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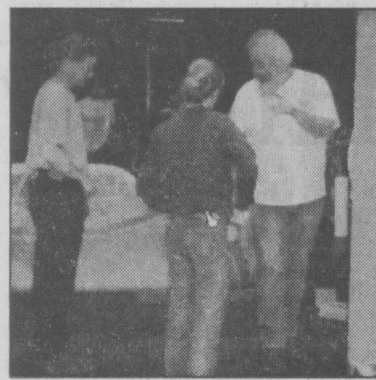
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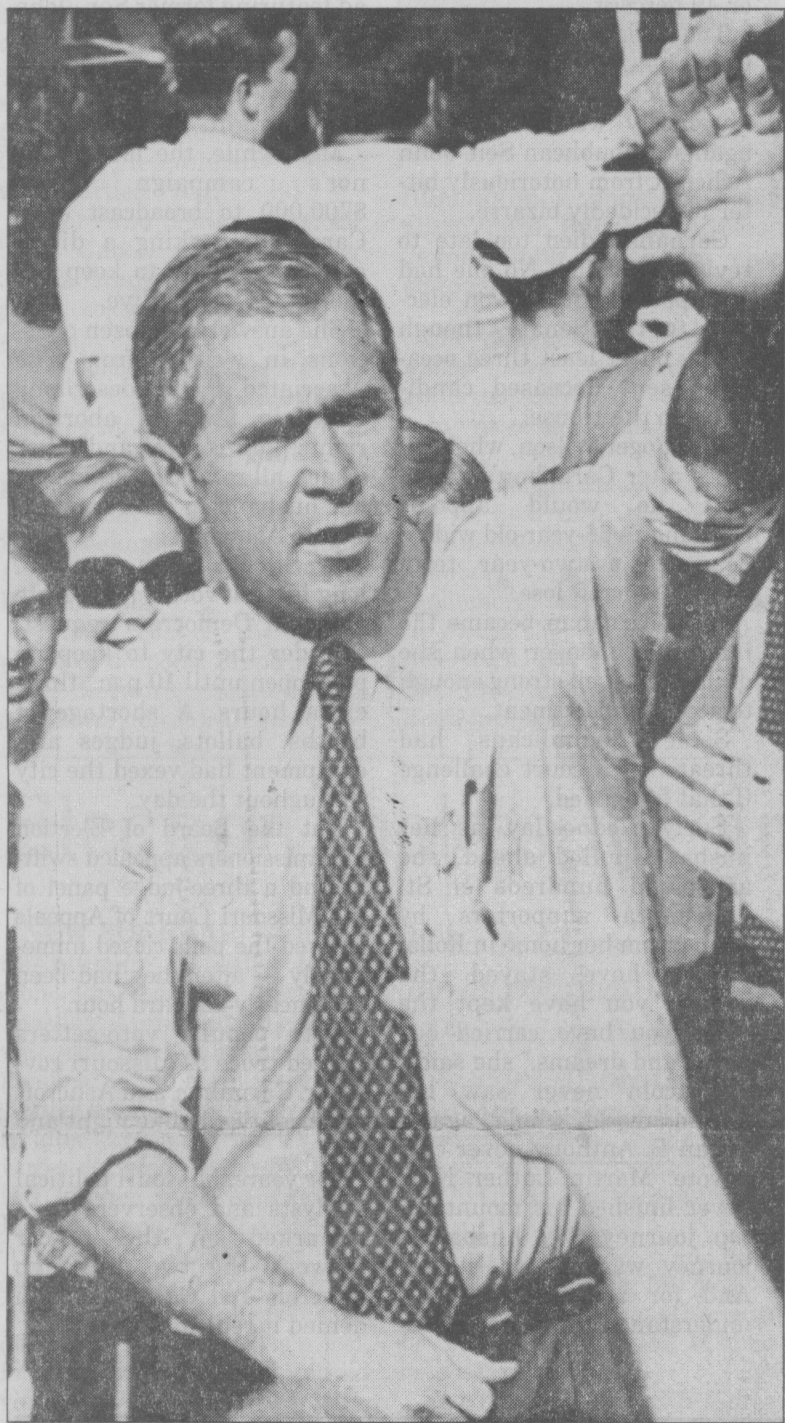
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It's just too close to call

Florida recount holds key to U.S. Presidency



Tuesday night, the television news networks projected Al Gore as Florida's choice for president. Shortly thereafter, they retracted that prediction.

A few hours later, they called the election again, awarding Florida's 25 electoral votes to George W. Bush, giving him the necessary 270-plus votes to win the presidency.

And then things changed again.

When The Parthenon went to press, the race in Florida was too close to call, and neither candidate had a majority.

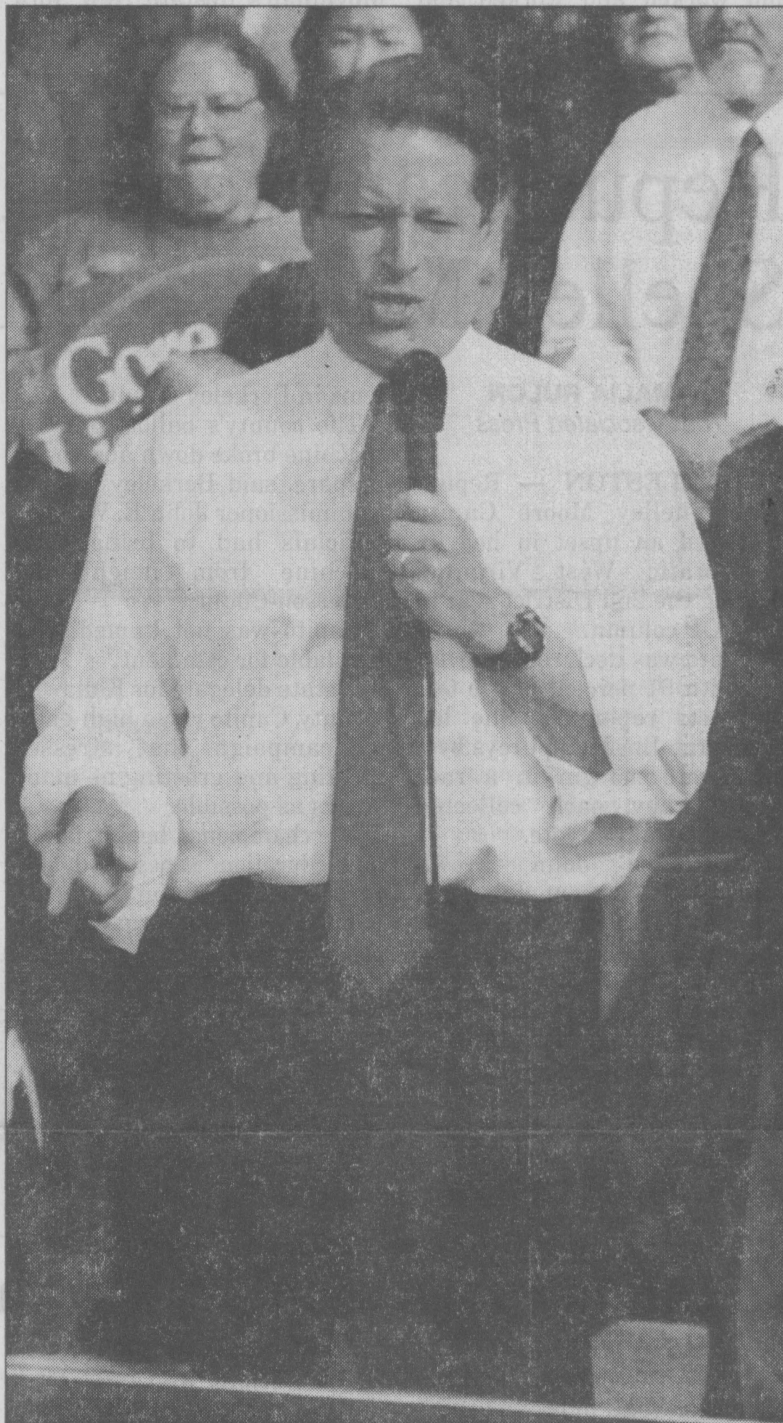
Election workers in Florida were called back out for a recount. The law in Florida states that if a candidate comes within half of a percent of the other, there is an automatic recount, although all the votes had not been counted as of 4:35 a.m.

