetry

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Sarabeth Mills, junior creative writing major, said the society is good because it allows the students to express creative freedom outside the classroom and have a forum for discussion on creative writing.

"Peer groups are helpful because the other people can understand where you are coming from in your writing," Mills said. "Most people in the group have aspirations to be a writer."

Not everyone in the Mercurial Abacus Society is an English major.

Damon Deborde, a Marshall graduate who majored in Psychology, said he joined the group because he likes to write and wants to get better.

The society meets at 7:30 p.m. Sundays in The Calamity Cafe to not only read and discuss their works, but to plan events and trips.

Fekete said the group would eventually like to plan trips to writer's conventions, plays and movies.

# Accident

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hold back tears and stopping to gain his composure. "All those kids on that championship squad were definitely devastated by this."

Coffindaffer and Dingess finished their senior seasons on a No. 2 ranked squad. Coffindaffer also received an All-State honorable mention in football as a tight end.

Coffindaffer's cousin Mark Hatcher, a native of Logan, said torn ligaments on both sides of his knee sidelined the dual-sport star.

Although the injuries were rehabilitated, Coffindaffer had to sit out his initial season on the Thundering Herd baseball team behind senior first baseman Eric Pinkerton.

"He definitely wasn't ready yet," Piepenbrink said of Coffindaffer's redshirt season. "We were hoping he would come back and start at first base. After [junior first baseman Jason] Brooks left, he could have been a two-year starter for us. But he voluntarily left to concentrate more on his studies."

Piepenbrink said the tension caused by the injury and the experienced starting lineup may have proved discouraging

# "All those kids on that championship squad were definitely devastated by [news of Coffindaffer's death]."

Ted Ellis,

Chapmanville Tigers baseball coach

for the sophomore.

"That knee problem added to the stress of sitting out," Piepenbrink said with a saddened voice.

"Timing-wise it just proved to be an unfortunate situation for him."

He said Coffindaffer quit the team midway through last season.

"We were down south in the Winthrop Tournament and he

came up to me after the game," Piepenbrink remembered of his player's decision to leave the team. "Larry said 'Coach do you see me playing in the near future?' I just think the stress was too much for him. He was highly competitive and took pride in what he did. He came to a couple more practices and that was it."

Coffindaffer's parents politely declined an interview.

# Leak

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Dunn said the roof, which is the building's original, is about 30 years old. He said the university plans to replace it next spring or fall.

Mike M. Meadows, facilities, planning and management director, who is in charge of these plans, was not available for comment.

Wyant said the leaks could cause someone to slip and fall. "That's a liability issue," she said.

Another concern Wyant said she has is that the wetness has caused mold and mildew to grow on the ceiling tiles. She said this could cause problems for students, faculty and staff who have allergies.

Wyant was critical of the university's plans to build new buildings before repairing the problem in one of the existing structures. "We've got to maintain the buildings we have," Wyant said.

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# Consortium to focus on Ohio River

by MAKIKO SASANUMA  
reporter

Plants and animals associated with the Ohio River are exposed to danger and calling for help.

The Ohio River Basin Consortium for Research and Education will conduct its 16th annual scientific symposium Sunday through Tuesday at Marshall.

This year, the symposium centers on endangered and threatened species in the Ohio River Basin.

"Our main reason for being is to study the Ohio River and its

influence on environments, industries and human health," Dr. Ralph Taylor, interim dean of the College of Science said.

"Anything that influences the river, we are interested in."

The Ohio River Basin Consortium consists of academic institutions, such as Ohio State University, the University of Cincinnati and Carnegie-Mellon University.

Businesses and industries all the way from Pittsburgh to where the Ohio River meets the Mississippi River are members of the consortium as well.

Government agencies, such as the United States Environ-

mental Protection Agency and the State of West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, as well as divisions from Ohio and Kentucky are also included in the consortium.

Marshall University is a charter member of the group.

"We started with it when they started 16 years ago," Taylor said.