Republicans kept their majorities in the United States' Senate and House of Representatives. If Bush does go on to win, the Republicans would have control of the White House and both houses of Congress for the first time in 46 years.

A Bush victory would also give the nation its second father-son presidential duo. John Adams (1797-01) and John Quincy Adams (1825-29) were the first.

Gore won major battleground states in Pennsylvania, Michigan and California. Bush won his home state of Texas, as well as Gore's home state of Tennessee and President Bill Clinton's home state of Arkansas.

— from wire reports and NBC News



W.Va. backs Bush

George W. Bush narrowly defeated Gore in a state previously won by only three Republicans since 1932. Bush followed Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard M. Nixon and Ronald Reagan through the Mountain State in his bid for the White House.

■ Democrat Robert C. Byrd won his eighth term. "I have devoted my life in service to West Virginia, but my work is not done," Byrd said.

■ Republican Shelley Moore Capito, a housewife, defeated Democrat Jim Humphreys, a lawyer, in a highly negative and expensive 2nd District race for Governor-Elect Bob Wise's seat.

■ Following the elections, the House of Delegates consists of 75 Democrats and 25 Republicans. In the Senate, Democrats outnumber Republicans 29-5.

■ Voters approved constitutional amendment to create new family court system.

— from wire reports

Wise wrests state's top office from Underwood

by RANDY COLEMAN
for the Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Congressman Bob Wise defeated incumbent Gov. Cecil Underwood to return West Virginia's top position to the Democratic Party.

With 86 percent of the 1,971 precincts reporting, Wise was leading Republican Underwood 51 percent to 47 percent.

"There nothing I am ashamed of," Underwood said in thanking his supporters. "I gave the campaign all I had."

Underwood called Wise about 1 a.m. after it became apparent that the lead the nine-term congressman jumped out to early in the evening would not be overcome.

"I see no way we can reverse those numbers," Underwood said.

Wise said the campaign was a "long and hard-fought race," adding it was time to move on.

"We didn't run to just win an election. We won to make a difference. We ran to move West Virginia farther and faster," said Wise, reiterating themes used throughout his campaign.

Wise will be West Virginia's 33rd governor when he takes office in January.

Independent Denise Giardina had 2 percent. Libertarian Bob Myers had 1 percent, while Natural Law Party candidate Randall B. Ashelman had less than 1 percent.

The race has been considered close since Wise and



photo by James Harris
Governor-elect Bob Wise will take office in January. His race with Gov. Cecil Underwood was close from the beginning.

Underwood won their parties' primaries in May. Underwood said Tuesday that his campaign's polls indicated that previously undecided voters would be voting his way.

Exit polls indicated that Wise was favored by those with the lowest incomes and those who said their financial situation is better than it was four years ago.

Dave Whanger, 43, an Independent from Hurricane, said Wise is "someone with the energy and the vision to break

the mold, try to develop some sort of economic plan to, quite frankly, keep our children at home rather than ending up out of state trying to find work."

"Underwood was preferred by middle-income voters, those who said their financial situation is worse or about the same as four years ago. He was also favored by those who completed college."

"The last four years have been very good for the state," said Glenn Adrian, 44, a Monongalia County Democrat. "I like Underwood as a stabilizing influence. He's more balanced in total as governor," Adrian said. "I like Bob Wise personally, but we differ in some political views."

Underwood and Wise had hoped for surprising strength in the heart of the other's territory during Tuesday's gubernatorial election.

Leaders in both parties admit that Underwood made inroads into heavily Democratic southern West Virginia this year, and a strong showing in the region would increase the 78-year-old governor's chances of winning another four-year term.

Wise, who has represented the state's 2nd Congressional District, worked during the campaign to become a household word in the northern and southern portions of the state. In the waning days of the campaign, he surrounded himself with the Democratic Party's elite as he crisscrossed the state seeking votes.

Felinton finds voters' favor

by ARRON PENDLETON
reporter

David Felinton, a 1999 Marshall graduate, pulled off one of the greatest upsets in local election history.

Felinton got 55 percent of the vote over 44 percent that the two term Incumbent Mayor Jean Dean received. Write in candidate James "Vince" Russo received 1 percent of the vote.

Voter turnout in Cabell County was more than 80 percent. This high turnout caused computer problems delaying the results.

"It is incredible," an excited Felinton said. "No one gave us a

chance in February. We had a lot of good people working in for us. It has been a lot of hard work, and it paid off. It is not really sinking in that I won yet."

"There is a lot of tension in the Democratic Headquarters, yet there is a lot of optimism too for the local candidates running for Delegate seats," said Margaret Chapman, sophomore.

Arley Johnson (D-I), Margaret Leach (D-I), and Kevin Craig (D) were elected to the West Virginia House of De-



Felinton

legates for the 15th District which comprises parts of Cabell and Lincoln counties.

Kevin Craig, top vote-getter, defeated incumbent "Chuck" Romine.

Jody Smirl (R-I), Susan Hubbard (D-I) and Dale Stephens (D) were elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates for the 16th District which comprises parts of Cabell and Wayne Counties.

Kim Wolfe (R) defeated democrat Red Dawson by 59 percent to 41 percent for Cabell County Sheriff.

Online editor Terri Blair contributed to this report.

Campus politics

Student Government

by LUKE DAMRON
reporter

The new student senators didn't see much action during their first Student Government Association meeting Tuesday, but got encouragement and instruction from the veteran senators and officers.

SGA adviser Steve Hensley likened the commitment to the Student Senate to a long-term commitment in the stock market.

"It's important for each of you to come up here every day," he said. "And there may be times you come up here, like the stock market, when not too much is happening. But there may be times when you come up here to hang around and something very, very important happens."

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Faculty Senate

by ANNA L. MALLORY
reporter

The Faculty Senate's Executive Committee met Monday to set the agenda for the full senate meeting next Thursday. One recommendation was on the agenda.

The committee voted unanimously to place a resolution proposed by the Legislative Affairs Committee. The committee proposed that President Dan Angel appoint one of his representatives in the West Virginia Legislature to serve as a liaison to the Legislative Affairs Committee.

The rationale behind the proposal is threefold. According to the committee, appointing the liaison would improve communication between the faculty and president with

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Hillary wins NY Senate seat

by MARC HUMBERT
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hillary Rodham Clinton triumphed in her historic quest for the U.S. Senate, defeating homegrown GOP Rep. Rick Lazio Tuesday to become the only first lady ever elected to public office.

Just before 11 p.m. Tuesday, with 51 percent of precincts counted, Clinton had 1,698,421 votes, or 54 percent; Lazio had 1,423,562 votes, or 45 percent.

"You came out and said that issues and ideals matter," Clinton told a cheering crowd minutes later. In the wings, her husband, the president, watched and grinned.

"I am profoundly grateful to all of you for giving me the chance to serve you," she said. "I will do everything I can to be worthy of

your faith and trust and to honor the powerful example of Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan."

The campaign, which pitted her against a powerhouse New York City mayor and then a lesser-known Republican congressman, was the longest and costliest race in the state's history.

Clinton herself — her activism, her issues, her president husband and her love-it-or-hate-it personality — proved to be the main issue in the campaign against the Long Island congressman to replace retiring Democrat Moynihan.

"She overcame the skeptics, and worked and worked and won," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-



Clinton

N.Y., said at the Manhattan hotel serving as Clinton's election-night headquarters.