"As a result of that, we held leadership positions in the organization. I was on the board for many years. I invited them to come to Marshall and to see what a nice campus we have here," he said.

According to the press release, the symposium pre-

*"Our main reason for being is to study the Ohio River and its influence on environments, industries and human health. Anything that influences the river, we are interested in."*

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sents an excellent opportunity for those connected with academic institutions, industries, the regulated community and government agencies to interact and share information.

The presentations will be

Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Alumni Lounge in the Memorial Student Center.

Presentations are all relative to the research, with such topics as geology, economic, environmental and biological

impacts of the Ohio River and economic advantages of the river.

Dr. Dewey Sanderson, professor of geology, and Dr. Richard Bonnett, professor of geology, will present the "History of the Ohio River System" Monday.

Dr. Thomas Pouley, professor of biology, will also have a presentation Monday.

Five Marshall students and Dr. Donald Tarter, professor of biology, will present Tuesday.

Taylor said anyone who wishes to come by will be more than welcome.

"We would love to have a large crowd," he added.

## Tony the Tiger visits students at Holderby

by LESLIE C. DANIELS  
reporter

Holderby Hall residents had the chance recently to meet a world-famous celebrity.

The Kellogg Corporation and Sodexo-Marriott sponsored "Meet Tony the Tiger Night" in Holderby Hall cafeteria 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The cafeteria served waffles with whipped cream, strawberries, apples and cereal during Late Night from 8:30 to 11:00 p.m.

About 300 people were expected to attend the event but only 183 people were present.

Approximately 400 people attended the event last year.

Tony mingled with the students and posed for pictures with them.

"Meet Tony the Tiger" is an annual event the Kellogg

Corporation and Sodexo-Marriott sponsor.

"Kellogg and Sodexo-Marriott work closely together," Tanya Fuentes, marketing manager at Kellogg in Louisville, Ky., said.

"We sponsor back-to-school events and football games."

The Kellogg Corporation got the opportunity to promote new products to college students such as the Caramel Chocolate Rice Krispies Treats.

"It was for the night and to help promote new cereal by Kellogg," said Holderby Hall cafeteria employee Linda Gué.

Some students thought the event was a good way to get time away from their books.

"It was fun to see the kids get a study break," Madison sophomore biology major Rebecca Parsons.

## Honor society helps community

by ERIN N. EMCH  
reporter

From Adopt-A-Highway to collecting school supplies for George Washington Middle School in Putnam County, Gamma Beta Phi wants to give people a helping hand.

The society's next fund-raiser is scheduled for next week, when they plan to sell paper footballs to help raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

They will have a table in the Memorial Student Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday to Friday, where they will be selling the footballs for \$1 each. All the proceeds will be donated to MDA.

Last year, the group raised \$601 for the charity. This year they are hoping to make over \$1,000. Although the table will only be set up in the Student Center, the fund-raiser will continue throughout the semester.

"All of the money we raise goes straight to the MDA and Jerry's Kids, which are both great causes," Testa said.

"Next week, we are having a table in the student center to sell the footballs. After that, people interested in buying a football and donating to MDA will be able to do so through a member of GBP," he said.

Members of the honor society will be given footballs to sell to interested students on a one-on-one basis.

Another community service project the group is involved in is the collection of school supplies for George Washington Middle School in Putnam County.

The school burned down over the summer, and is in desperate need of supplies.

Members of the honor society are asked to purchase \$5 worth of school supplies and turn them into Testa.

*"The highway was actually pretty clean when we got there. I'm glad people are taking anti-littering campaigns so seriously."*

Erik Testa,  
Gamma Beta Phi president

"Adopt-A-Highway went very well," Erik Testa, GBP president said. "The highway was actually pretty clean when we got there. I'm glad people are taking anti-littering campaigns so seriously."

After cleaning the road, the group went to Testa's house for a social gathering with Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-professional society. The groups planned future gatherings and service projects to do together.

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## briefly...

Young Democrats will attend the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner Saturday. It is a formal Democratic fund-raiser and dinner at the Charleston Civic Center.

Young Democrats from all over the state will be meeting at 9 a.m. to help out and decorate for this event.

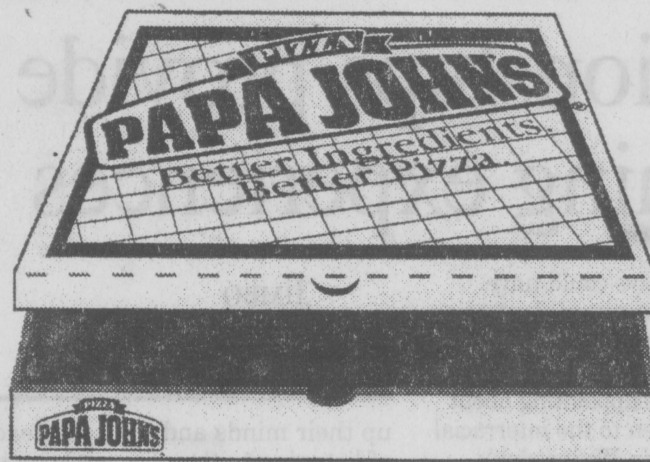
The main speaker for this year's dinner will be Sen. Ted Kennedy. Other candidates and supporters will speak.

Dinner is from 6 to 9 p.m.

## Clarification

The Ice-T story in Thursday's Parthenon should have included that the rapper's visit was sponsored by the Center for African American Programs under the direction of Dr. Ernest E. Middleton and Fran Jackson.

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— Marshall Coach Bob Pruett

## OUR view

### Student's death is felt by all here at Marshall

We here at The Parthenon would like to send out our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Larry Coffindaffer.

Coffindaffer was killed in a tragic car accident near Alum Creek Thursday morning.

In the wake of this tragedy, perhaps we can all spare a few minutes to offer our prayers for Larry, his family and friends.

Anytime something like this happens, it affects us all, even if we didn't know Larry personally.

For once, we find that words do little to express our loss.

Larry, you will be missed.

## THEIR view

### Weak 'debates' do little for country

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. — Tuesday night saw the end of the 2000 Presidential Debates between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Broadcast by most of the major networks as well as several cable news channels, the end of the debates is an end to a show put on by the two major political parties.

This dog-and-pony show of self-promoting campaign speeches and weak mudslinging is far from a real debate. The question Americans must ask is whether these two candidates are allowing the debates to be effective.

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Clearly, the answer is no.

Rules established by the candidates prevent actual debate, such as regulations prohibiting candidates from asking follow-up questions to the town hall citizens or each other.

When debating did occur, it was fleeting and against the rules established by the two candidates.

For debates to be effective, the debaters must be able to address each other, ask questions and have the ability to speak as long or as little as they need.

The absence of Green Party candidate Ralph Nader and Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan make the debates even less of a debate by restricting the arguments to two candidates who sound alike.

Moderator Jim Lehrer even had to ask the candidates where they differed on the issues after they had regurgitated campaign speeches for three minutes.

Real debates and not political shows are what the country needs for a refreshing breath of air.

The current system is so weak, it's no wonder many of the networks were so reluctant to air these 90-minute infomercials.

James Harris in the crew

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## HIS view

DAVID STEWART  
guest columnist

### We can improve W.Va. by voting

Major businesses are sending West Virginia the message that they want nothing to do with this state.

Dow Chemical Company, for example, has made it clear that its new expansion will not be in the state. West Virginia has no international airports for easy access or attractive tax structure.

The Huntington-Charleston area has the room for future expansion. This area has room for growth in housing, higher education and skilled labor. The Huntington-Charleston area could fill the needs of businesses.

We must do our utmost to let our politicians know we need change. We need to get the metro airport built and reform tax laws. West Virginia needs reform to get out of this rut. Let the politicians know your opinions. Go out and vote this Election Day, and make a change for the better.

David Stewart is a Huntington resident.