Lazio, in conceding, called for unity and pronounced the effort worthwhile.

"She has won this race," Lazio said of Clinton. "It's time for us to stand as New Yorkers together."

Clinton's planning for the Senate race began in the living quarters of the White House in February of last year when she met for several hours with New York political veteran Harold Ickes, a former White House deputy chief of staff during President Clinton's first term. That very day, the Senate voted on whether to remove her husband, an impeachment triggered by his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

By early July, she was at Moynihan's upstate New York farm receiving his blessing and

kicking off a summer-long "listening tour" of New York. In January, she moved into a \$1.7 million house she and the president had bought in suburban Westchester County.

At the time, the likely Republican candidate was Rudolph Giuliani.

But the "clash of the titans" wasn't to be. Giuliani never seemed to warm to the campaign. By mid-May, he was out of the race, battling prostate cancer and beset by marital woes.

Coming off the GOP bench, Lazio literally fell flat on his face, a Memorial Day parade mishap which left him with a fat lip and stitches. But within days, Lazio was running almost even with Clinton in the polls and amassing a campaign war chest that would soon surpass the first lady's own impressive lode.

Missourians award late governor with place in Senate

by LIBBY QUAID
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Missourians elected a dead man to the Senate Tuesday, choosing Gov. Mel Carnahan — who perished three weeks ago in a plane crash — over Republican incumbent John Ashcroft. Carnahan's widow had agreed to take her husband's place.

With 84 percent of precincts reporting early Wednesday, Carnahan had 1,075,872 votes, or 50 percent. Ashcroft, a Republican, had 1,039,409, or 49 percent.

The plane crash that killed Carnahan, his son and an aide Oct. 16 turned the nationally watched contest against Republican Sen. John Ashcroft from notoriously bitter to decidedly bizarre.

Carnahan died too late to revise the ballot. No one had ever posthumously won election to the Senate, though voters on at least three occasions sent deceased candidates to the House.

Gov. Roger Wilson, who took office after Carnahan's death, said he would appoint Carnahan's 66-year-old widow, Jean, to a two-year term should Ashcroft lose.

Jean Carnahan became the implicit challenger when she declared herself strong enough to accept appointment.

Some Republicans had threatened a court challenge if that happened.

Early Wednesday, as her husband pulled ahead, she addressed hundreds of St. Louis-area supporters by phone from her home in Rolla.

"You have stayed the faith; you have kept the faith; you have carried our hopes and dreams," she said.

"Lincoln never saw his nation made whole again. Susan B. Anthony never cast a vote. Martin Luther King never finished his mountain-top journey. My husband's journey was cut short, too. And for reasons we don't understand, the mantle has

"You have stayed the course; you have kept the faith; you have carried our hopes and dreams."

Jean Carnahan,
Gov. Mel Carnahan's widow

now fallen upon us," she said.

Ashcroft, 58, resumed his campaign eight days after the crash, airing his own new TV ad featuring former Sen. John Danforth, a mentor, telling Missourians, "What's happening today to John Ashcroft is just not right."

Meanwhile, the late governor's campaign spent \$700,000 to broadcast Jean Carnahan making a direct appeal to voters to keep her husband's vision alive.

She answered a dozen questions in writing from The Associated Press, describing views in favor of abortion rights, gun control and other issues, all reflecting stands by her husband in direct opposition to Ashcroft's.

In St. Louis on Tuesday, long lines of voters led a state judge, at Democrats' request, to order the city to keep its polls open until 10 p.m., three extra hours. A shortage of booths, ballots, judges and equipment had vexed the city throughout the day.

But the Board of Election Commissioners appealed swiftly, and a three-judge panel of the Missouri Court of Appeals ordered the polls closed immediately — after they had been open nearly an extra hour.

Both popular vote-getters elected twice as Missouri governor, Carnahan and Ashcroft were politically like night and day.

For years, Missouri political analysts and observers have remarked on the rancor between the two, although Ashcroft and Carnahan both denied it repeatedly.

Voters approve amendment

CHARLESTON (AP)

— West Virginia voters have approved a constitutional amendment to modify the state's judicial system to create a family court.

With 52 percent of the 1,971 precincts reporting, the amendment was winning by a margin of 72 percent to 28 percent.

The amendment gives the Legislature the authority to specify the family court's jurisdiction.

Family judges are expected to handle divorce, child custody, abuse and neglect, domestic violence and juvenile matters.

Current law masters would become judges on a par with circuit judges, and their decisions, in general, could be appealed to the state Supreme Court.

The new judges would have to stand for election in 2002.

Currently, victims of domestic violence may turn to magistrates for protective orders, then to family law masters for divorce, child support and custody battles. Circuit judges handle most criminal charges.

The courts don't communicate. Records aren't shared. Court officials acknowledge a batterer can move on to another county — another victim — with no one the wiser.

Republicans score an upset as Shelley Moore Capito wins

by MALIA RULON
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Republican Shelley Moore Capito triggered an upset in heavily Democratic West Virginia, putting the 2nd District seat in the GOP column.

Capito was declared the winner with 91 percent of the 642 precincts reporting. She led Democrat Jim Humphreys by a 1,500-vote margin in a race where they each collected 47 percent of the vote.

Libertarian John Brown trailed with 6 percent of the vote.

Capito led Humphreys in four of the five counties that hadn't been counted by early Wednesday — Berkeley, Jefferson, Jackson and Morgan.

Humphreys led early Tuesday night before Capito pulled even, then edged ahead in the knuckle-cracking tight race, which was held up by technical prob-

lems in Berkeley County.

The county's ballot counting machine broke down and so did a spare, said Berkeley County Commissioner John E. Wright. Officials had to bring in a machine from neighboring Jefferson County.

Capito was not immediately available for comment.

A state delegate for Kanawha County, Capito ran a high-energy campaign that stressed meeting and greeting as many voters as possible.

She championed health, family and education issues, and supported the Republican plans for a public-private prescription program for needy seniors and allowing workers to invest portions of their Social Security payment.

Capito, who trailed Humphreys in polls shortly after her unopposed May primary, staged a come-from-behind victory in a state that favors Democrats, 2-1.

The daughter of former Gov.

Arch A. Moore Jr. is the first female congressional representative since Elizabeth Kee took her late husband's seat for six terms from 1953 to 1964. She is the first Republican to represent West Virginia in Congress since 1982.

Humphreys, a Charleston lawyer and former state senator, poured more than \$6 million of his own money into the tight race for the 2nd District that featured dozens of television commercials.

Early victories for incumbents Sen. Robert C. Byrd and Reps. Alan Mollohan and Nick Rahall mean the state will have at least four Democratic congressmen. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., did not face election Tuesday.

Mollohan and Rahall took easy victories in the 1st and 3rd districts. They faced Libertarian candidates Richard Kerr of Morgantown and Jeff Robinson of Beckley.

Candidates need only electoral votes to win

WASHINGTON (AP) — A candidate need not win a majority of popular votes to become president, just the most electoral votes.

George W. Bush or Al Gore must secure 270 of the 538 votes cast by the Electoral College to occupy the White House.

The winner of the popular vote has lost the election three times, in 1824, 1876 and 1888.

The Electoral College is made up of representatives chosen by the voters of each state and the District of Columbia to elect the president and vice president.

Each state has as many votes in the Electoral College as the total of its senators and repre-

sentatives in Congress.

The electors, who meet on a day in December usually in their state capitals, by custom or law vote for their party's choice for president and vice president.

In most cases, the candidate who wins the highest number of popular votes in a state gets all of that state's electoral votes.

In January, at a joint session of Congress, the president of the Senate — the vice president — opens the sealed certificates and the votes are counted. The candidate getting a majority is declared elected.

A tie in the Electoral College would throw the presidential

election into the House of Representatives, and the Senate would choose the vice president.