## HIS view

### Homecoming elections a Greek sham

I am sending this to ask when did being a member of a sorority become a requirement to be a candidate for Homecoming queen or the court?

Especially since Greeks represent 5 percent or less of Marshall University.

This would seem to be denying students equal access to student activities and discriminating against them. Every candidate was a member of some Greek organization.

Yet a young lady who

TIM SWITZER  
guest columnist

was a candidate last year and won did not even make it through the interview process.

Since when does a Homecoming committee get made up of only two people — both Greek — who have personal ties with candidates, (see the BIAS?)

Are there any ethics in the SGA or in the

Homecoming committee?

When is an athlete not "involved enough" on campus to be considered a candidate? The committee told a student athlete she was not "involved enough" to be considered, and that she might consider joining a sorority.

Student-athletes put in many hours of practice each week to represent the university nationally.

That is an active person on this campus.

This Homecoming thing does not really matter, but will this con-

tinue the rest of the year when it comes to bigger issues? Will all issues now favor Greeks and not the general student population?

How can this be allowed to happen?

Another thing: Where are the student directories that were supposed to come out Homecoming week? I guess they were too busy rigging the election to get the directories in on time.

Tim Switzer is a senior from Apopka, Fla.

## HIS view

### Respectful interracial relationships provide learning experiences

I guess you guys could have asked a less controversial question like "Which flavor ice cream do you prefer, chocolate, vanilla or both?"

What I find disappointing about the answers given to the interracial dating question in Wednesday's Parthenon is that maybe we haven't progressed as much as I hoped.

Call me naive, but do the majority of people in West Virginia have this view? It seems that all of the students who answered the question didn't say they were for it. They mostly avoided saying no to the question.

Well, maybe not Tori Goss, which is not surprising, especially considering where she is from. It seems that people from that area and a lot of places where blacks are not prominent (which describes 80 percent of West Virginia) feel the same way.

I don't blame her for her ignorance; I blame her surroundings.

I grew up in McDowell County and being black in McDowell County was no picnic. Closed-minded views and comments are prevalent everywhere you go, especially where blacks are in the vast minority.

As far as interracial dating is concerned, not only do I accept it, I practice it.

Many more people should open

JIMBO BOYD  
guest columnist

up their minds and try it, instead of listening to the ones who say it is bad or that it's "not natural."

When you date someone or have a close relationship with another race, you experience each other's lives in ways you never thought possible, and your past perception will no longer be an issue.

Besides, if you really want to know how this type of curiosity started, all you have to do is go back to the days of slavery when white slave-owning men would rape black female slaves.

Maybe that thought should make you think on how it all came to pass.

But now, race is no longer involved in race relations like it was centuries ago.

I just had to write this letter to make some people realize that interracial relationships are not bad if both people in the relationship respect each other. I hope this letter generates some feedback.

Jimbo Boyd is a junior from War, W.Va.

## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

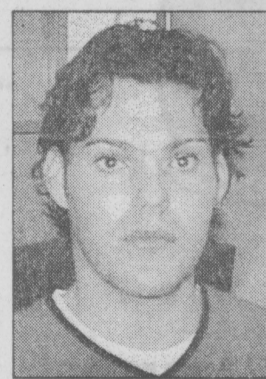
### At Issue

Have you registered to vote? Why or why not?



"I've been registered and have been voting for several years. I feel that voting is a great privilege, and a good way to voice my opinion."

— Mary Black, program assistant



"Yeah, I'm registered. I think it's very important. We need to be aware of the leadership of the country and take part in the government. I personally will vote for Bush because I feel that he's realistic and will get many things done."

— Zachary Marcum, nursing senior from Huntington



"Yes, I have registered. I believe that my vote counts in the U.S. I have the opportunity to voice my opinion. If you don't vote, you have no right to complain."

— Melissa Mollette, nursing sophomore from Inez, Ky.

— compiled by Daniel Caldwell

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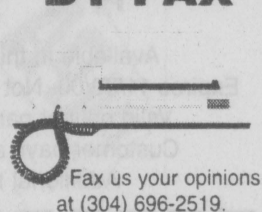
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The Lady Herd soccer team takes on Northern Illinois at 7 p.m. today and Western Michigan at 1 p.m. Sunday. Both matches will be at Sam Hood Field in Huntington.



## Rollin' out the Thunder

by JILL C. NETTLES  
reporter

The Marching Thunder pep band played "Great Balls of Fire," and the cheerleaders yelled "Let's go Herd!"

It was the beginning of Thursday Night Thunder.

The event gave basketball fans a chance to meet the 2000 Marshall men's basketball squad.

The team features five seniors, five juniors, one sophomore and three freshmen.

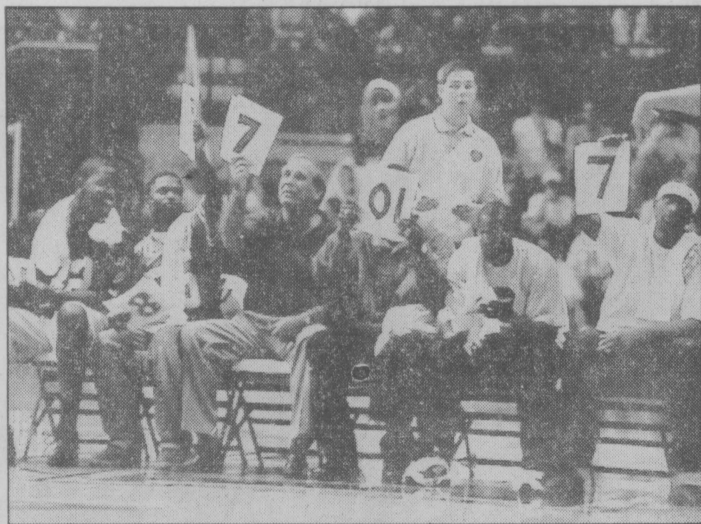
The Mid-American Conference News Media Association picked Marshall to win the MAC.

Thursday Night Thunder started with an AAU scrimmage with teams from Ironton and Eastern Kentucky.

The media 3-point contest featured local reporters trying to outshoot each other. WOWK's Shawn McDowell and WMUL's Vince Payne and Robert Harper tied for first place.

Marshall students played musical chairs. The 10 contestants had to shoot lay ups. The last contestant won a sweatshirt, a T-shirt and a basketball.

At 8:10 p.m., the arena



Football Coach Bob Pruett, third from left, and some of his players judged the slam dunk contest.

went dark, the cheerleaders formed a tunnel and the crowd got to its feet.

In front of 3,800, the 2000 Thundering Herd men's basketball team stepped onto the court.

Coach Greg White thanked everyone for coming out and supporting the team.

After a 10-minute warm-up drill, the team played a 15-minute Green and White scrimmage game.

Junior forward William Butler suffered a knee injury during the drill and had to be carried off the floor.

The White team, led by

junior guard Tamar Slay, won 35-25.

Junior guard Monty Wright won the 3-point contest.

After the events, the Thundering Herd basketball team members signed autographs for the fans.

"I came to watch the basketball and the team is impressive and strong," said fan Hobby Spaulding.

Thirteen-year-old Huntington resident Kelly Watts said she came for a different reason.

"It is fun because you get to see all the cheerleaders," she said.