In the House, each state's delegation gets one vote. The candidate who receives at least 26 votes becomes president. In the Senate, each senator gets one vote, and whichever vice presidential candidate gets a majority of the votes cast, wins.

The Electoral College emerged at the 1787 Constitutional Convention as a solution to a squabble between one group that wanted the Congress to elect the president and another that wanted the election based solely on a popular vote.

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Students crowd Marco's for political play-by-play

by KATE JOHNSON
reporter

The air in Marco's was heavy with excitement Tuesday night as about 20 students and faculty gathered to watch the election results on a big screen television.

The Student Activities Programming Board, College Republicans and Young Democrats sponsored the election party and supplied the group with pizza, soda and popcorn.

Melissa Nenni, Huntington sophomore and treasurer of Young Democrats, said the election party was given to offer students the opportunity to watch the results as they come in and to meet with friends.

"We thought this would give students the opportunity to ask the Young Democrats and College Republicans about their parties," Nenni said.

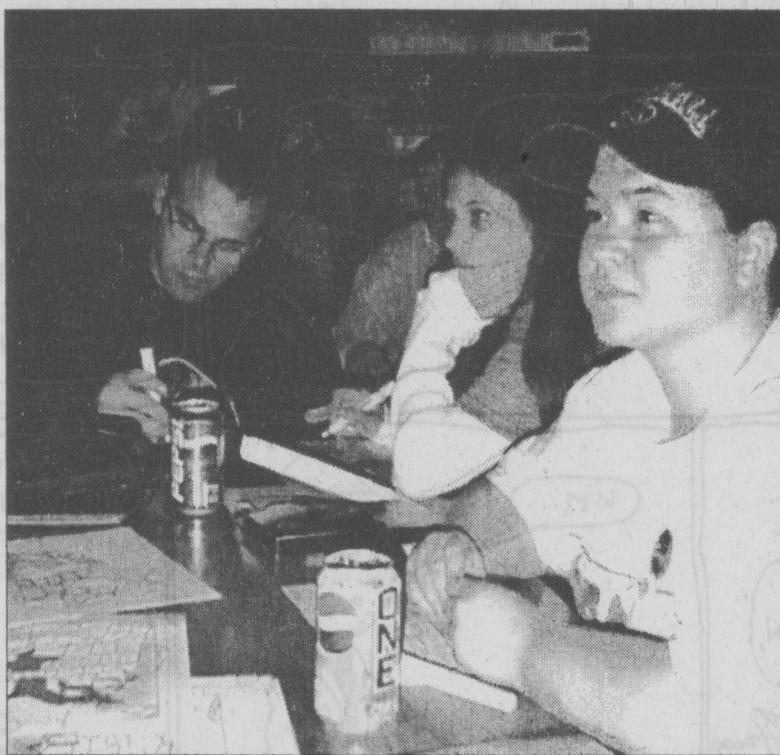
Peter and Philip Parlock, both Cabell Midland High School students, came to the party to watch the election results.

The brothers came to the party at the invitation of their sister, a Marshall freshman.

"We worked on the Bush campaign," Philip Parlock said.

"We went to the Gore rally last weekend and got signs ripped out of our hands," Peter Parlock said.

Marco's took on the atmosphere of a sports arena as the news network updated each candidate's electoral "score."



photos by Kate Johnson

Huntington sophomore Melissa Nenni, right, Barboursville sophomore Rebecca Adkins and Wayne County freshman Jason Smith watch the election results Tuesday night in Marco's at the Memorial Student Center.

The students were discussing which states would help their preferred candidate and how many more electorate votes they need.

Most thought the results would not be final until the morning because the race was so close.

Robert Hall, Huntington sophomore, came to the party to watch the election results. After NBC put Florida back in the "too-close-to-call" category, Bush jumped ahead.

"I'm for Bush," Hall said. "So, I'm pleased with how things are going so far."

When the results from West Virginia were projected around 10 p.m., the applause and cheers filled Marco's.

The College Republicans said they were proud that their campaigning efforts paid off — Bush won West Virginia.

The party ended when Marco's closed at 11 p.m., before official results were released.

Election makes for gripping TV

NEW YORK (AP) — It was the ultimate in reality television for grateful networks Tuesday: a presidential election with the final survivor a true mystery as the night wore on.

After a nailbiting night, shortly after 2:15 a.m., the TV networks declared George W. Bush the winner over Al Gore in Florida — and thus the nation.

But that didn't end the drama. By 3:30 a.m., NBC's Tom Brokaw continued to wonder aloud if Florida was a lock for Bush. Only several hundred votes separated the two men, he noted, with 30,000 uncounted absentee ballots.

"That would be something if the networks managed to blow it twice in one night," he said.

Before too long, CNN started to waver, too — especially after neither candidate appeared in public as expected. Brokaw's rueful remark referred to the networks predicting earlier in the evening that Gore would win Florida. Two hours later, they took that prediction back, saying the race was too close to call.

It made for gripping television. The networks spent millions of dollars on polls and vote-gathering efforts in an attempt to find out the results as quickly as possible. Instead, they got something better — old-fashioned suspense.

On Tuesday night, several analysts said their networks were taking time declaring states for either candidate, wanting to make sure exit poll results matched up with actual returns.

"We're waiting on a possible

"This is Christmas Eve for us political junkies. It certainly beats the Oscars. It beats the World Series."

Chris Matthews,
MSNBC

decision in Florida, but you've got time to put on another cup of coffee and pour it," Rather said before 8 p.m.

Ten minutes later, NBC projected Gore the winner in Florida. Other networks followed soon after. But two hours later, video of Bush appeared on TV screens saying he wasn't giving up Florida. By 9:55 p.m. CNN had taken back its projection that Gore had won the state. CBS quickly followed, then NBC.

"This night got even more complicated and tricky," CNN's Jeff Greenfield said.

An early sign of a tight race came during the network evening news. Anchors usually can be counted on to drop subtle hints from exit poll results about how the night will unfold, but few were forthcoming.

Rather convened a panel of political experts and asked them to pick a winner at about 6:40 p.m.

Linda DiVall picked Bush. Harrison Hickman guessed Gore and Norm Ornstein took a pass. "I honestly don't know," he said.

ABC's George Stephanopoulos, the former political operative for President Clinton, predicted legal challenges to vote counts would be brought in several states if the race stayed close.

Peter Jennings anchored ABC's coverage from a midtown Manhattan studio, alternating between the lights of Times Square blinking behind him and the lights from an electoral map.

On NBC, analyst Russert used a laser pointer to pick out states on a red, white and blue map. Later, Russert discarded the pointer to scribble voting projections in pen on a white tablet.

CNN and Fox News Channel used a graphic borrowed from sporting events, displaying an electoral vote count as a scorecard on the corners of their screen.

MSNBC — the cable network started by Microsoft — was disarmingly low-tech: A production assistant, Kara Kaplan, filled in states on a map like a giant jigsaw puzzle.

"This is Christmas Eve for us political junkies," MSNBC's Chris Matthews said before any polls closed. "It certainly beats the Oscars. It beats the World Series."

WSSA program celebrates women's suffrage history

by SARA E. PAYNE
reporter

The United States has experienced 80 years since the 1920 ratification of the 19th Amendment which enabled American women to vote.

The amendment required almost as many years for suffragists to achieve the ratification: between 1848, when a woman suffrage resolution was adopted at Seneca Falls Convention, to 1920, when the amendment was ratified.

And the Women Studies Student Association (WSSA) encourages students to celebrate this right.

"We feel that women are left out of history too often," Tabetha Adkins, WSSA political activism coordinator, said. "So, by holding events like

this, we remind people what a crucial role women have played in history."

WSSA members wore multi-colored sashes. Yellow, white and purple sash colors represented the National Women's Party.