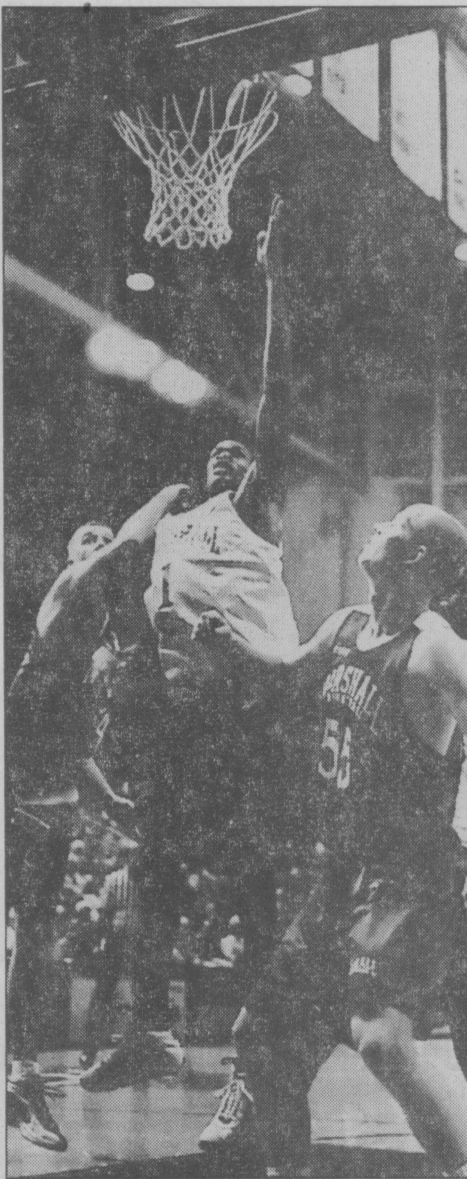


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Tamar Slay (1) and J.R. Van Hoose were named to the preseason All-MAC team. Marshall was picked as the preseason favorite to win the Mid-American Conference by the MAC News Media Association.

## Pruett, Herd still aim for MAC title

by J. GREGORY SCHUPAK  
reporter

Injury problems, tough losses and lack of emotion have all contributed to the Thundering Herd's 2-4 start to the season.

"We need to start showing more emotion out there," Marshall Coach Bob Pruett said. "On Saturday we found a team that wanted it more than us. Toledo had three years of frustration and took it out on us in three hours. They whipped us."

The Herd hosts Kent State on Saturday in its second Mid-American Conference (MAC) Eastern Division game.

"We all need to stick together during this time," Pruett said. "When you're winning there are still things that go wrong, like someone not picking up a blitz. But in the past we worked as a team and picked up for one another. This season, for whatever reason, we have not done that so far."

"The good Lord has blessed us," Pruett said. "Despite what has happened, we can still win the East Division and go back to the MAC Championship."

This season the MAC instituted a rule stating that only division games will count toward the MAC Championship. Despite their 2-4 start, Marshall still has a chance to win the MAC's Eastern Division.

The Golden Flashes are 1-6 overall and 0-3 in the MAC East. Golden Flashes Coach Dean Pees said Kent's problems do not stem from a lack of effort.

"We play hard," Pees said. "One thing I want people to know is

when Marshall plays Kent they will get a game. Last week we made some special teams blunders that cost us the game.

"If we make bone-headed mistakes we will lose the football game," Pees said.

Injuries continue to pile up for the Thundering Herd. Right guard Jimmy Cabellos suffered a rib injury. Right tackle Nate McPeck sustained a knee injury. Scott Pettit and Brad Hammon suffered knee injuries last week against Toledo.

"We're beat up," Pruett said. "We need to get healthy."

Marshall will also be without starting tailback Brandon Carey, who has a sprained knee. He may return for Marshall's game Oct. 28 at Akron.

Starting cornerback Maurice Hines is recovering from a thigh injury that has sidelined him for most of the last four games. He is expected to play Saturday.

Quarterback Byron Leftwich has been battered and bruised all season, but is expected to play Saturday.

"Byron is the walking wounded," Pruett said. "When your quarterback can't lift his arm over his head, you know you have problems."

The game, scheduled for 3:30 p.m., is part of Marshall's Homecoming weekend. Full-time student tickets are free with valid Marshall ID.

The game is scheduled to be televised on Fox Sports Pittsburgh.