During the program, WSSA members share the history of the suffragists.

Sondria Marcum read a transcript of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's interview, who spoke at the first Women's Rights Convention.

"I think that our program is important because in this election major political decisions will be made," WSSA Vice President Bethany Cooper said.

"This election is not only important for women, but for every voter."

Throughout the program, WSSA members reminded individuals that the Student Government Association was offering students a ride to the polls.

The club also performed a symbolic voting for the audience.

The event was free to students. Two celebration cakes were served and various party favors were offered to the audience.

The members shared the club's experiences from their Oct. 15th Washington, D.C., march for the history of the suffrage of women.

"Until I came to college, I didn't know who Elizabeth Cady Stanton was," Kate Johnson, WSSA president, said. "And today we wanted to share what we have learned and we also wanted to celebrate our history."

SGA

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SGA President Bill Walker, Senate President Pro-Tempore Derek Scarbro and Judiciary Nate Kuratomi also urged the new senators to become active in the senate.

"There's the old saying, 'If you've got time to lean, you've got time to clean,'" Walker

said. "Well, there shouldn't be any time to lean up here."

The new senators said they were eager to begin their SGA duties.

"Let's make something happen," Jimbo Boyd, the new representative from the W.Va. Board of Regents, said.

Walker also declared the Get Out The Vote rally a success.

"To me, the important thing isn't that we got 6,000 students out to vote, [it's] that we

offered it to students who needed a ride to get out and vote," Walker said.

The only issue that came up before the new senators, a proposed \$500 grant to the Newman Center, had to be tabled because it had not been reviewed by the finance committee.

SGA meets every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Memorial Student Center 2W29B. Meetings are open to all students.

Faculty

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issues concerning legislative agenda. The proposal also said it would optimize the opportunity for the university to speak with one voice to the Legislature.

They further say Faculty Senate and the Legislative Affairs Committee both should benefit from the repre-

sentative because of his knowledge of the issues.

Chuck Bailey, a representative from the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, questioned the actual purpose of the representative because of confusion last year.

The committee attempted to have an informational person to discuss data between the legislature and the committee.

Donna Donathan, president of the Faculty Senate, said this per-

son is "not just an unidentified person to funnel information."

Angel said he would be willing to appoint a legislative representative to the committee in a meeting with them last year.

If the proposal is passed at the Faculty Senate meeting and by Angel, the term of membership would automatically renew each year unless otherwise initiated by the president, Faculty Senate or the Legislative Affairs Committee.

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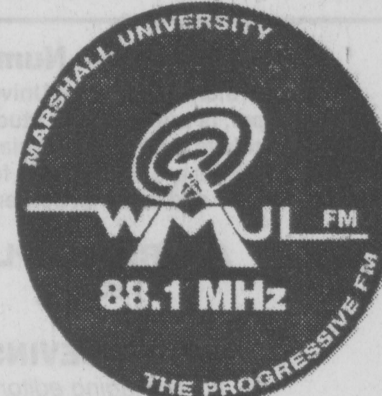
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OUR view

Felinton has a big job ahead

David Felinton has gone from university graduate to teacher to mayor of a city with a population of about 50,000 in a little more than a year.

That's got to take quite some adjustment. Felinton, a 1999 graduate from Marshall's political science program, has a big job ahead of him. Unfortunately, much of that job involves convincing people he will have to work with that he's not some fresh-faced kid out of college.

Felinton's connection with Marshall can mean only good things for the university.

"Marshall is important in so many ways," Felinton told The Parthenon for a story in mid-October. "It is such a large employer, and it is one of the few employers pretty much guaranteed not to leave town."

His concerns include the lack of industry in Huntington and flooding problems.

Also, a tip of the hat goes to members of the Young Democrats, who went door-to-door campaigning for Felinton.

Congratulations, soon-to-be Mayor Felinton. Make Marshall proud.

THEIR view

Software deal a hard sell

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The campus is doing a survey of students to see if they want to be offered access to Microsoft software and upgrades. Students would have to pay \$20 for this access.

Microsoft software is very useful to college students, but most already have it and don't want to pay \$20 for something they could get for free. And some students don't even have computers, so the software would be completely useless. It would be fine and good if the software was offered to only those students that wanted it, but under the plan, it would be given to all students.

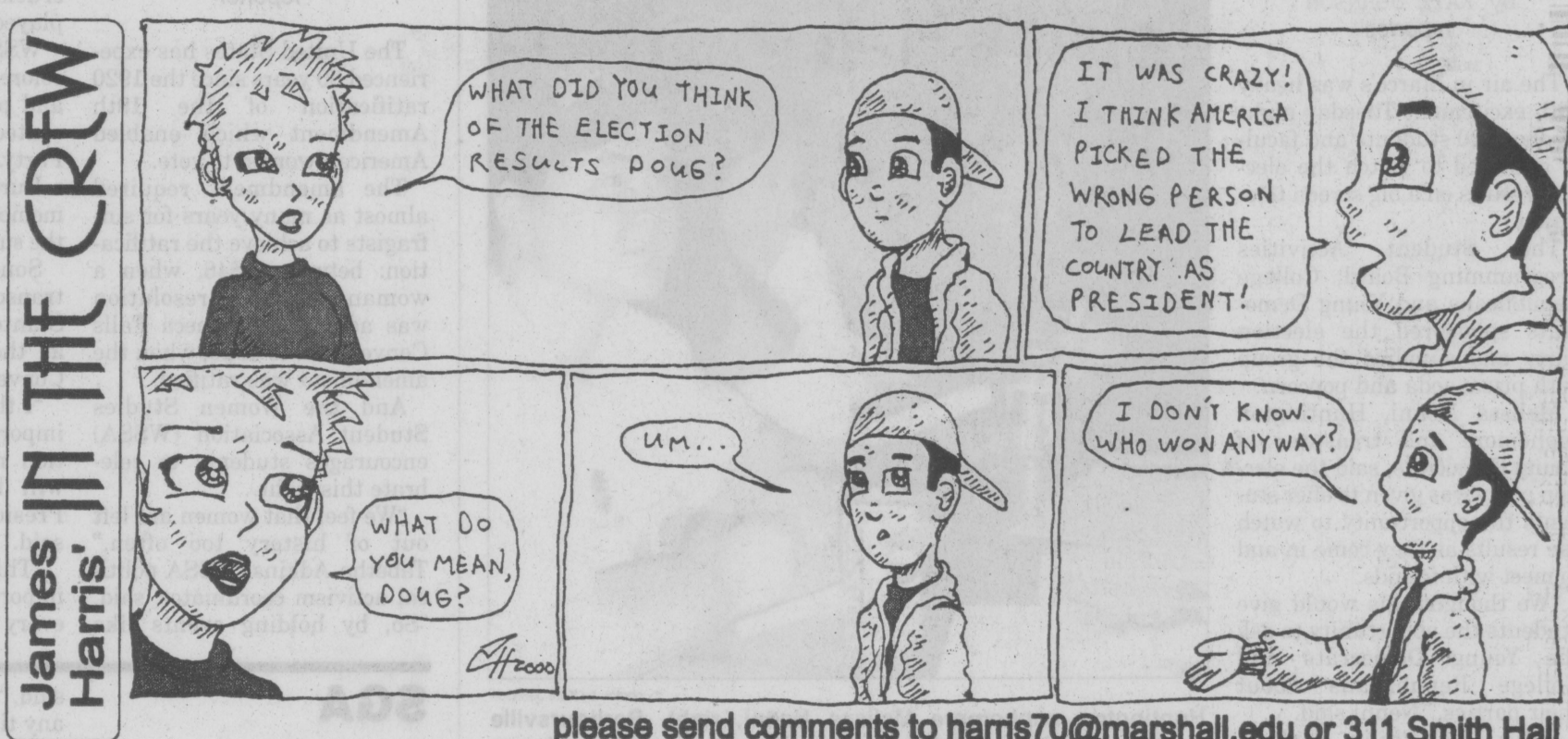
When students register for the spring 2001 semester, they will have the chance to indicate whether or not they support the proposed plan in a survey that will be conducted electronically. It is good that the campus administration cares and is not just giving students Microsoft and

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implementing the fee without getting the opinion of students. Most students will most likely vote against the plan if they have all the facts.

The plan would put students who don't have computers at a disadvantage. Most professors already assume their students all have computers, but surprise, some don't. Students without computers do have access to labs, but the access is not always easy.

The proposed Microsoft program wouldn't benefit students. Most of us with computers already have the software that the campus would offer, and those of us who are computerless would have no use for it. There's a lot \$20 can buy. Let's vote against the proposal and put the money toward something we actually need.



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HIS view

Evolution/creationism deserves more debate

I am writing in response to Dr. Margaret Bird's Nov. 1 column. As one of the participants in the Creation/Evolution Forum on Oct. 24, I appreciate her candid and honest evaluation of the evening.

However, I would like to take exception to two points of her article — one minor, and one more important.

As for the minor point, I did attempt to define evolution in my presentation. I contrasted, albeit briefly, microevolution (i.e., horizontal variation within a species or created kind with no new genetic variation being added) with macroevolution (molecules to man evolution with new genetic information being added).

I tried to explain that creationists as well as evolutionists observe and accept microevolution but creationists see no evidence for macroevolution, which is what I was arguing against.

More significantly, however, I would like to take exception to her contention that evolution and "religion" are easily reconcilable.

Perhaps this is true with religion in general, but not with Bible-believing Christianity.

According to Dr. Bird, there are evolutionists "representing every major religious conviction,"

DAVE GREER
guest columnist

including Christianity. While this statement is true, it does not resolve the conflict between evolution and Biblical Christianity.

It is not that simple. Here's what I mean. If evolution is true, be it naturalistic or theistic, then it necessarily means that there must have been death, bloodshed and the survival of the fittest before Adam and Eve and the original sin. According to the Bible from Genesis to Revelation (see Romans 6:23), the wages of sin is death.

Also, according to Scripture, Christ's death was for the purpose of paying our sin penalty for us (Romans 5:8, I Corinthians 15:3-4, etc.). If death, however, is a natural part of our evolutionary progression, then Christ's death becomes absolutely meaningless.

Unfortunately some atheists recognize this better than many Christians. Atheist G. Richard Bozarth made the following statement in an article titled "The Meaning of Evolution" in the American Atheist (February 1978): "Destroy Adam and Eve and the original sin, and in the rubble you will find the sorry

remains of the son of God. Take away the meaning of his death. If Jesus was not the redeemer who died for our sins, and this is what evolution means, then Christianity is nothing."

In spite of this, it is not uncommon for evolutionists to appeal to the masses by arguing that evolution and religion are easily reconcilable.

I will agree that even Christianity can be reconciled with evolution if one's belief in Christ is analogous to one's belief in Santa Claus. Belief is fine and acceptable as long as it doesn't infringe upon objective reality.

However, belief in a literal Creator God that initially created a perfect and complete world without sin and death and literally became a man to also become our Savior after the entrance of sin and death is not reconcilable or acceptable to the vast majority of the defenders of the belief system of evolution.

I do agree with Dr. Bird that we all need to "think for ourselves" and wrestle with these issues to come to our own convictions.

That's why I believe strongly that students should be given all the evidence for both sides of the debate in order to come to their own conclusions.

Such a philosophy is used in Dr. Michael Behe's (professor of biochemistry) class at Lehigh University on "Popular Arguments on Evolution." Books both pro (such as Richard Dawkins' "The Blind Watchmaker") and con (agnostic Michael Denton's "Evolution: A Theory in Crisis") are used as texts. I wonder if Dr. Bird would agree with this philosophy?

I understand that a one-evening forum might not be enough information for thoughtful students. Therefore I recommend further inquiry.

I also am glad to announce that Campus Light Ministries, in conjunction with Grace Gospel Church and Lewis Memorial Baptist Church, is working on bringing world-renowned creation scientist and author Ken Ham to campus next February. If Mr. Ham would agree to it, perhaps Dr. Bird or another MU professor would be willing to oppose him in an open forum on creation vs. evolution or on the question of the compatibility of Christianity with evolution. It is indeed a question that deserves further exploration.

Dave Greer is the campus pastor for Campus Light Ministries.

HIS view

SAPB works hard to bring entertainment to campus

A lot of groups on campus don't get respect for what they do or what they try to do. The majority of campus constantly complains about the lack of things to do. What they need to realize is that there are people trying to fix that. There are groups for everything on campus, and if there isn't one for you, all you have to do is get six friends and come to the Student Activities office to form one. Then you may even attract more similar thinking people. However, one group in particular gets a lot of negative attention for the lack of things to do on campus: the Student Activities Programming Board.

I am an executive for SAPB and have been for a few years. I'm the only person remaining from the beginning of the restructuring back when we were Campus Entertainment Unlimited in 1996. Maybe that says something about me that I've been here this long.

JS BRAGG
guest columnist

However, it probably also says something about them keeping me this long. Six members of the board, including myself, spent the past week learning how to make the school a better place and deciding what we wanted to bring to the school for entertainment next semester. We hit on everything from comedians to bands and games. We even tried to focus on different types of bands, and have an R&B group, rap group and a Dave Matthews-style band scheduled for next semester.

However, all six of us worked hard and didn't sleep for most of a week to work on what we needed for the campus.

I have seen a lot of events come and go over the past four-and-a-

half years. From personal favorites like Frank Caliendo and Craig Karges to big-name musicians like 112, Garbage and Cledus T. Judd. I've seen it all.

We have had a lot of good events pass our way. However, taking all things into account, this has been our most successful semester to date. We've had a lot of problems working against us, like the power outage during two days of our big events, and more rejections from bands for our concert than I got from ladies my freshman year, but still this was our best semester yet.

More people showed up for our events this semester than possibly, the past four years combined. We've still had a lot of problems with students complaining about things we have brought, but we are trying, and students are showing up in droves. We tried for Smashmouth, Nelly, Lil' Kim, and Destiny's Child. They all

shot us down for one reason or another. However Fuel was talked about for the last three years (thanks Kristin) and was a major success.

I want to thank all of the students who have participated this year. They have seen how fun our events truly are. Those who didn't really missed out.

I'd also like to thank everyone on the programming board for their help. Thanks to Sara Payne for her often-excellent articles.

A very special thanks to the four faculty judges for our talent show, who were chosen for their obvious concern and care for students and their concerns. Steve Hensley, Dr. Pasternak, Dr. Middleton and Dr. Kenley all did an excellent job.

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Mitina and Ceretto have good showing

Marshall tennis players, junior Anna Mitina and senior Ana Ceretto, finished as one of the top four doubles team in the top half of the draw at the the ITA Eastern Regional Tennis Championship. There were 64 double teams in the tournament.



Events planned leading up to 30th anniversary of plane crash

by **MICHAEL S. ADAMS**
reporter

The Marshall football program will be getting extended attention this week.

Marshall plays Miami (Ohio) Saturday at Marshall Stadium in a game with major implications as the winner is crowned Mid-American Conference Eastern Division Champion.

If the Thundering Herd defeats Miami, it will have locked up the division in what coach Bob Pruett called, "a season filled with adversity."

"Fans are getting two championship games in one year," senior wide receiver Nate Poole said. "You have to be excited about that."

The other part of the attention comes with the 30th anniversary of the Nov. 14, 1970, plane crash that took the lives of all 75 people aboard, including 37 players, five coaches, three athletic staff members, 25 supporters and five crew members.