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Dr. Isabel Pino of the Department of Pediatrics will be profiled this weekend on the Romance Classics cable channel series "Cool Women." Prime-time airings of the show will be at 8 p.m. today and 8:30 p.m. Sunday. The program "profiles ordinary women who have planted a seed, nurtured a vision and in a subtle or dramatic way, changed the world."



Friday, Oct. 20, 2000

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## the Parthenon



photos by Paul Fallon

**ABOVE:** Nicole Jacquez, a junior chemistry major from Cincinnati, wears her protective suit before her final. Sgt. Angela Howell stands beside her dispensing one last bit of advice just before the final.

**RIGHT:** Amanda Stanley, a 21-year-old senior chemistry major from Prichard attempts to pull away from Officer Stanley Harper during the attack simulation.



# RAD strikes BACK

by PAUL FALLON  
reporter

"Block! Hit! Kick, Kick!"

These are not things that most students hear when taking a final. But it was heard, loudly and often, during the final for students taking the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) course offered by the Marshall University Police Department.

RAD is an eight-week, one-hour credit course and is taught twice a semester in both the fall and spring. The class is taught in the Cam Henderson Center, Room 2003.

The class is taught by MUPD officers Sgt. Angela Howell, Officer Stanley Harper and Officer Scott Ballou.

Howell and Harper have been teaching the class for two years.

Ballou joined the class this semester.

The class, which is taken primarily by women, strives to make women more confident in their ability to defend themselves against would-be attackers, Howell said.

"We want to make women more aware of their surroundings," he contin-



**ABOVE:** Students in MU Police Department's Rape Aggression Defense course practice their stances before their final.

**RIGHT:** Officer Stanley Harper wears a protective suit for the attack simulation. During the simulation, Harper was punched, kicked in the groin and head-butted numerous times.

ued.

The first two weeks of the class consists solely of book-work.

The class then moves on to stances, working on kicks, punches and holds for the next five weeks before taking a final exam.

But it's not a typical final examination.

It is a real-life attack simulation.

Harper suits up in a plethora of pads and then allows himself to be pummeled by the students.

Harper said he has never been injured during the simulation.

Punishment aside, Harper said he loves the class.

"I love it as long as it benefits the students," Harper said.

"Everybody seems to have a lot of fun with it."

The RAD classes attract women from many different majors, from criminal justice to chemistry.

The reasons students for taking the class were as diverse as the majors represented.

Nicole Jacquez, a junior from Cincinnati, is a criminal justice major. Jacquez said she is taking the class because she thinks it will aid her in the field.

"I tried to take the class last semester, but it was full," Jacquez said.

"I absolutely recommend this class to others, because it makes you feel more confident."

Ann Sinclair, a freshman from Beckley is taking the class because her dad asked her to. Sinclair's dad is a police officer.

Amy Moses, a senior from Hurricane, says she is taking the class to feel more safe in her surroundings.

*"I learned that about 97 percent of women fear for their safety at least once a day. I want to be able to help these students get the confidence they need to handle themselves."*

**Scott Ballou,**  
Marshall University Police  
Department officer and RAD  
instructor

Moses said she feels more confident after taking the class.

"I had a blast," Moses said about the class.

Moses said she was a little nervous about the final because it put her in a real-life situation.

At the beginning of the final exam students stretched, warmed-up and began to run through their stances, doing kicks, punches and blocks.

Students were brought in one at a time to take part in an attack simulation.

Participants were dressed in pads and helmets and were made to face the wall.

Harper began the attack simulation by grabbing the student from behind, as the student struggled to break free.

During the simulation, Harper was punched, kicked in the groin and head-butted numerous times.

"The final was a lot of fun," Jacquez said. "I want to do it again."

How many times does a student say that about a final?

The class is not just fun for the students, but the officers teaching the class say they enjoy it.

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the program," Ballou said.

"If just one woman learns something, then all the effort is worth it."

Officers must attend an intense four-day training session to teach the class, Ballou said.

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**Amanda Stanley is grabbed from behind by Officer Stanley Harper. RAD's final consists of defending yourself against an attacker.**