At 10 p.m. tonight, ESPN will air a one-hour documentary called "Remembering Marshall 30 Years Later." The documentary, created by award-winning

producer Lilabeth Foster of Radical Media, will look at the circumstances that brought the 75 passengers together on that foggy November night and how the football program has progressed since then.

When the ESPN crew of Mike Tirico, Kirk Herbstriet, Lee Corso and Dr. Jerry Punch was in Huntington for the Western Michigan football game, Tirico and Punch both said the tragedy was one of the worst in all of sports, but the story of Marshall football is one of the greatest.

"There isn't a community with a bigger heart for their football program than Huntington, West Virginia," Punch said. "This community paid the ultimate price 30 years ago. The whole nation will learn of the victory and the love Huntington, West Virginia has for their Thundering Herd and the one victory no one can understand is the victory of triumph."

Sports Illustrated had an article in its weekly issue this week on the amount of national attention being directed at Marshall on the 30th anniversary of the disaster.

According to a news release from the Marshall University Office of Sports Information, many national news organizations have requested information or will be running stories in the coming days. These news organizations include ESPN, ESPN Classic, HBO's Real Sports and Sports Illustrated, along with papers ranging from the Wichita Eagle to the Orlando Sentinel, Seattle Times and many others.

"I hope we can get a full house this weekend with the attention we are getting," Pruett said. "I think we need that type of crowd."

Another documentary "Ashes to Glory" created by award-winning producers Debra Novak and John Witek will premiere at 7 p.m. Sunday on West

Virginia Public Television.

The two-hour long documentary will detail the 1970 disaster, the miracle of two victories in 1971, the long rebuilding process in 1970s and '80s and the glory that has been Marshall football over the past 15 years, including the 13-0 record, No. 10 national ranking last season, the two I-AA National Championships, five conference titles, three bowl games, two bowl game wins and the 114 wins in the 1990s, the best in NCAA Division-I football.

Before Saturday's game, Marshall will unveil a bronze memorial sculpture designed by artist Burl Jones. The sculpture commemorates the memory of the crash and the rise of the Marshall football program. It will be unveiled at 5:30 p.m. in the West Parking Lot of Marshall University Stadium.

HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" will air a 10-minute segment Tuesday. Jim Lampley will anchor the segment on Marshall, which is scheduled to include footage on the Marshall-Miami weekend and the unveiling of the bronze memorial.

Race for intramurals title heating up as semester nears end

by **WILLIAM FREANEY**
reporter

As the end of the semester nears, the race for the All-Campus Championship Award is coming down to the wire. The award will be given to the team that accumulates the most points throughout the season for its division — open, fraternity and women's.

"The race is very close for the All-Campus Championship," director of intramural sports and fitness activities Sharon Stanton said. "We like to see a close race."

In the open division, Baptist Christian Ministries (BCM) has a big lead over the Mandigo Warriors in the point standings. In the fraternity division, Pi Kappa Alpha leads by a narrow margin. Trailing close behind are Alpha Tau Omega and Alpha Sigma Phi.

The women's division is very heated as well as Delta Zeta has a slim lead over Rugby and Alpha Xi Delta.

Several sports have already completed their seasons. Volleyball, softball, basketball and the golf scramble have already crowned their winners.

In volleyball, Alpha Tau Omega won the fraternity division. Penthouse won the open division and Alpha Xi Delta won the women's division.

Alpha Sigma Pi won the fraternity division in softball. BCM won the open division and Delta Zeta won the women's division.

Pi Kappa Alpha won the

fraternity division in basketball. BCM again won the open division and Rugby won the women's division.

In golf, Pi Kappa Phi won the fraternity division and DBVP won the open division. There was no women's division for the golf scramble.

Rob Bridgeman, a junior from Boone, N.C., participated in volleyball as a member of the Alpha Tau Omega team.

"It is something everyone likes to get into for fun," Bridgeman said. "It is the competition that everyone enjoys. There are some friendly rivalries, and it also gets heated at times, but that can be fun too."

Several one-day activities are planned for later this month. The basketball shoot-out is scheduled at 5 p.m. Nov. 28. The events for the shootout include a free-throw shootout, a three-point shoot-out and a two-on-two single elimination tournament.

A pickleball tournament will consist of a singles and doubles single elimination tournament at 7 p.m. Nov. 30. Pickleball is played on a badminton court with a lowered net. The game rules are similar to those of tennis, using a small wooden paddle with a wiffleball. It is one of the most popular one-day activities offered by the Recreational Sports Department, Stanton said.

"Participation has been good. We are going to try some new activities again this spring."

College or pro — the QB is the man

Perhaps no position in sports is more important than quarterback.

The position is often referred to as "QB," but never have two combined alphabetical letters meant so much to so many teams.

In today's era of collegiate and professional sports, there is no position that demands the amount of attention from coaches, fans and the media like the QB.

They are the first ones to attract the spotlight praised for winning and scrutinized for losing.

They prepare hours for games and are given the task of "field general" each time they step onto the field.

When losses mount, team morale is down, and the scoreboard is showing point totals in the single digits, the boo birds focus their displeasure on the offense, specifically the QB.

Football has been transformed by the emergence and importance of the man calling the plays. To be considered a solid team with a legitimate chance to play for conference and national championships, the quarterback is expected to be something special.

Colleges across America are so concerned about the position of quarterback, that recruiting one with a strong arm and pinpoint accuracy requires recruiting a



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who is responsible for all aspects of the player's preparation and development.

Injuries at the quarterback position can also change the dynamics of any football team. The tempo and momentum of an offense can change depending on what quarterback is in the huddle.

Consistent changes and injuries at the position can be the difference between a win and a loss. No quarterback is the same, nor do they throw the same or possess the same leadership skills.

Teams are currently struggling to find the quarterback who can meet expectations. Virginia Tech is learning life without Michael Vick is not pretty. The Cleveland Browns, Chicago Bears and San Diego Chargers are looking for the right man to rejuvenate their stagnant offenses.

The quarterback is truly the man under the microscope.

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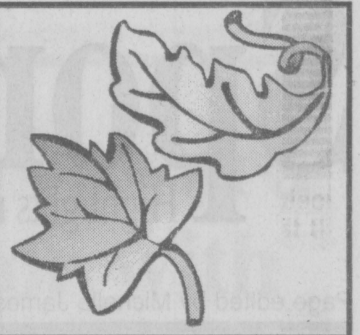
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Marshall's theatre program features Oscar Wilde classic

'The Importance of Being Earnest' gives insight into British society in the 1900s through costuming, sets and creative use of language

story and photos
by SHALLON JONES
reporter

Lying to get a girl to go out on a date is one thing. Lying about your real name to get a girl to marry you is another.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" opens at 8 p.m. tonight at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center as part of the Theater Department's fall schedule.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" is a real opportunity for students on campus and the community to have insight into British society at that time," said Lang Reynolds, chairman of the Theater Department.

David Cook, director of "The Importance of Being Earnest" and adjunct professor, has directed Neil Simon's "I Ought to be in Pictures" and Alan Ayckbourn's "Bedroom Farce." He has a masters degree from Marshall in speech communications with an emphasis in theater.

Cook said this season is a look at the classics. The department wanted to balance the show with a lighter comedic show, "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Cook said Joan St. Germain, associate professor of costumes and costume designer of "The Importance of Being Earnest," had shown interest in doing this play for several years because the play would challenge the costume shop.

St. Germain said 85 percent of her costumes will be built in the shop this time. Students from Costume Construction and Technical Theater lab classes, THE 151 and 250, do most of the work.

"Some kids have been able to keep working on a product and seeing it through, from being flat fabric to a finished prod-

uct," she said.

St. Germain said she is making the costumes to a different degree of theatric consciousness than is normally done.

"The colors are brighter, the details are more exaggerated and the scale is a little bit bigger than comfortable," St. Germain said.

She also said everything is carefully crafted and contrived when it comes to costuming a play. St. Germain said Cook is easy-going. He told her to do what she wanted, and then he would let her know if it worked.

"When it comes to costuming with Cook, he likes to talk about who the people are in the play, rather than what they look like," she said.

Cook said, "I respect St. Germain's opinion, and she has a good sense of what works on the stage. I don't think I could do the show without her and her experience."

But "The Importance of Being Earnest" is important for more than just its costumes.

"Earnest" met what we needed for the season. It relies more on character development than action," Cook said.

This will be a good challenge to the students to see how they handle it, he said.

"Earnest" challenges the audience and actors because it centers so much around the language's use of words, and misuse, that it is in the characters and dialogue that the real show takes place," Cook said.

"This is a small department, but they have been able to attract a good deal of talent among students by relying on them and opening auditions to other students in the university.

"We get a pretty good range of experience between the

majors and non-majors, and this gives opportunities to students not in the program who happen to particularly like performance work, and it exposes our students to students outside the department," Cook said.

He said the play is about two men involved with two women. These women are in love with the men because they think their names are Ernest. The men are trapped into maintaining their identities. The word use of "Ernest" as a name and "earnest" as being truthful is just one way the playwright, Oscar Wilde, uses language in the play.

Cook said Wilde's particular use of language is the high point of the show. It relies more on witty language use and the blending of the two styles of farce, action and comedy.

James Morris-Smith, lighting designer of the play, said lighting does not make much of a statement in this comedy.

"I am illuminating the comedy because it cannot be funny in the dark," Morris-Smith said.

The biggest thing in this play is the costuming, with its full color, patterns and textures. The set is more of a neutral background.

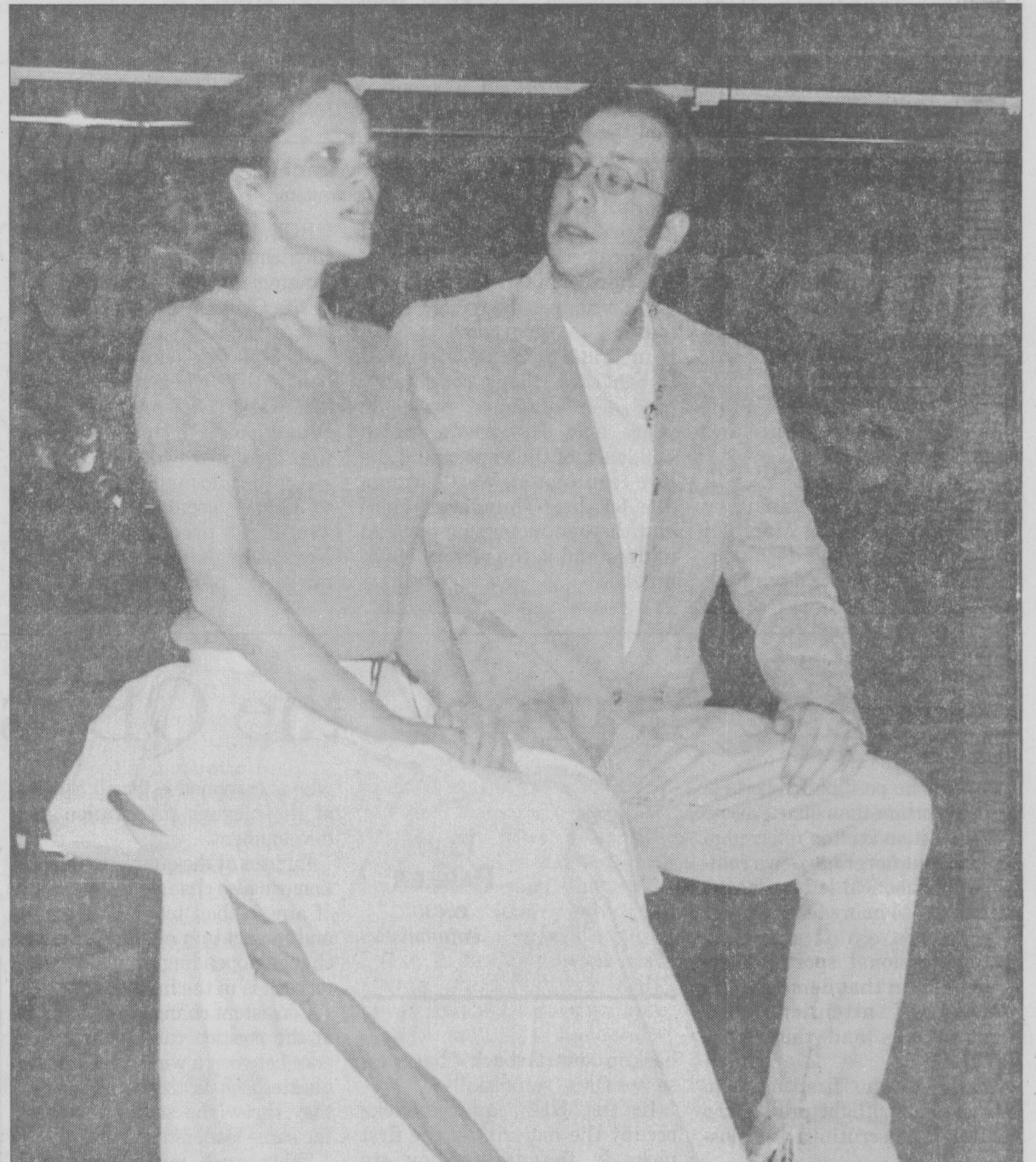
"What I really will be doing is showcasing the costuming in a pretty environment," he said.

Cook said, "I worked with Morris-Smith for many years, and he never ceases to amaze me.

"He is very creative," he added.

This theater season, Darwin R. Payne, a guest scenic designer, will design two plays, "The Importance of Being Earnest" and "Dracula."

Payne is a retired professor of Wake Forest and retired chairman at Southern Illinois University. Payne uses a Macintosh to design the models he sends to Marshall's Theater Department.



Moundville junior Randi J. Lehasky (Gwendolen) and Ashland, Ky., senior J. David Hall (Jack) rehearse their lines for "The Importance of Being Earnest," which runs through Saturday at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. ***

Technical director Mike Murphy said he is working with Payne for the first time, and he has to learn to incorporate new materials and methods in the set design.

Murphy has used all the materials and methods before, but never at the same time.

"I look at the ground plan and front elevations and figure out how to build it," Murphy said.

He said it is part of his job to negotiate the sizes and shapes of the set design and apply them to what the department has in stock.

"The creative element is finding out ways of making a set with the materials we have available, and the students incorporate the classroom work as much as possible," Murphy said.

He said he tries to incorporate in his classes what students will find themselves working on in the real world.

A technical theatre class, two theatre labs, two theatre practical classes and the theatre lighting class are the ones which work on the scenery and lights for all theatre shows.

The practical classes are open to all students at Marshall.

"We give the students the information, supervise them and tell them how to approach it, and they build it. We could not do any show at Marshall on-stage or off-stage without the students," Murphy said.

Cook said "Earnest" requires the audience to pay attention and get intimately involved with the action.

"Earnest" exposes Marshall students to a wider range of comedy than they normally see in TV and movies," he said.

"Earnest" is a satirical look at Victorian society in that period of time. It looks at society and points out pretensions,

lack of values and ideals in that period. Everything has the appearance of reality.

"I hope we are able to bring the comic value of the play to life," Cook said.

The production will run through Saturday. Tickets are still available for all performances. Full-time and part-time student tickets are free. Guest tickets are \$10.



Huntington freshman J. T. Walker III and Jennifer Y. Bilbo, costume shop manager from Picayune, Miss., prepare costumes for ironing. Bilbo has an Masters of Fine Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



Huntington senior theatre major Jeanie A. Cheek, left, and Moundville junior Randi J. Lehasky work with early 1900s period movements.